

YOUR PLAY TITLE

A Play in One Act

by Your Name

ACT ONE

SCENE ONE

SETTING: Describe the set and time of day. In American stage format the setting sits in a block before the action.
AT RISE: What the audience sees as the lights come up.

CHARACTER NAME

Dialogue runs the full margin in a stage script, not a narrow column. (Stage directions go in parentheses, present tense.) Keep character names in CAPS, centered.

SECOND CHARACTER

Reply here. Actions the actor performs are set in (parentheses and often italics on stage).

(A beat. The lights shift.)

CHARACTER NAME

Close the scene on a turn or a reveal.

END OF SCENE