



## Important Playwriting Vocabulary

**Play:** the stage representation of a story – a play is a story acted out.

**Playwright:** one who writes plays.

**Character:** a person, animal, or thing in a play or story with specific traits that make him/her/it unique.

**Protagonist:** the main character – the character with whom the audience identifies most strongly. Pro (for) + angst (struggle) = to struggle for something.

**Antagonist:** the main opponent of the protagonist – the character that stands in the protagonist's way. Ant (against) + angst (struggle) = to struggle against something.

**Conflict:** tension between two or more characters or between action and ideas; the fundamental struggle that leads to crisis.

**Monologue:** an uninterrupted speech of some length delivered by one character.

**Dialogue:** a conversation between two or more characters.