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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

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