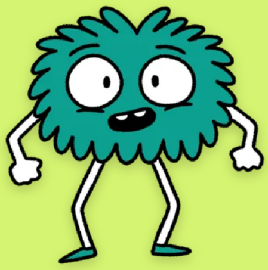
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Drama Warm-Up Game Cards

Cut out eight warm-up game cards with easy rules, like Mirror Me, Freeze! and One-Word Story.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Cut out the cards and keep them in a cup. Pull one out to start drama time or to fill five spare minutes.

Mirror Me

Face a partner. One person moves slowly and the other copies like a mirror. Switch leaders.

Freeze!

Everyone moves around the room. When the leader calls "Freeze!" hold still like a statue. The leader names a new way to move each time.

Pass the Face

Stand in a circle. Make a funny face at the person next to you. They copy it, then make a new face for the next person.

Zip Zap Zop

Stand in a circle. Point at someone and say "Zip!" They point at someone new and say "Zap!" The next says "Zop!" Then start again with Zip.

Walk This Way

Walk around the room. The leader calls out how to walk: on hot sand, through deep snow, like a tiny mouse, like a giant.

The Machine

One person makes a move and a sound, over and over. One at a time, others join in with a move and sound that fits, until the group is one big machine.

One-Word Story

Sit in a circle. Tell a story together, one word at a time. Each person adds just one word.

What Are You Doing?

Player 1 mimes an action. Player 2 asks, "What are you doing?" Player 1 names a different action, and Player 2 mimes that. Keep going!

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Who, What, Where Improv Cards

Cut out the cards. Pick a who, a what and a where, then act out a scene with no script.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Improv means acting without a script. Cut out the cards and put them in three piles. Pick one **Who**, one **What** and one **Where**, then act out a short scene with a partner.

WHO	WHAT	WHERE
a pirate	looking for a lost shoe	a library
a chef	baking a giant cake	the moon
an astronaut	fixing a broken robot	a bakery
a grandma	practicing for a spelling bee	a jungle
a superhero	chasing a runaway chicken	a city bus
a lost tourist	planting a garden	a castle

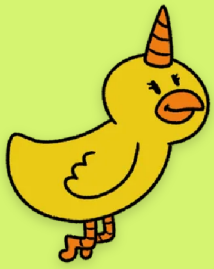
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Yes, And Story Builder

Learn the improv rule "yes, and". Add a yes-and line to each idea to build the story.

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The yes-and rule

In improv, you accept your partner's idea. That is the "yes." Then you add something new. That is the "and." Saying "no" stops the scene, but "yes, and" keeps the story growing.

Example. Partner: "Let's build a boat." You: "Yes, and let's paint it purple so the pirates think it's a grape!"

Write a yes-and line for each idea.

1. "Look, a giant egg in the backyard!" Yes, and _____

2. "Our teacher just turned into a cat!" Yes, and _____

3. "This map shows hidden treasure." Yes, and _____

4. "The pizza is talking to me." Yes, and _____

5. "Let's go camping on Mars." Yes, and _____

6. "My shoes can fly!" Yes, and _____

Now try it out loud

My partner and I made a story about: _____

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Theater Bingo

Two different bingo cards of theater words on one page. Cover the word the caller reads. Four in a row wins.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Cut on the dashed line so two players get different cards. The caller reads words from the caller's list in any mixed-up order. Cover each word you hear. Four in a row, across, down or corner to corner, wins!

BINGO			Card 1
bow	ticket	cue	stage
director	mime	costume	props
spotlight	curtain	wings	clap
actor	cast	scene	audience

BINGO			Card 2
cue	wings	props	director
set	costume	stage	bow
lines	audience	actor	cast
script	mask	scene	clap

Caller's list

actor · audience · bow · cast · clap · costume · cue · curtain · director · lines · mask · mime · props · scene · script · set · spotlight · stage · ticket · wings

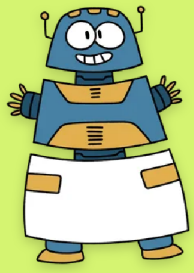
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Theater Word Search

Find twelve theater words. They go across, down and diagonally.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Find the twelve words. They go across, down and diagonally.

R	P	P	H	O	E	A	T	W	D	O	I
L	E	E	E	U	H	E	C	F	R	Y	P
N	S	P	O	T	L	I	G	H	T	S	R
K	T	C	O	S	T	U	M	E	M	C	R
S	A	Y	T	E	A	S	O	R	G	R	M
U	G	E	I	W	U	E	H	E	S	I	A
E	E	N	E	R	D	L	T	L	C	P	S
D	M	O	A	S	I	C	I	P	L	T	K
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B	O	O	T	I	N	E	A	O	N	C	I
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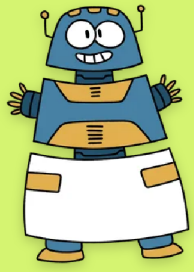
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- ☐ AUDIENCE
- ☐ BOW
- ☐ CAST
- ☐ COSTUME
- ☐ CUE
- ☐ LINES
- ☐ MASK
- ☐ PROPS
- ☐ SCRIPT
- ☐ SPOTLIGHT
- ☐ STAGE

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Answer Key: Theater Word Search

Answers for grown-ups. Where kids write their own ideas, the key shows one example.



Find the twelve words. They go across, down and diagonally.

R	P	P	H	O	E	A	T	W	D	O	I
L	E	E	E	U	H	E	C	F	R	Y	P
N	S	P	O	T	L	I	G	H	T	S	R
K	T	C	O	S	T	U	M	E	M	C	R
S	A	Y	T	E	A	S	O	R	G	R	M
U	G	E	I	W	U	E	H	E	S	I	A
E	E	N	E	R	D	L	T	L	C	P	S
D	M	O	A	S	I	C	I	P	L	T	K
G	T	D	C	S	E	U	C	R	I	S	I
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R	E	W	R	D	E	S	T	S	S	T	U

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