Drama Literacy Module 1

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Module Introduction

Background To The Resource



Using The Resource



Drama Literacy Video Tutorials

Learn more about various aspects of this resource with some new videos we have added by clicking on the button below.

Drama Literacy Video Tutorials

Useful Links

Drama Teaching Blog | FAQs | Module 2 | Module 3

BACK TO SCHOOL – Classroom Games and Activities-NEW!

Played regularly, these fun and inclusive games can have a beneficial effect on student behaviour, greatly improve their ability to work together and show consideration towards others. Below you will find :

1. NEW Classroom Games Challenge – All Stages
2. Fun Back To School Games and Exercises – All stages
3. A Games Video – All Stages
4. Back To School Mystery Story- Middle /Upper Primary

The Classroom Games Challenge – A Perfect Back To School Activity!

INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM GAMES SUITABLE FOR ALL STAGES OF PRIMARY

Get to know your new learners while setting a clear, upbeat behavioural class climate.

A five week challenge testing the effectiveness of classroom games for improving behaviour and focus, co-operation and relationships.

A new game is completed each week – aimed at Lower/Middle or Middle/Upper, for teachers to watch and then to play with their students.

Teachers observe attitude and behaviour throughout the period and discuss feedback with their learners.

We've also linked the games to quick follow-up Literacy tasks.

We hope that most classes will learn the games quickly and be able eventually to organise the games by themselves (teacher present but not leading).

CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE CLASSROOM GAMES CHALLENGE

Back to School Games and Exercises



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Great Classroom Games



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Back to School Mystery Story



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Back To School Mystery Feedback

The Video Lessons

Important Info Regarding The Lessons | COMPLETE OVERVIEW OF ALL MODULE 1 LESSONS

Primary 1 / Reception / Approx. age 5

Primary 1 Overview Module 1 | Grandpa Tom Feedback

Grandpa Tom – At the Farm



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Grandpa Tom's Birthday Cake



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Grandpa Tom Soup-er Hero



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Grandpa Tom On The Moon



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Grandpa Tom's Puppy



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The Washing Line



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Grandpa Tom Goes Shopping



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In The Park



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Primary 2 / Year 1 / Approx. age 6

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At The Beach



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At The Park



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At The Circus



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A Jester's Job



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A Jester's Job 2



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The Wish



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Primary 3 / Year 2 / Approx. age 7

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The Present



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Removal Van



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Bertie Boggin's Bookshop



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Goldilocks



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Down the Plughole



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Good Morning Your Majesty game instructions

The Birthday Party



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The Jungle



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The Jungle 2



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Primary 4 / Year 3 / Approx. age 8

Primary 4 Overview Module 1

Lazy Farm Helper



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Snowball Game instructions

Lazy Farm Helper 2



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Potion Commotion



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Potion Commotion 2



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Which One?



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Which One? 2



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Bank Robbery



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Bank Robbery 2



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Primary 5 / Year 4 / Approx. age 9

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Grumpy Waiter



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Grumpy Waiter 2



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Soundscapes



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What's The Story?

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The Old Junkyard

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The Old Junkyard 2

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Headlines

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The Mystery at Morton Manor

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Primary 6 / Year 5 / Approx. age 10

Primary 5 Overview Module 1

Park Bench



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Park Bench 2



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Park Bench 3



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Park Bench 4



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The Voyage



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The Voyage 2



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The Voyage 4

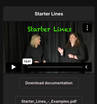


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Primary 7 / Year 6 / Approx. age 11

Primary 7 Overview Module 1

Starter Lines



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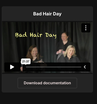
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Hands Through



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Bad Hair Day



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Ethel's Tearoom



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Ethel's Tearoom 2



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Ethel's Tearoom 3



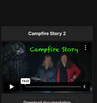
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Campfire Story



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Campfire Story 2



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Olympic Lessons

Fun and at times amusing lessons suitable for Middle and Upper Primary but younger children would be able to take part in most of the activities with teacher support.

The Olympics



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The Olympics 2



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The Box – Time for Mime

Click here to view our Time for Mime resource

Hallowe'en

Primary 4 teachers can choose from either video depending on the interest and ability of their students.

The Pumpkin Patch – suitable for lower/middle primary (P2-P4)

The Pumpkin Patch



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The Pumpkin Patch 2



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Skeletons – suitable for middle/upper primary (P4-P7)

Skeletons



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Skeletons 2



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Hallowe'en Activities

Below are some ideas for Hallowe'en.

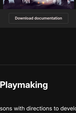
Spooknight – Wilma the Witch calls a Ghostly Gathering of all the spooks for Hallowe'en. What will be their **Spook Activity** this year? It's such fun to gate crash in the human world and give them a true taste of Hallowe'en.

Teaching Level – Easy Middle/Upper Primary

Is There A Ghost Behind Me? – Popular game suitable for Hallowe'en – Louise demonstrating with a class-Mixed Age Group

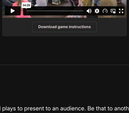
On The Ghost Train – Fun Lesson with Louise and class demonstrating – Lower Primary

Spooknight Lesson Plan



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Is There A Ghost Behind Me? Game



Download game instructions

On The Ghost Train and Other Hallowe'en Scenes



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More Playmaking

Class lessons with directions to develop into small plays to present to an audience. Be that to another class or to parents, it's always a great experience for students to get this opportunity to perform.

Specific Presentation Skills Lessons can be found in Module 2 which are helpful for performing to an audience.

The Magical Snowmen

Most suitable for Age **6-9 with further links to topics such as Climate Change /Pollution/ Global Warming. Would work well as a Winter/Christmas Play.**

Lesson overview for the Magical Snowmen | Documentation for Direction

Magical Snowmen Feedback

"My class have absolutely loved the Magical Snowmen drama. It tied in very well with our climate change project and I have seen some great writing from the children too based on the drama lessons. They have all been so motivated to write and it has been lovely to see. Their confidence has also grown greatly and they have been keen to perform their drama, give appropriate feedback and read their writing out to each other."

Rachel Finlayson with P5 at Pirniehall PS Edinburgh

The Magical Snowmen



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The Magical Snowmen 2



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The Magical Snowmen 3



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The Magical Snowmen 4



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The Magical Snowmen 5



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The Magical Snowmen A/V



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Christmas Videos & Activities

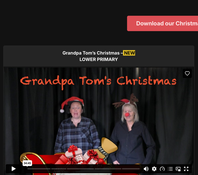
Below are our fun Christmas videos, with something for everyone from P1/Age 5 +

Documentation is under each video and the dotted timeline allows you to skip back and forward to the video sections. A brief scenario is also included.

We hope you and your class have fun with the lessons.

Download our Christmas Activities Document

Grandpa Tom's Christmas - NEW
LOWER PRIMARY



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We have had many requests for this lesson so here it is!

We recommend that your class has already met Grandpa Tom from the other lessons and is familiar with the character's personality.

In this lesson Grandpa Tom is looking forward to a relaxing Christmas, however a phone call from Santa Claus changes all of that.

Santa is not at all well and asks Grandpa Tom to drive the sleigh this Christmas.

It's a big ask but Rudolph will help, he's the only reindeer unaffected by this terrible flu.

Two Humorous Christmas Stories most suitable for age 7+

These are two standalone stories but could easily be linked.

Santa is Fined



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Where is Santa?



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Santa Is Fined Scenario

Santa is about to set off on Christmas Eve but there's a problem .... Ali Scott age 9 from Stromness in the Isles of Orkney wants a scooter and those elves have forgotten to make one. Never mind it's still early so Santa reckons he could pop into a scooter shop en route and pick one up. The reindeer feel very unsure about this solution but hey Santa is in charge and after setting off they are told to look out for a town with shops.

Santa sees one (actually Inverness) and better still a nice parking spot for the sleigh right outside the scooter shop. He pops into the shop leaving the reindeer looking around very anxiously at curious shoppers staring at them – then a Traffic Warden arrives – oh dear or is it oh deer?

Learners enact and then finish the story.

Where Is Santa? Scenario

If you've done the Santa Is Fined story then the rooftop in this story could belong to Ali Scott, age 9, Stromness, Isles of Orkney!

The reindeer are waiting on a rooftop beside a chimney for Santa to return from a present drop but he's taken a long time. They do some investigating – peering down the chimney, through the letterbox/cat flap but nothing can be seen and then they hear something – munching, glugging, a loud burp, voices – he's in the house already but there's a drama going on – what can it be?

Learners enact and then finish the story.

Eve's Christmas – A Play for Lower Primary

Documentation for this play includes direction for **FILMING** it as the presentation style.

Of course you can put the scenes together as a **LIVE** Performance if preferred.

There are 5 video lessons which are easy to follow and come complete with full lesson documentation.

View Eve's Christmas



Peter Pan

Most suitable for Upper Primary P5-P7 with direction for creating a class play. An able P4 class might also manage to take part.

Peter Pan Overview and Play Instructions

Peter Pan Feedback

All children were able to access the literacy activities at their own level. Using drama as a stimulus for writing in this way is like sprinkling some pixie dust into your classroom. You can almost sit back and watch the magic happen. The children are more engaged and motivated to complete their writing; and there isn't that 'writer's block' that many children have because they already came to their jotters full of ideas having just been to Neverland. The resource is excellent!

Natalie Brodie, West Lothian

Lessons 1-3

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Lessons 4-6

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Lessons 7-9

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Audio Visual Video

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Example Presentation

Below is an example of Peter Pan Presentation developed from the lessons. The video effects were added after the presentation as there wasn't the option of an overhead projector. Although the sound quality is affected by the typical pick-up in a large hall, teachers may find the video helpful in putting together their own presentation.

Example Presentation

Peter Pan Example Presentation

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs – NEW SUITABLE FOR AGE 8-12

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

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Backdrop Image

You are guided through the process of making this well known story into an improvised play, fully inclusive .

Each scene is workshopped so that everyone can try the character parts.

There are Re-cap points to run several scenes together and you can then cast the parts and add in characters.

There is a section on Costume pieces and simple Props.

You can watch us show a mock rehearsal of the play to demonstrate transitions.

Suggested Literacy Activities are also included.

Use the video directly in your class or watch it and deliver yourself.

Scottish Themes

The Tattieheids

A Scottish Play For Middle School, fully scripted but intended that you come off script to allow student creativity and enhanced presentation. The documentation includes the script and also guidance on how to use improvisation alongside it (highly recommended for a quality commitment from your learners by using their own ideas).

Full Script

Download Full Script pdf

Download Full Script (doc)

Teacher's Notes and Improvisation

Download Documentation

Download Songwords

Tattieheids song recording

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Click to listen to the Tattieheids song recording

The Hairy Tae Demo By Julie & Skye

This Hairy Tae Script

Poem & Notes

Scots Night Entertainment – NEW

Full Script

Running Order & Staging

Scots Night Entertainment

Set in a Waxworks Museum, we meet famous Scottish characters such as – Robert The Bruce and the Spiders, Scots Sports personalities, Bonnie Prince Charlie, The Broons, famous Scots Inventors, Oor Wullie and an encounter with Nessie the Monster – you can select from these or do the lot!

Suitable for two classes to perform.

Scots Entertainment Resource Review

The Hairy Tae

Adapted from the Traditional American Tale Jjoem – very funny. Use the poem and improvisation side by side.

Below Julie performs a short presentation with her niece to give an idea of how the poem can be used.

You can add in more characters as the script suggests.

The Hairy Haggis Hunt

This lesson is suitable for teachers of Lower School classes to try out with their classes. It is a match for a Scottish Celebrations such as St Andrew's Day or a Robert Burns Topic. It uses Teacher In Role Technique (the most effective method) but you can narrate the storyline if you prefer.

Download the documentation

Download music track to use with lesson

Burn's Night Celebrations

Tam O'Shanter (suitable for Upper Primary P6-7)

Complete with original music tracks, outline script, excerpts from the poem and of course scope for insertion of the students own ideas and creativity – just as Rabbie would want!

Can be done with two classes and includes a Drama Studio filmed performance of the show to help visualise a presentation format.

View the Tam O'Shanter Resource

To A Moose

A script based on the poem To A Moose suitable for Middle/Upper Primary – expand using your students' ideas.

To A Moose Short Play Script

Play Script & Poem

Download Lesson Plan & Teacher's Notes

Drama Literacy Lesson Plans For You To Deliver

Fluffy in The Wild Wood

A baby bunny is missing and a search party must look for him in the dark and mysterious Wild Wood. There the little animals brush with their enemies and the race is on to find Fluffy before they do!

Tense adventure story with improvisation, characterisation, configuration mime, problem-solving and re-telling the story.

Students will learn about the responsibility of community and helping others.

This lesson will best suit teachers who are fairly confident with teaching Drama and Teacher In Role is the suggested delivery method.

Fluffy In The Wild Wood Lesson Plan

Download lesson plan

Circles

A Drama Literacy Lesson suitable for Ages 8-12 years based on the theme of Circles.

Starting with a Tornado Movement Activity moving on to Using Circular/Spherical Objects within Tableaux and Improvisation and then into the idea of The Circle of Life.

Literacy Activities Included.

Circles Lesson Plan

Download lesson plan

Moonlanding

This lesson is about the Apollo 11 Moonlanding. The opening activities are movement and mime – based and draw on the student's knowledge of the topic. Students will "make that journey" and experience the tension of the difficult landing.

Key skills for this lesson are movement and mime, configuration,slow-motion, improvisation and presentation, voice-overs. The tension of the piece will encourage confident reactions from the students and the dramatisation will consolidate class work and Successful Learning.

Moonlanding Lesson Plan

Download lesson plan

Teacher Training Videos for Early Years to Middle School

Many teachers using the resource have been inspired to deliver lessons for themselves and this has always been one of our aims.

Teaching Drama in the moment is an incredibly powerful learning experience and we want to support teachers who are keen to have a go. The following lessons are easy to deliver but as with all Drama lessons we encourage you to take the lessons off on your own tangent following the students own ideas. Take the plunge and delight your students!

The teaching presentation is at a starter level and easy to follow.

All The Funfair

Pirates – NEW!



Download Funfair lesson plan

Magic Box Instructions



Download lesson plan

Additional links

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Creativity Portal

Drama Studio Twitter

Facebook Group Page