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THEATRE  
SCARBOROUGH

# KS1

# Activity Pack



Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Facts about the Stephen Joseph Theatre

Did you know...

- that the stage in the Round is square - people sit *round* the stage!
- that the whole stage, in the Round, can move up and down like a lift so that sets can be changed easily?
- that there is a 'trampoline' mesh above the stage which allows technicians easy access to the lighting grid and can hold the weight of a grand piano and 2 elephants?
- the original Library Theatre, upstairs at Scarborough Library (and which opened in 1955), was the first professional theatre- in-the-round in Great Britain?
- that 79 of Alan Ayckbourn's 83 plays have premiered in Scarborough?
- that Alan Ayckbourn has been associated with the Stephen Joseph Theatre for 6 decades?
- that since opening in 1996, the Stephen Joseph Theatre has staged 247 productions of which 149 were world premieres (as of December 2019)?

## ODEON Architecture

Look at these pictures of Odeon cinemas across the country. There are also some in the Bar at the SJT.



York



Newport



Harrogate



Sutton Coldfield





Scarborough

Make a list of similarities

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## Creative writing

Make a list of words to describe the actors before they go on stage.

Try to use interesting adjectives, adverbs and similes e.g.

nervous

nervously

quivering like a \_\_\_\_\_

legs trembling like \_\_\_\_\_

silent

silently

proud

calm

confidently

as quiet as a \_\_\_\_\_

dazzled by the \_\_\_\_\_

tiptoe

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## Poetry frame

Fill in the gaps!

The actors stand \_\_\_\_\_

Waiting \_\_\_\_\_ in the wings

The audience eagerly takes their \_\_\_\_\_,

The \_\_\_\_\_ is as dark as \_\_\_\_\_

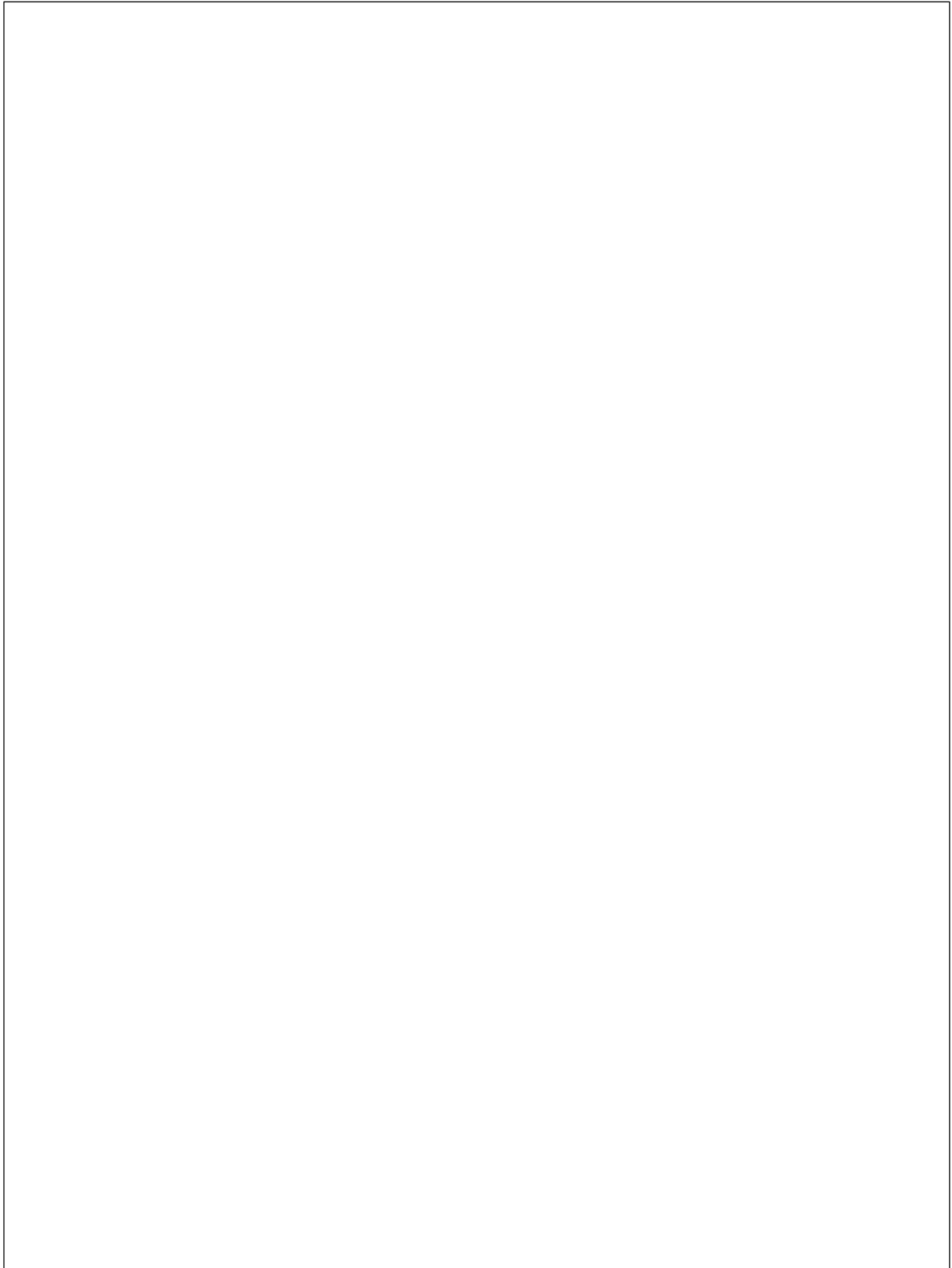
Until they enter \_\_\_\_\_,

The \_\_\_\_\_ spotlight \_\_\_\_\_

And the \_\_\_\_\_ begins.

## Props

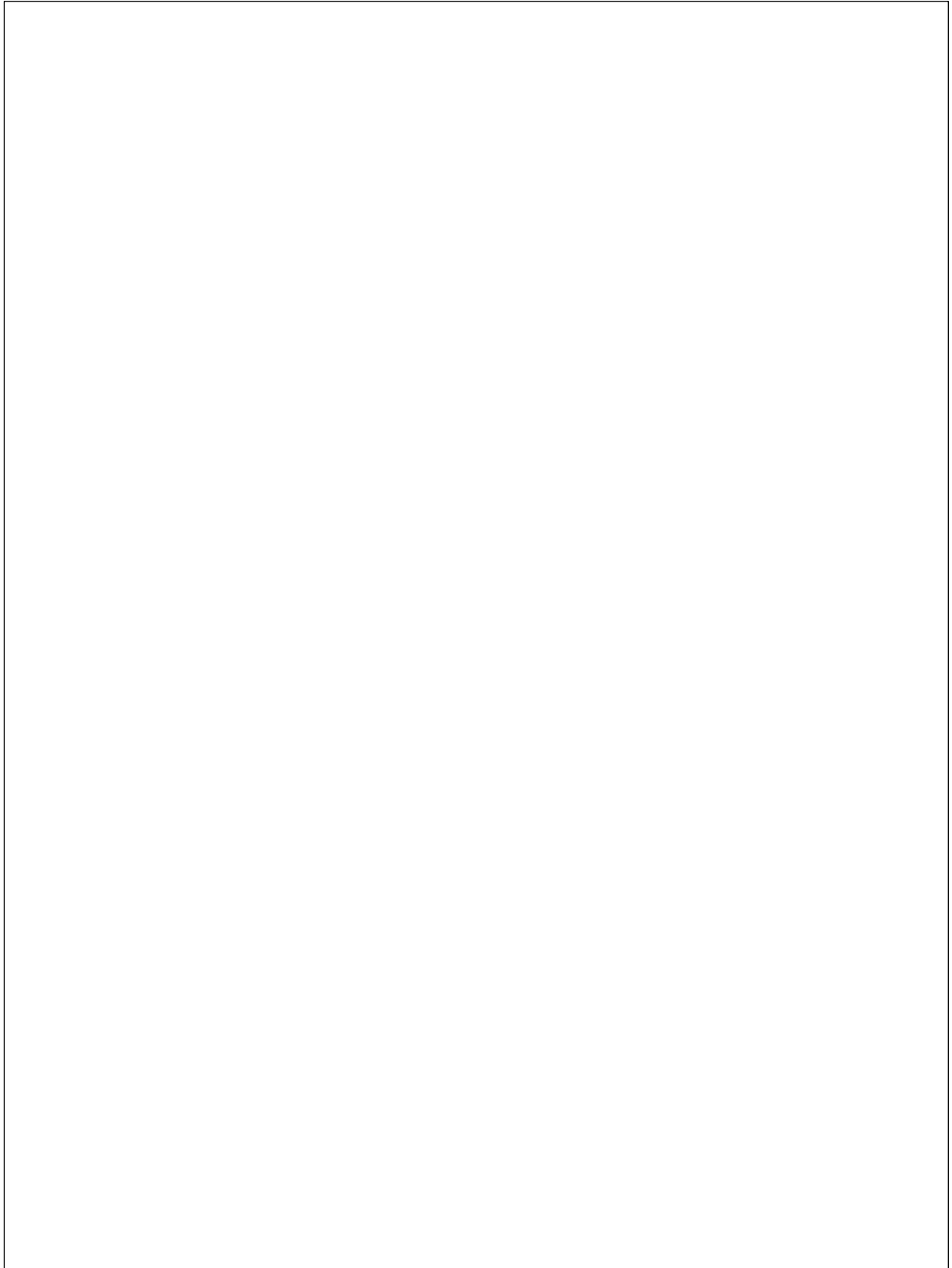
Props are any objects that an actor might pick up and use to help them tell the story. Draw 2 props below that could be used in Treasure Island:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing two props that could be used in the story of Treasure Island.



## **Design a poster**

Choose a play or story that you know. Design an advertising poster for the theatre marketing department.



## Theatre glossary

Do you know (or can you find out) what these words mean?

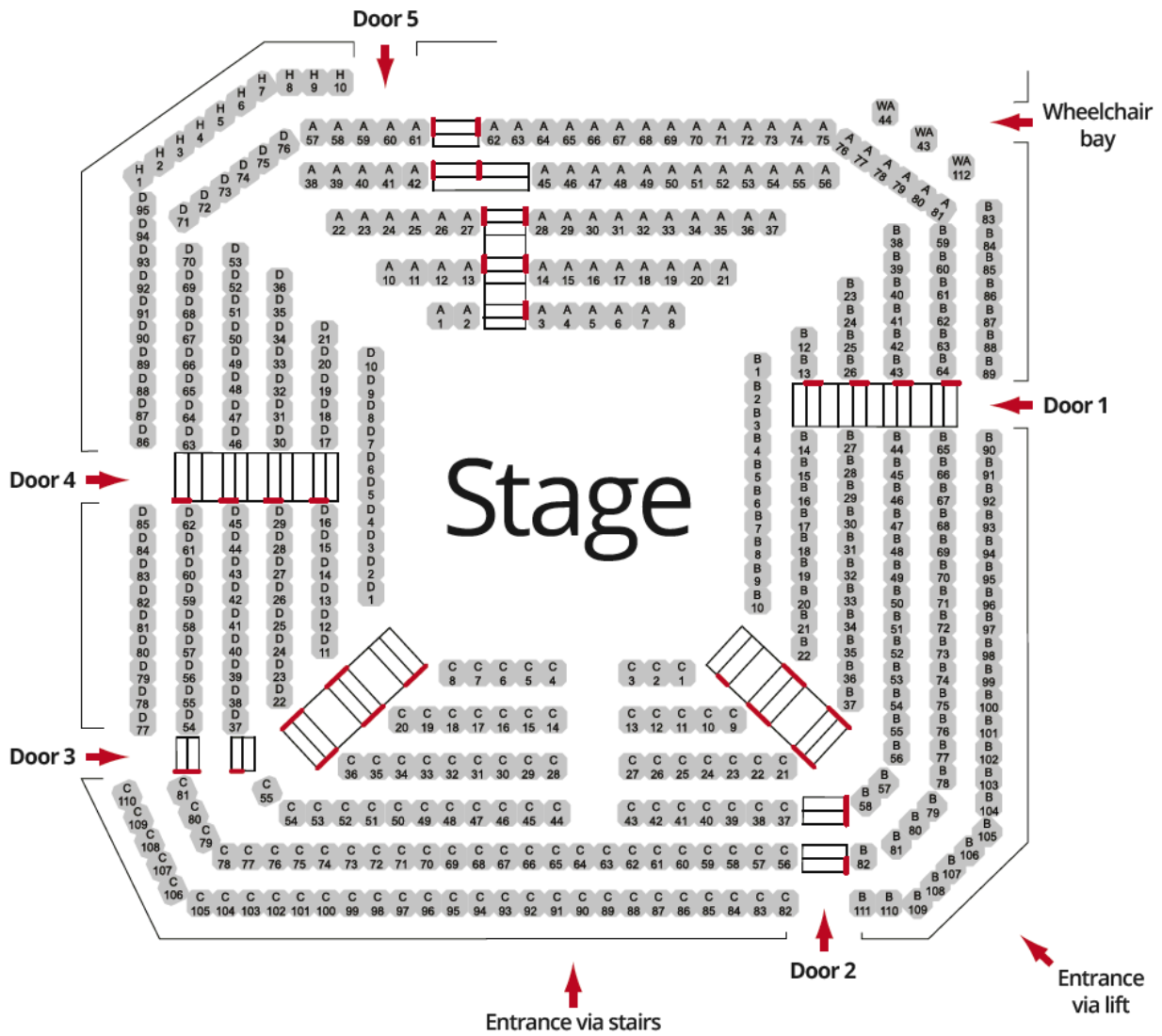
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<b>actors</b>	<b>mesh</b>
<b>auditorium</b>	<b>performance</b>
<b>backstage</b>	<b>prop</b>
<b>Box Office</b>	<b>rehearsal</b>
<b>costume</b>	<b>(The) Round</b>
<b>dressings room</b>	<b>run round</b>
<b>end stage</b>	<b>script</b>
<b>Foyer</b>	<b>set</b>
<b>Green Room</b>	<b>stage</b>
<b>lighting box</b>	<b>vom</b>

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Can you think of any other words to add to your glossary?

# The Round – seating plan



Where would you sit? Colour the seat.

What block is it? \_\_\_\_\_

What number is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you chose that seat? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does it matter where you sit in The Round? Explain your answer.

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## Theatre Quiz - what do you know about the SJT?



1. So what do you know about the Stephen Joseph Theatre?

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2. What did the current building used to be?

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3. What does the theatre do?

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4. How many theatre spaces does the Stephen Joseph theatre have?

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5. Where do you go if you want to buy tickets?

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