

Theatre Terms – General

1. **Drama** – a story played out on stage. From Greek = “to act or to do”.
2. **Theatre Arts** – all parts of training / instruction in theatre. Includes acting, directing, costuming, scene design, set building & more.
3. **Script** – a written copy of dialogue and stage directions.
4. **Dialogue** – conversation between actors on stage.
5. **Stage directions** – movement and emotions suggested in the script.
6. **Character** – the personality an actor portrays in a scene that is different from their own personality.
7. **Actor** – a male or female who plays character roles.
8. **Acting** – assumed behavior for the purpose of presenting a character to an audience.
9. **Play** – a story in dialogue form to be performed by actors in front of an audience.
10. **Dramatic structure** – the special style in which plays are written down.
11. **Playwright** – a person who creates stories in dialogue form.
12. **Theatre** –
 - a. the writing or performing of plays.
 - b. The formal study of the dramatic art form.
 - c. A building where plays are performed.
13. **Ritual** – repeated action that becomes a custom or ceremony.
14. **Player-audience relationship** – the special interaction between performers and spectators which bonds them into a team.