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Stage Directions Chart

The nine areas of the stage on one page, with a note on why the back of the stage is called upstage.

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Stage directions name the parts of the stage from the actor's side. Stage right is the actor's right hand side when they face the audience, and stage left is the actor's left. For the audience it is the other way around.

Upstage is the back of the stage, away from the audience. Downstage is the front, closest to the audience. Long ago many stages sloped up toward the back so the audience could see better, so actors really did walk up to go upstage.

The nine stage areas

BACK OF THE STAGE (UPSTAGE)

Upstage right USR	**Upstage center** USC	**Upstage left** USL
Stage right SR	**Center stage** CS	**Stage left** SL
Downstage right DSR	**Downstage center** DSC	**Downstage left** DSL

AUDIENCE

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