

WRITE
SOURCE

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LESSON 45

Creating a Play

Start-Up



Today we'll learn...

1

the elements
of a play.

2

the parts
of a play.



Lead-in

Let's read the nursery rhyme together.

Polly put the kettle on.
Polly put the kettle on.
Polly put the kettle on.
We'll all have tea.



Suki take it off again.
Suki take it off again.
Suki take it off again.
They've all gone away.

Who are in the song?
What is it about?

A Polly; it's about a kettle



B Suki; it's about having tea



C Polly and Suki; it's about making tea for friends



Let's Learn

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We can act out the nursery rhyme as a play! Before acting, what do we need to write?



Let's Learn

Where Did Everybody Go?

Characters: Polly and Suki

Setting: It is afternoon.

Polly and Suki are in the house.

Suki: Look! Visitors are coming. Polly, put the kettle on. Polly, put the kettle on. Polly, put the kettle on. We'll all have tea.

Polly: (*making tea*) How many are there?
How much tea should I make?
(*Polly runs to the window to see.*)

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We need to write a play.
A play is fun to write for
it decides what the characters
say and do.





1 Characters

They are the **creatures, people, or animals** in a play or story.



2 Settings

The **time** and/or **place** in which the story takes place.

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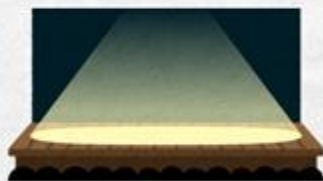
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3 Dialogue

This is what the characters say.



4 Stage Directions

They tell what the characters **do** and **feel**.

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(Polly runs to the window to see.)

Polly: Suki, take it off again. Suki, take it off again. Suki, take it off again. They've

Let's Do

Match the statement to the element.



1

Polly and Suki



Dialogue

2

It is afternoon.

Polly and Suki are in the house.



Characters

3

Suki: Look! Visitors are coming.
Polly, put the kettle on.
Polly, put the kettle on...



Stage
Directions

4

(Polly runs to the window to see.)
(looks out window)



Setting



Where Did Everybody Go?

Beginning

Characters: Polly and Suki

Setting: It is afternoon. Polly and Suki are in the house.

Middle

Suki: Look! Visitors are coming. Polly, put the kettle on. Polly, put the kettle on. Polly, put the kettle on. We'll all have tea.

Polly: (*making tea*) How many are there?
How much tea should I make?

Polly: (*Polly runs to the window to see.*)
Suki, take it off again. Suki, take it off again.
Suki, take it off again. They've all gone away!

Ending

Suki: (*looking out window*) What? Where did everybody go?

Let's Think

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Suki: (*looking out window*) What? Where did everybody go?

What does the
beginning part
introduce?

(tick all correct boxes)

☐

characters

☐

settings

☐

what is happening



Let's Think

Middle

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Suki: (*looking out window*) What? Where did everybody go?

What does the
middle part tell?

A characters' dialogues

B stage directions

C both A and B



Let's Think

Ending

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Suki: (*looking out window*) What? Where did everybody go?

What does the
ending part show?

A main character's
last line

B two characters'
conversation



Let's Learn

The three parts do different jobs.

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Beginning

It names the **characters**, **settings**,
and **what is happening**.



Middle

It tells the story by writing the **characters'**
dialogue and **stage directions**.

Ending

It shows the **main character's last line**.

A **play** is a story performed by actors in front of an audience.

Four elements of a play:



Characters

They are the **creatures, people,** or **animals** in a play or story.



Settings

The **time** and/or **place** in which the story takes place.



Dialogue

This is what the characters say.



Stage Directions

They tell what the characters **do** and **feel**.

It has three important parts:



Beginning

It names the **characters,** **settings,** and **what is happening.**



Middle

It tells the story by writing the **characters' dialogues** and **stage directions.**



Ending

It shows the **main character's last line.**