



Scriptwriting

Write a script for your film

You will need:

- Paper and coloured pens
or
- A computer with a word processing programme

Activity:

1. Begin by deciding how many scenes you will be filming, and how many characters will be in your film.
2. Start with scene one. Write the title of the scene in capitals, and if the scene is taking place indoors, write 'INT' (for interior) before the title. If it is a film taking place outside, write 'EXT' (for exterior) before the title.
e.g. INT CHILD'S BEDROOM
3. Use a different coloured pen than the one you used to write down the **actions** that you want your characters to do in each scene, and write the character's names in capital letters.
e.g. **WOODY** looks out over the bedroom at all the toys. **WOODY** smiles when he sees **MR POTATO HEAD**
4. When you want your characters to speak, write what you want them to say (their 'dialogue') like this:

WOODY

How is everybody doing today?

The name of the character you want to talk should be written in the middle of the page, with the dialogue below. The **dialogue** should be written in a different colour than the **actions**.

5. Write your whole story as a script using dialogue and action to show people what happens.
6. When you have finished, read through your script with your family to make sure your dialogue makes sense. Don't forget to perform the action too!
7. Get your actors to learn their actions and dialogue off by heart.



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Script

Scene 1. INT CHILD'S BEDROOM

WOODY looks out over the bedroom at all the toys. WOODY smiles when he sees MR POTATO HEAD

WOODY
How is everybody doing today?

All the toys turn to look at WOODY. MR POTATO HEAD jumps up and down.

MR POTATO HEAD
We're planning a birthday party!

WOODY
That's great!

The toys show WOODY the balloons and cakes for the party...



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