



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 play	prepare a play for people to see 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>I like theatre.</i>
leading	most important
role	a person's part in a play or film: <i>a leading role</i>
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* / *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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