



A friend of mine, Sam, runs an **amateur drama** group. They **put on** three or four plays a year in a small **local theatre**. Sam directs all of them, sometimes takes a **leading role** and even writes some of the plays they perform as well. I don't do much **acting** myself, but I once played a **servant** in a comedy. Most of the time I help with **costume** and **stage design**, but sometimes I have a small role in one of the plays. We have a lot of fun.

#### GLOSSARY

<b>amateur</b>	doing an activity because you enjoy it, and not for money or as part of a job <b>amateur</b> <i>n</i> ; <b>OPP professional</b>
<b>drama</b>	plays, often serious, in a theatre or on television
<b>put sth on</b> <b>play</b>	prepare a play for people to see a story that you watch in the theatre or on television
<b>local</b> <b>theatre</b> [C]	of a place near you a building where you go to see plays; [U] plays as a form of entertainment: <i>I like theatre</i> .
<b>leading</b> <b>role</b>	most important
<b>acting</b>	a person's part in a play or film: <i>a leading role</i>
<b>servant</b>	the art of performing in plays <b>act</b> <i>v</i> sb who works in another person's house and cooks, cleans, etc.
<b>costume</b> [C, U]	the special clothes that people wear, e.g. in a play or a film
<b>stage</b>	the place in a theatre or concert hall where actors, musicians, etc. perform: <b>stage design</b> (= how the stage looks for the audience)

1 Circle the correct answer.

- A play usually has a **story** / **game**.
- 1 A theatre which is near where you live is a **local** / **amateur** theatre.
- 2 The most important actor plays the **leading** *role* / **drama**.
- 3 If someone is an **amateur** / a **professional**, they are paid for their work.
- 4 The actors stand on the **stage** / **curtain**.
- 5 You **wear** / **use** a costume in a play.
- 6 A role is a **type of play** / **part in a play**.

2 Cover the text at the top of the page, then correct these sentences.

- The group puts on two plays a year. **The group puts on three or four plays a year**.
- 1 They put their plays on in a large national theatre.
- 2 It's a professional group.
- 3 It's a film group.
- 4 Sam writes all the plays.
- 5 I always act in the plays.
- 6 I once played a nurse in a comedy.
- 7 I help with costume and selling tickets.
- 8 I take a leading role in the plays.

3 Complete these sentences about plays.

- I went to the **theatre** to see *Hamlet*.
- 1 A ..... is performed by actors.
- 2 Each of these people perform a ..... in the play.
- 3 A play is performed on a .....
- 4 The actors often wear special .....
- 5 The most important actor plays the ..... role.
- 6 At the beginning of the play the ..... goes up.
- 7 Plays for the theatre, radio or TV can also be called .....



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