

Let's write a play script

Act 1, scene 1

A classroom full of noisy children throwing paper around.

[Enter the teacher, Miss Cook]

JAMIE: (SHOUTING) MISS COOK, HOW CAN I WRITE A PLAY SCRIPT ALL BY MYSELF?

MISS COOK: It's simple really Jamie, I'll take you through step by step and I'm sure you'll understand.

[There is a knock at the door. In walks little Billy]

BILLY: Sorry I'm late, Miss Cook. I was finishing my story.

MISS COOK: That's ok Billy, maybe we could use it to write a play script.
May I share it with the class?

BILLY: (smiling) Yes of course.

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Write them down without speech marks, don't forget the name of who is saying them goes first

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JENNI: What on earth just happened?

DAVID: Jenni, what are you doing down there?

JENNI: I don't know, I just sort of ... passed out I suppose and fell into this hole.

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Put them in
brackets

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- JENNI: (mumbling as she struggles to her feet brushing the earth off her jeans)
What on earth just happened?
- DAVID: (shouting down the hole) Jenni, what are you doing down there?
- JENNI: I don't know, I just sort of ... passed out I suppose and fell into this hole.
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[A girl has just fallen down an empty grave, her friend is looking down]

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Toad in the Hole by Miss Cook aged 30 ^{11/}₁₂

“DINNER’S READY!” CALLED MUM FROM THE KITCHEN.

“I’M NOT HUNGRY,” ANSWERED HELEN.

“HELEN JULIE ALLEN , GET YOURSELF DOWN HERE NOW, IF I HAVE TO COME INTO THAT BATHROOM THERE WILL BE TROUBLE...” SHOUTED MUM.

HELEN SIGHED AS SHE WATCHED THE LAST OF THE BUBBLES DISAPPEAR FROM THE BATH, “OK MUM, JUST LET ME GET MY CLOTHES ON FIRST.”

**Try this one on
your whiteboards**

Your work should
look similar to this

Act 1 Scene 1

MUM: Dinner's ready.

HELEN: I'm not hungry.

MUM: Helen Julie Allen ,get yourself down here now. If I have to come into that bathroom there will be trouble...

HELEN: Ok Mum, just let me get my clothes on first.

Your work should look similar to this

Act 1 Scene 1

MUM: (shouting from off stage) Dinner's ready.

HELEN: (calling down) I'm not hungry.

MUM: Helen Julie Allen ,get yourself down here now. If I have to come into that bathroom there will be trouble...

HELEN: (she sighs and watches the bath) Ok mum, just let me get my clothes on first.

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[A girl is in the bathroom letting the water out of the bath]

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