

## Homework

1. Define drama
2. Briefly explain the origins of drama.
3. Outline 5 features of drama and explain any.
4. Read act One, scene 1, 2 and 3 of your recommended drama text 'A CHILD'S DREAMS', and answer questions 1-12 at the end. (Page 23.)
5. Write down the settings of the 3 scenes above.

## Answers

1. Drama can be defined as a written work that tells a story through actions and speech and is meant to be acted on stage.
2. The earliest origins of drama are to be found in Athens where ancient hymns called dithyrambs, were sung in honour of the god Dionysus.
3. Cast, Playwright, Monologue, Epilogue, Protagonist

MONOLOGUE: in literature and drama is an extended speech by one person

PLAYWRIGHT: is a person who writes plays

EPILOGUE: In a dramatic work, the epilogue is a speech, often in verse, addressed to the audience by one or more of the actors at the end of a play.

#### 4. ACT 1, SCENE 1 Questions and Answers

1. Who entered the class?

A teacher entered the class.

2. Who knocked the desk to signal teacher's arrival?

The class captain knocked the desk to signal the teacher's arrival.

3. What did the pupils study the previous day?

The pupils studied 2 times table.

4. The teacher walked round the pupils to check big game.

5. What did the teacher do at the back row?

The teacher stopped at the back row.

6. Who was the 'new' pupil inside a class in the village primary school?

Jameel was the 'new' pupil inside a class in the village primary school.

7. Why did the 'new' pupil put himself in a class?

He put himself in a class because he wanted to learn.

8. Who was shaking and afraid  
Jameel was shaking and afraid.

9. What did the teacher do to the new pupil.  
The teacher led him to the the school's headmaster.

### ACT 1, Scene 2, Answers

1. The teacher told the headteacher the observation that a strange boy was in his class, and he asked him if he was a newly transferred pupil only to discover he is not a registered pupil at all.

2. The headmaster saw Hunger and Poverty written all over the boy.

3. The new pupil said his father was a Farmer.

4. MR. Badejo was the clerical assistant.

5. Mr. Idrees is from Ahala compound in the village.

## Act 1, scene 3, Answers

1. Mr Idrees entered the headmaster's office with quizzes on his face
2. Jameel woke up and suddenly and saw his father
3. He can not afford his school son's school fee
4. Jameel ran errand for his mother at home
5. The headmaster said it
6. The headmaster gave the instruction that should continue to be a good boy.
7. The sin was "NOT sending your child to school"
8. Mr. Idrees came to see the headmaster
9. The excuse Mr. Idrees gave was that he could not afford it
10. The headmaster said NOT SENDING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WAS AN OFFENCE

11. UBE - Universal, Basic Education

12. The punishment was that they will be sent to jail.

5. Scene 1: A classroom

Scene 2 & 3: The headmaster's office.