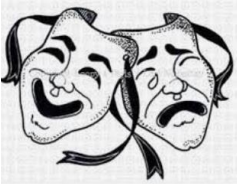



ESOL Choice Board for Grades 9-12

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<p>A play is a story that is performed by actors on a stage. Plays have important elements that require understanding if we are to fully enjoy this art form, such as <i>the cast of characters, setting, dialogue, and stage directions</i>. Depending on how we consume the play, these elements might be immediately clear to us, or might be more hidden.</p> <p>Click here to watch a video that further defines the elements of a play.</p> <p>Watch the video above and then define the words below: <u>Cast of characters:</u> <u>Setting:</u> <u>Dialogue:</u> <u>Stage Directions:</u></p> 	<p>Click here to watch a “Script to Screen” video excerpt from <i>The Dark Knight</i> (Content warning: physical violence). Movies are different from plays in many ways, but they have some of the same basic elements, including <i>the cast of characters, setting, dialogue, and stage directions</i>. Can you give examples of these elements from the <i>The Dark Knight</i> clip?</p> <p><u>Cast of characters:</u> <u>Setting:</u> <u>Dialogue:</u> <u>Stage Directions:</u></p> 	<p>Radio dramas are dramatized, purely acoustic performances. There is no visual element, so dialogue, music, and sound effects have to convey all the information about the story. Have you ever listened to a radio drama?</p> <p>Radio dramas were quite popular with people before the invention and widespread use of television and movies, and used to attract many listeners. “War of the Worlds” is one radio drama you may have heard of.</p> <p>Click here to read about why “War of the Worlds” is so well known Click here to listen to “War of the Worlds”</p> <p>Radio dramas have regained some of their popularity in recent years as many people have added podcasts to their daily listening, and the Covid-19 pandemic has closed most theaters in the US. Some popular radio drama podcasts include <i>Limetown, Life After, and Homecoming</i>.</p> <p>Click here to listen to Limetown Click here to listen to Life After Click here to listen to Homecoming</p> <p>Click here to access www.fictionpodcasts.com, which</p>	<p>Possessives tell us about the ownership of something. Possessive adjectives describe the ownership of a noun. Possessive pronouns replace a noun to show ownership. Pronouns must agree in gender and number with their antecedents, which are the nouns that they replace.</p> <p>Click here to play Pirate Volley and practice using possessive adjectives.</p> <p>Click here to play Jeopardy! using possessive pronouns (grab a friend! the game requires 2 players).</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white;"> <th>Personal Pronouns</th> <th>Possessive Adjectives</th> <th>Possessive Pronouns</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>I</td><td>my</td><td>mine</td></tr> <tr><td>You</td><td>your</td><td>yours</td></tr> <tr><td>He</td><td>his</td><td>his</td></tr> <tr><td>She</td><td>her</td><td>hers</td></tr> <tr><td>It</td><td>its</td><td>its</td></tr> <tr><td>We</td><td>our</td><td>ours</td></tr> <tr><td>You</td><td>your</td><td>yours</td></tr> <tr><td>They</td><td>their</td><td>theirs</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>People often write to persuade others to think the same way they do about an issue or topic. They use facts to support their argument. They do this to appeal to others’ reason. But they also may use an emotional appeal. Speeches often combine these two methods.</p> <p>Take a look at an excerpt of an article about government support for the arts during the Covid-19 pandemic:</p> <p>“The Works Progress Administration was a latecomer to Roosevelt’s economic recovery plans, begun in 1935 as part of the so-called second New Deal. Federal Project Number One, as its cultural division was known, accounted for only about one-half of 1 percent of the W.P.A.’s budget- but it endures as its most visible legacy,</p>	Personal Pronouns	Possessive Adjectives	Possessive Pronouns	I	my	mine	You	your	yours	He	his	his	She	her	hers	It	its	its	We	our	ours	You	your	yours	They	their	theirs
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aggregates many examples of this genre.

Choose a radio drama podcast to listen to, and see if you can identify some (or all) of the four elements of a play (*cast of characters, setting, dialogue, and stage directions*) while you listen.

Bonus: do you know of any radio dramas in your home language? If not, ask a trusted adult in your community if they do- and listen to their suggestion!



especially in the murals that adorn the country's post offices, courthouses, school buildings, and even prisons. And it should offer the Biden administration a blue print for **a new, federal cultural works project**, which treats artists, musicians, and writers as essential workers, and sees culture as a linchpin of economic recovery."

What do you think about the question of more government funding for the arts? Use the chart below to plan a short speech to persuade people for (or against) more government arts funding during the pandemic.

Persuasive Statement:

Supporting Fact:

Supporting Fact:

Supporting Fact:

Next, take some time to write your speech! Start it like this:
Government funding for the arts should be (increased/decreased). The USA needs to give (more/less) money because _____.

