



Useful Terms-

Beat: A pause taken while acting

Blocking: The movement of the characters on the stage.

Breaking Character: Becoming yourself on the stage, instead of the character you're playing.

Cheating out: Keeping yourself visible to the audience by putting downstage foot back ¼ step.

Cross: (Signified in script with X) To move from one part of stage to another.

Cue: The line spoken just before your line, or the signal for you to enter or perform another action.

Off Book: Having all your lines memorized

On Book: Reading along with the actors on stage so that you can give them a prompt when they need it.

Projection: Making sure your performance is audible and visible from every seat in the audience.

Property (Prop): Item carried or used on stage by an actor.

Upstage: Causing another actor to have to turn into a closed position.

Wings: The area to the left and right of the visible playing area.
