

Play scripts

English Knowledge Organiser



ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY	
Tone	how the character of your business comes through in your words, both written and spoken.
Character	a person in a novel, play, or film.
Perform	To act as characters to present a piece of drama.
Speech	What a character actually says.
Colon	Punctuation put after a character's name to show who is speaking on a play script.
Stage directions	Instructions for actors to follow. E.g. Alice crosses the stage and sits on the log.
Expression	A look on someone's face or the tone of voice that tells you how they are feeling.
Volume	How quiet or loud something is.
Props	Items that are needed for the scene. E.g. umbrella for a scene when it's raining
Scene	Like a chapter in a book, when the action moves to a new place or a new theme is explored.
Reader's theatre	A performance piece that is read without action. It can be listening to a sat down piece of drama with attention to the voice of characters.

Final written outcome
To write a full scene as a play script.

- Non-Negotiables for this piece of work**
- Colons used correctly.
 - Stage directions embedded.
 - Emotion of speech embedded.
 - Retelling a story through a script format.

- Features of a play script**
- Character names
 - Stage directions
 - Speech
 - Characters direction within speech
 - No inverted commas

Examples of a play script

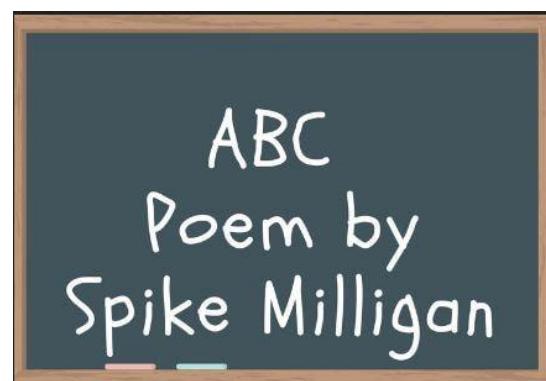
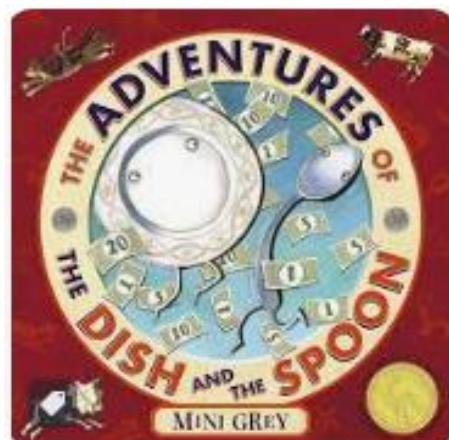
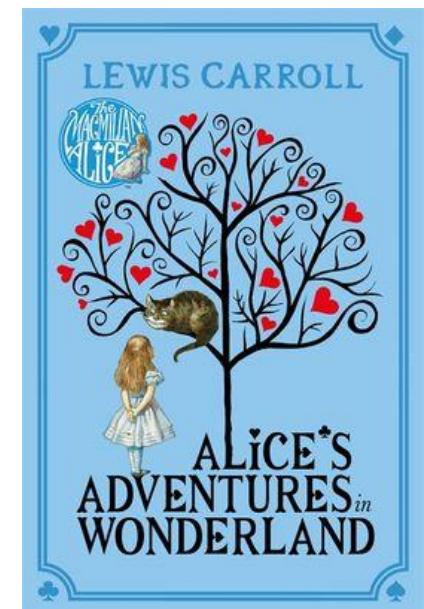
Mad Hatter: *(starts for a moment, pauses and a broad grin appears across his face. He gets up out of his chair and walks across the table towards Alice) It's you.*

Dormouse: *(exasperated) No it's not! Hare brought us the wrong Alice!*

Hare: *(gasps and throws his hands against his head) It's the wrong Alice!*

Mad Hatter: *You're absolutely Alice, I'd know you anywhere! (to the rest of the characters at the table)*

- Ideas to use for character direction (emotions)**
- Exasperated
 - Delighted
 - In a sad tone
 - Happily
 - Menacingly
 - Shyly
 - Quietly
 - Loudly



Success criteria of reader's theatre

Criteria	Do you think you showed this?	Did the audience feel you showed this?
Clear and audible voice		
Expression that suited the criteria		
Hand gestures		
Confidence		