

Spelling list: GCSE English Literature: Plays 2

Key words for GCSE English Literature.

soliloquy	A soliloquy is when a character speaks their thoughts aloud.
couplet	A couplet is a pair of lines.
monologue	A monologue is a long speech delivered by a character.
dramatic	Dramatic irony is when the audience knows something that the characters do not.
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symbolic	A symbolic character is when a character represents something within the story.
character	A symbolic character is when a character represents something within the story.
aside	An aside is spoken to the audience and the characters on stage cannot hear.
accent	An accent is a distinctive way of pronouncing a language.
offstage	Offstage means not on the stage.
chorus	A chorus is a group of voices that speak as one.
antagonist	An antagonist is the person in a story who opposes the hero.
protagonist	A protagonist is the principal character in a work of fiction.
duologue	A duologue is when there are only two characters speaking.
epilogue	The epilogue is the conclusion to a play.
exposition	Exposition sets up the world and history of the story.

direct	Direct address is when the writer or actor directly communicates with the reader or audience.
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prologue	The prologue is at the beginning of the play.