

L.O. To add stage directions to a play script

Read the following play script and add in stage directions where we have indicated. You need to think carefully about how to make your directions relevant and effective.

- Include adverbs
- Write your stage directions in the present tense

Write the play script into your English books and include the stage directions, where indicated, in a different colour pen to make them stand out.

Scene 3 *Inside the Cave*

Narrator: *Night fell before they had finished eating. The cave was a very gloomy place. The only light was coming from the glowing embers of the fire in the middle of the floor. Nik and Andreas kept watch at the doorway. Suddenly the ground began to tremble and shake. They could hear boulders crunching and stones crashing down the cliffs into the sea below.*

Alex: () It's an earthquake!

Odysseus: It sounds more like the footsteps of a giant.

Nik: () Look out, look out!

Andreas: () There is a giant coming!

Nik: He's as big as twenty men.

Alex: () That's big!

Andreas: () He's so big that he's using a tree for a walking stick.

Alex: That's really big!

Nik: His face is hairy and dirty and as big as the moon.

Andreas: His teeth are like mouldy tree stumps. ()

Nik: And he's only got one eye.

Odysseus: () Only one eye?

Nik: One massive round eye in the middle of his huge dirty forehead.

Narrator: *At that moment they all heard the great rumbling voice of Polyphemus the Cyclops. The ground shook as he spoke to his sheep and goats.*

Polyphemus: () Here we are my beauties! Home at last! I'm ready for my supper now. I'm sure I could eat a dozen men and still not be full!

Nik: () Hear that? What are we going to do, Odysseus?

Odysseus: () Ssh! Quietly now. We must run and hide at the back of the cave. Quick!

Narrator: *As Odysseus and his friends watched from the shadows, the huge and terrible Cyclops milked all his goats and his sheep. Then he pulled a great lump of stone across the doorway of the cave. Odysseus whispered to his friends...*

Odysseus: () Now we are trapped. Even if we could get past the giant it would take more than twenty men to move that stone.

Polyphemus: () What's that? Somebody's whispering? Somebody in my cave? Who's there?

Alex: () He's heard us with those great hairy ears of his.

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Nik: He's putting wood on the fire.

Andreas: The flames will light up the cave. Oh no, he'll see us!