act

to perform as a character in a play
act

a section of a play
action
the
development
of the story
in a play
actor
someone who plays a character in a play
actress
another name for a girl or woman actor
applause
the clapping of hands by the audience to show they liked the performance
audience
people who watch a play
audition
when actors or actresses perform before the play is cast to show how well they can play a certain part
backdrop

a large painted piece of cloth that is on the stage and used as scenery
backstage
the area behind or beyond the stage where actors get ready and change costumes
blackout

when all the stage lights are turned off at the same time
bow
when an actor bends forward to thank the audience for applause
cast
all the actors and actresses in a play
center
stage
the area in the middle of the stage
character
a person in a play, novel, or other artistic work
costumes

clothing worn by actors or actresses in a play
curtain
the main drop, usually made of cloth, used to separate the stage from the audience
curtain call
when actors or actresses receive applause from the audience at the end of the play
cut
the director’s instruction to end a scene
director

the person in charge of the casting and the acting in a play
drama

a story that is acted out on a stage by actors and actresses; the art of composing, writing, acting, or producing plays
dress rehearsal
a final practice of the play with costumes, makeup, scenery, lighting, and props
dressing room

the area in which actors and actresses put on their costumes and makeup
exit
to leave the stage
folktale

a story that is told by a group or culture
house
where the audience sits in a theater
house lights

the lights in the theater before and after a performance and when the curtain is down on stage
improvise

to make up the movements and words instead of following a written script
legend

a story that has come down through history and may or may not be true
lines
the words spoken by the actors and actresses in a play
makeup

the powder, lipstick, eye shadow, and other cosmetics that actors wear on their faces or bodies
mask

something that covers the face allowing an actor or actress to be a particular character or animal
mimic

to imitate
someone or
something
musical

a play with
songs and
dances
performance
the acting out of
the play in front
of an audience
play
a story that is written to be acted out
playwright
the person who writes a play
plot
the storyline of the play
prop

an object used in a play that is not a costume or scenery
rehearsal

a practice time

for actors,
actresses, and

musicians
role
the part in a play performed by an actor or actress
role playing
speaking and moving as you pretend to be someone else
scene

a small section or part of a play
scenery
things on stage that create the setting of the play
script

the written words of a play
spotlight

a beam of light that shines on the stage
stage

the area of the theater where the actors and actresses perform
storytelling
telling a story through words and movements
theater

a place where plays are performed
ticket

a piece of paper that you buy or obtain to be admitted to a play
usher

a person in the theater who helps people in the audience find their seats
wings

the areas at the sides of the stage that the audience can’t see