

Good morning,  
boys and girls!

# Great Playwrights

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# I Want to Be

Some people often say to me:

"Have you decided what you want to be?"

I usually answer, "I don't know,"

But it isn't really so.

I want to win an Olympic race,

I want to see the Earth from space,

I want to travel to Katmandu

I want to be rich and famous, too.



I want to be on Hollywood's screen,  
I want to invent a new machine,  
I want to be very clever and wise,  
I want to win the Nobel prize,  
But most of all, I want to be  
Healthy and strong, and nice.



1. **play (v)** - to perform the actions and say the words of a character in a theatre performance

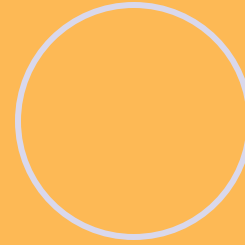
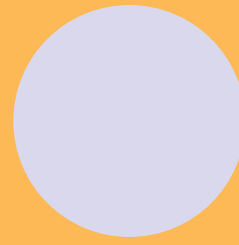
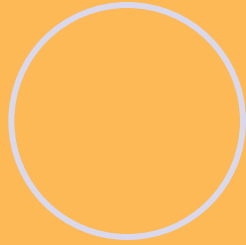
**Note:** play+object,

*e.g. play a role, He has always wanted to play Hamlet.*

**play (n)** - a piece of dramatic writing performed in a theatre

*e.g. 'Romeo and Juliet' is the best-known play by William Shakespeare.*





**2. act (v)** – to perform, especially on the stage

**Note:** act needs no object.

**e.g.** *Hopkins is acting tonight.*

**act (n)** – one of the main parts of a play

**3. stage (v)** – to produce a play

**e.g.** *The school drama group stages two plays every year.*

**stage (n)** – the raised floor in a theatre on which plays are performed

**e.g.** *At the end of the performance all the actors came out onto the stage.*

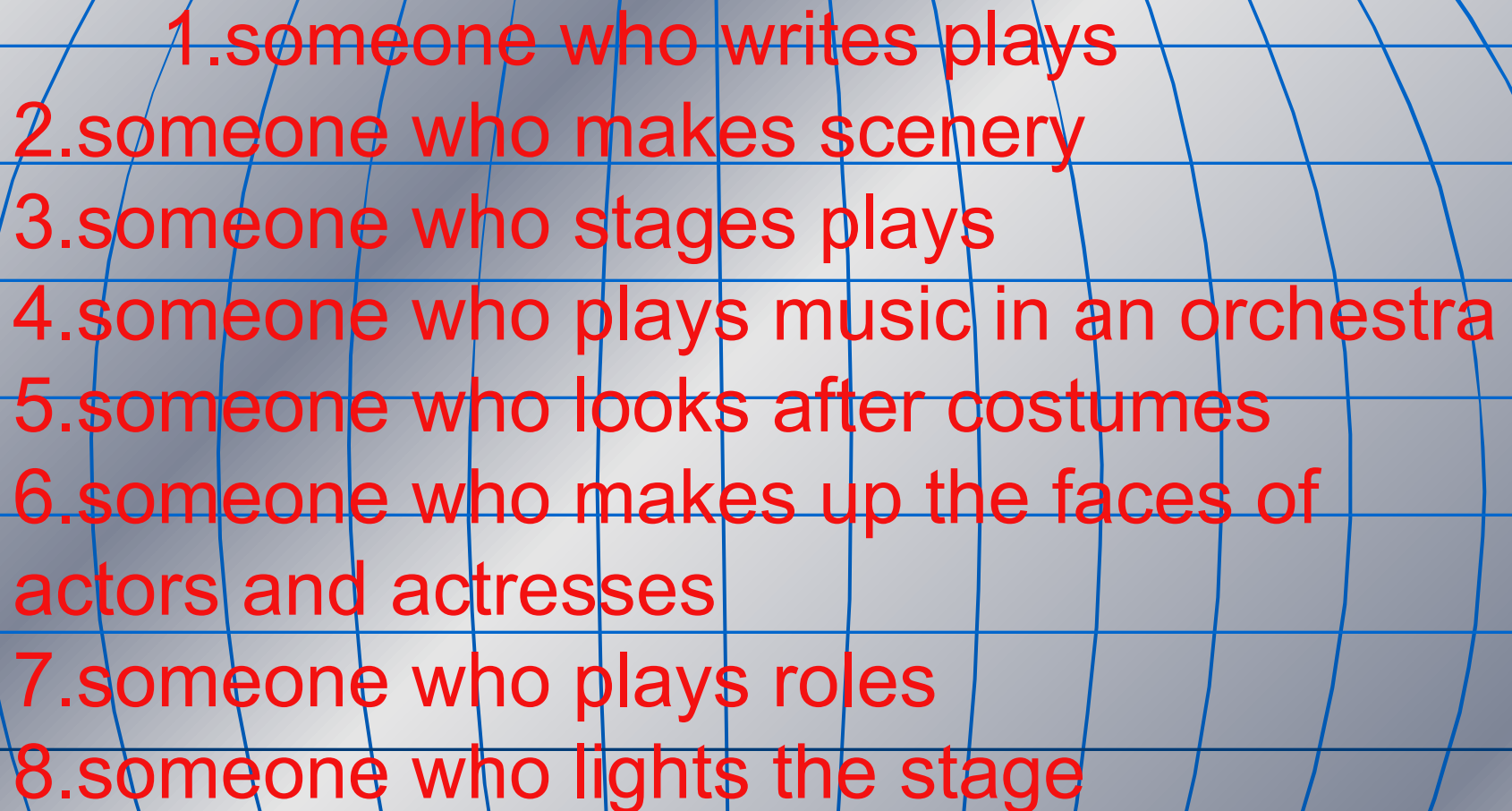
1. Do you know any playwrights?
2. Do you know their plays?
3. Who is the greatest English playwright?
4. What did he do except writing plays?







# Game 'Guess who'

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1. someone who writes plays
  2. someone who makes scenery
  3. someone who stages plays
  4. someone who plays music in an orchestra
  5. someone who looks after costumes
  6. someone who makes up the faces of actors and actresses
  7. someone who plays roles
  8. someone who lights the stage

George Bernard Shaw was born in Dublin in 1856. At the age of 19 he moved to London. Bernard Shaw wanted to become a novelist. However his novels were not successful and he gave up writing them. Soon his attention turned to the drama. Shaw wrote more than fifty plays. His best-known play is 'Pygmalion'. The main characters are Eliza Doolittle, Professor Higgins and Colonel Pickering.

Read the following false sentences.  
Make them true.

1. George Bernard Shaw was born in Edinburgh.
2. Colonel Pickering is main character of 'King Lear'.
3. William Shakespeare is the author of 'Pygmalion'.
4. What the actors say is stage directions.
5. A playwright is someone who plays role.
6. 'The Globe' was one of the most famous theatres in America, where worked Bernard Shaw as an actor.

Good bye!

