

EXAMPLE SCRIPT: STAGE PLAY FORMAT

The following is laid out in the way we like to have all scripts sent to us. Here are a few Do's and Don'ts

Do:

1. Use Microsoft Word or equivalent text document
2. Use a popular font type such as Arial and 12 point size
3. Single line spaced
4. Character names should be **bold** and **CAPITALS**
5. Character names contained in stage directions should be *ITALIC AND CAPITALS*
6. Dialogue is indented from the character name
7. Stage directions are to be in *italics*
8. Stage directions within dialogue should be *(in brackets and italics)*

Don't:

1. Use the space bar to indent the dialogue. That's what Tabs are for
2. Lay your script out using a Table. That drives us nuts!

ACT I SCENE 1

Set in 1950's style diner, "McDenny's", in the present day England. BERYL is sitting at the back of a "u" shaped booth. She is tucking into a large burger and reading a gas bill

Enter LYNDA, SUSAN and RODERICK

LYNDA: *(speaking to SUSAN and ROD as they make their way over to BERYL)*
...put your back into it man, I said, use some elbow grease, don't just tickle it, I want to see my face in it... Hi Beryl...

BERYL hides the burger under the table

BERYL: Oh hi

SUSAN: *(sits at the table at the left side of BERYL)* He was doing his best.

ROD: Hi

LYNDA: I don't want to see any smear marks and don't bend the aerial or I'll stop it out of your wages.

LYNDA and ROD sit to the right of BERYL

SUSAN: Lynda, I think you're being a bit harsh. Hi Beryl

LYNDA: If you're going to do something, do it right that's what I say.

Enter waiter carrying a large portion of fries

WAITER: *(To BERYL)* your large fries Madam

LYNDA: Beryl?

BERYL: They're not mine

WAITER: Sorry?

BERYL: No, you must be mixing me up with someone else.

WAITER: *(looks around the empty room)*

BERYL: I didn't order any.

WAITER: Oh, but you did.