

Theatre: text, practical choices and reflection

Supported preparation only; actual school choices and assessed work remain separate

Intention, blocking and audience: method

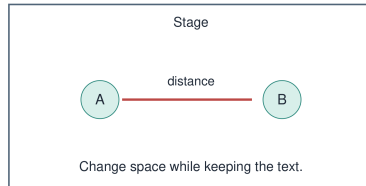
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A whole-play interpretation connects text, relationships, action and audience. Design and performance choices must serve that interpretation and feasible conditions.

Blocking locates bodies and movements; it does not alone establish audience effect.

From play text to production proposal: source representation

An original blocking trial



Audience

Reused original source-lesson representation; values belong to that source example.

Intention, blocking and audience: worked case

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Original moment: one person says “You came” after a missed appointment. Compare speaking close together immediately with a long pause across the stage.

Identify the evidence before reading the model.

Intention, blocking and audience: reasoning

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Distance and pause can suggest tension or uncertainty; immediate closeness can suggest relief or confrontation depending on delivery.

Refer to the whole scene/play before choosing.

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A scene moves to an audience on two sides. What should the blocking review test?

Pause and give an individual answer with reasons.

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Test sightlines, body orientation, focus and movement for both sides while retaining the textual intention. Compare actual views and delivery; a plan suitable for a single front may hide action from the opposite side.

Explain a practical revision and its trade-off.

Research and embodied convention: method

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A tradition inquiry needs reliable credited sources about context, function and a specific convention. Explore the convention safely and reflect on what practical experience reveals beyond reading; respect restrictions and avoid claiming to represent a whole culture.

Keep the interpretation within the supplied evidence.

Research presentation and embodied convention: source representation

Original source / task evidence

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Research and embodied convention

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Establish the source and eligible previously unstudied tradition, verify meaning and restrictions with reliable material, then select one bounded convention for approved practice.

Record first and revised trials and explain the researched reason for change.

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A practitioner source contradicts an online caption. How should research and exploration respond?

Pause and give an individual answer with reasons.

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Check authorship, context, purpose and the precise convention, compare reliable evidence and retain the uncertainty. Revise approved practice if warranted and credit the source.

Neither a convenient caption nor practitioner status alone settles every contextual claim.

Devising and contribution: method

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Devising uses shared exploration to select original material. Keep intention, trial, feedback, decision and outcome connected.

A personal evaluation must identify what the learner actually contributed within the ensemble.

Devising, ensemble and evaluation: source representation

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Test fewer crossings or changed timing/sightlines while retaining the intended pressure. Compare actual audience visibility and expressive effect; identify who proposed, tested and refined the choice.

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Fewer crossings clarify the action but weaken pressure. Propose a further devising test.

Pause and give an individual answer with reasons.

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Vary crossing timing, spacing or focus while keeping the central action visible, then compare actual audience visibility and expressive response. Document the individual's contribution and ensemble decision.

The trade-off requires evidence against the shared intention, not automatic preference for clarity alone.

Check yourself

Independent retrieval

A scene changes actor spacing and lighting together. Plan a rehearsal comparison and specify what documented action would support the design choice.

Write your reasoning before comparing it with the methods and limits taught in this lesson.