



READER'S THEATER SCRIPT





Scripts are what actors use when they're in a play or a movie. This script can also be used to put on a play or Reader's Theater Performance.



PARTS OF A SCRIPT

CHARACTERS/CAST

Characters are the people (or animals) in the play. Together, the people in a play are called a cast.

DIALOGUE

Dialogue is what the characters in the script say.

SCENE

A scene is like a chapter in a book. When the action or setting changes there will often be a new scene.

SETTING

This is where the scene takes place.

STAGE DIRECTIONS

Stage directions tell the actors what to do.

These are not said out loud.

We have named these Stage Direction and used parentheses and italics so you don't confuse them with the words the actors say. This is an example of how the stage directions look

Stage direction

[Nan slowly walks off the stage.]

And Now...On With the Show



THE GREAT PIZZA CONTEST

CAST

NARRATOR

MAYOR ANN CHOVI

NAN CHOVI

VINCENT VAN DOUGH

LEONARDO DA MUNCHI

SALVADORE DELI

TOWNSPERSON #1

TOWNSPERSON #2

TOWNSPERSON #3

TOWNSPERSON #4

(Add or subtract as many TOWNSPEOPLE as you wish)

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SCENE 1

SETTING: Outside in the town of Mozzarella.

NARRATOR

This is the story of THE GREAT PIZZA CONTEST.
In the town of Mozzarella everyone loved pizza.
That's all they ate: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.
PIZZA! PIZZA! PIZZA!
The town had two pizza makers,
Vincent Van Dough and Leonardo Da Munchi.



STAGE DIRECTION

[Vincent and Leonardo appear on stage.]

NARRATOR

Vincent thought the dough was the most important part of the pizza. Leonardo thought the sauce was the most important part. They were always arguing and the people in the town argued as well.

STAGE DIRECTION

[The full cast is onstage. Half of the townspeople are on one side. The other half are on the opposite side.]

TOWNSPERSON #1

Leonardo's pizza is the best!

TOWNSPERSON #2

Are you kidding me? Vincent's pizza is the best!

TOWNSPERSON #3

The sauce is the most important part.

TOWNSPERSON #4

No, it's the dough.

TOWNSPEOPLE #1 & #3

Sauce! Sauce! Sauce! Sauce!



TOWNSPEOPLE #2 & #4
Dough! Dough! Dough! Dough!

STAGE DIRECTION

[Mayor Ann Chovi and her daughter Nan step forward.]

NARRATOR

Tired of all the arguing, Mayor Ann Chovi announced...

MAYOR CHOVI

Tomorrow we will have a contest and decide once and for all who makes the best pizza in Mozzarella. My daughter Nan will be the judge.

STAGE DIRECTION

[Everyone leaves the stage.]

SCENE 2

SETTING: Mayor Ann Chovi's Kitchen

STAGE DIRECTION

[All the townspeople enter along with Mayor Ann Chovi and Nan Chovi.]

NARRATOR

The next day, everyone crowded into Mayor Chovi's kitchen.



NAN

Let the great pizza contest begin!

NARRATOR

Vincent Van Dough strolled into the kitchen.

STAGE DIRECTION

[Vincent walks on stage.]

NAN

Okay Vincent, why is your pizza the best?

VINCENT

Ahhh, that's easy. The dough is the most important part of the pizza and I have a secret recipe for delicious dough.

First, I knead the dough.

I knead it this way.

I knead it that way.

Then I throw it up high in the air and...

SPLAT!

It sticks to the ceiling.

STAGE DIRECTION

[Vincent pretends to knead and toss his dough. Everyone looks up when it sticks to the ceiling.]



NAN

Vincent, we can't taste your dough
if it's stuck to the ceiling.
How do you get it down from there?

VINCENT

Ohh..how do you think I get it down?

NAN

With a ladder?

VINCENT

No.

TOWNSPERSON #1

Baseball bat?

VINCENT

No.

TOWNSPERSON #2

Fishing rod?

VINCENT

Again, no! I will tell you.

I....SING TO IT!



STAGE DIRECTION

[Vincent drops to one knee, clasps his hands together, and sings.]

VINCENT

Come down, come
down. Oh, please come
down!

NARRATOR

THWAP! Vincent caught the dough.
He poured on a jar of sauce, sprinkled on
cheese, and put it in the oven.

STAGE DIRECTION

[Vincent mimes making a pizza.]

NARRATOR

When it finished baking, he handed a slice of pizza to Nan.

STAGE DIRECTION

[Vincent hands an imaginary slice to Nan. She takes a bite.]

NAN

This pizza is okay, but it's not the best pizza in town.



VINCENT

Humph!

STAGE DIRECTION

[Vincent angrily stomps out of the kitchen.]

SCENE 3

SETTING: Mayor Ann Chovi's kitchen

NAN

Bring in the next pizza maker!

STAGE DIRECTION

[Leonardo Da Munchi cheerfully enters the kitchen.]

NAN

Leonardo, why is your pizza the best?

LEONARDO

Ahh...that's easy, The sauce is the most important part of the pizza and I have a secret recipe for super sauce.

First I mush my tomatoes.

Does anyone know what I use to mush my tomatoes?



TOWNSPERSON #3

A hammer?

LEONARDO

No.

TOWNSPERSON #4

Blender?

LEONARDO

Again, no!

I use...my...FEET!

STAGE DIRECTION

[Everyone groans. Leonardo pretends to jump up and down on the tomatoes]

NARRATOR

Leonard jumped up and down on the tomatoes.

SQUISH! SQUISH! SQUISH!

LEONARDO

Now I add some spice, some salt and pepper.

STAGE DIRECTION

[Leonardo sings as he pretends to sprinkle spices on the sauce.]



LEONARDO

Some spice! Some spice!

Ooh, that's so nice!

NARRATOR

Leonardo made a pizza with his super sauce and gave a slice to Nan.

STAGE DIRECTION

[Leonardo mimes making a pizza and hands a slice to Nan.]

NAN

This pizza is okay, but it's not the best pizza in town.

LEONARDO

Humph!

STAGE DIRECTION

[Leonardo angrily stomps out of the kitchen.]

NARRATOR

Leonardo stomped out of the kitchen.

MAYOR ANN CHOVI

Oh, dear. Now what?

Who should win The Great Pizza Contest?



STAGE DIRECTION

[Nan taps her chin as she thinks.]

SCENE 4

SETTING: The Mayor's Kitchen

NAN

Listen up, everyone. I have an idea.

STAGE DIRECTION

[Nan, the mayor, and all the townspeople huddle together as Nan whispers her idea.]

ALL

(Whispering Sounds)

Ahhh. Ohhh. Hmmm.

STAGE DIRECTION

[Vincent and Leonardo enter from opposite sides of the stage. One townspeople whispers the idea to Vincent. Another whispers the idea to Leonardo. They both seem shocked at first. Then they nod in agreement.]



VINCENT
That's not bad!

LEONARDO
Very interesting!

NARRATOR
They gave Nan's idea a try.

STAGE DIRECTION
*[They mime making a pizza together
with Vincent's dough and Leonardo's
sauce. They hand everyone a slice.]*

NARRATOR
They handed everyone a slice.

STAGE DIRECTION
*[Everyone makes yummy
sounds and nods their heads.]*

NARRATOR
Can you guess what they did? Exactly!
They made one pizza together and it was...

ALL
The best pizza in town!



NARRATOR

Everyone in Mozzarella lived happily
ever after until...

One day a pizza maker named
Salvadore Deli came to town and said...

STAGE DIRECTION

[Salvadore Deli steps on stage.]

SALVADORE DELI

The CHEESE is the most important part of the pizza!

NARRATOR

But that's another story.

THE END