

2nd Year – English Literature



THEATRE / DRAMA THEORY



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DEFINITION

- ❖ “A composition in prose or verse presenting in dialogue or pantomime a story involving conflict or contrast of character, especially one intended to be acted on the stage; a play.”
- ❖ One of the most recognisable genres of literature, and one of the most discussed.

TYPES OF DRAMA

- ❖ Tragedy
- ❖ Comedy
- ❖ Tragicomedy





TRAGEDY

- ❖ A type of drama dealing with a serious or dark theme.
- ❖ It typically involves a great person destined to experience some kind of misfortune or adversity.
- ❖ Modern tragedy: tragic fate of ordinary people.





COMEDY



- ❖ A kind of drama intended to entertain the audience.
- ❖ It ends happily for the characters.
- ❖ It traditionally concentrates on a group of people, not an individual.



TRAGICOMEDY

❖ Tragicomedy can refer

to:

- Plays that seem tragic until the happy ending.
- Plays that combine comic and tragic elements.



THEATRE VOCABULARY (1)

❖ Playwright

❖ Cast

❖ (Dress) Rehearsal

❖ Characters



❖ Act

❖ Scene

❖ Lines

❖ Cue

THEATRE VOCABULARY (2)



- ❖ Script
- ❖ Dialogue
- ❖ Monologue
- /Soliloquy
- ❖ Stage directions
- ❖ Props
- ❖ Aside
- ❖ Curtain
- ❖ Curtain Call



**AN EXTRACT FROM ROALD
DAHL'S THE WITCHES**

BOY is in bed, sleeping. He tosses and turns a little and then suddenly sits bolt upright)

BOY: [A horrified cry] Mama! Papa! No!

GRANDMOTHER goes over to him and comforts BOY, trying to calm him.

GRANDMOTHER: Don't worry darling, you are safe here with me.


Grandma is here.

BOY: Will I ever see them again? Mama and Papa?

GRANDMOTHER: Someday darling, yes, someday darling.

MONOLOGUE, SOLILOQUY OR ASIDE?

YouTube ES



Dramatic Aside, Monologue and Soliloquy in Film

28.347 visualizaciones

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PUSHING UP THE SKY

- ❖ Read the following short play called *Pushing Up The Sky*.
- ❖ Identify:
 - The type of play
 - The characters
 - The stage directions
 - An example of dialogue
 - Possible props needed

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❖ IMAGES

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