

Vocabulary Theatre and Drama

Match the words and their meaning

Words	Meaning
The stage	Various kinds of floodlights that can produce effects such as blue light
The boards	A scene in which a character discovers some important information which changes the course of events for him or for her
The dock	Played by the leading lady or man
The cellar	Consists of the backcloth
The props	To mispronounce the words or get the lines wrong
The scenery or setting	Monologue; this device allows us to discover the inner thoughts and motives of a character
The decor	Usually the first scene of a play
Sound effects	To act with too much restraint
Lighting effects	Place where the actors play
Main roles	Not just the setting, but also the props and costumes
Minor roles ("bit parts")	The person responsible for directing the actors and deciding on interpretation
To overplay	Synonym of stage
To underplay	The stage floor
To muff	To forget one's lines
To dry up	To act in an exaggerated way
Stage directions	They give guidelines about stage effects or the character's costumes, attitudes and gestures
Soliloquy	When a character's thought is expressed for the audience only
An aside or stage whisper	(Short for stage properties) The objects used by the actors, the furniture or carpets.
Expository scene	
Revel / recognition scene	
The producer	

Meaning

Small roles

Noise off (sounds like rain or thunder which produce a dramatic effect)