

Answering Strategy

1. Text type and format – You are asked to write a column in a school newspaper. You should give your writing an appealing title to attract readers. Show your name under the title so that your schoolmates know who has written this personal recount.
2. Genre – It is a descriptive writing. You are expected to recount what happened to you taking up a leading role in a drama to make it a ‘special experience’, and your feelings about it.
3. Language and formality – The column is about your personal experience. As the school newspaper is supposed to be read by your schoolmates, the tone should be casual and the words should be easy to understand. To show closeness to readers, you may directly address them as ‘you’ in the column.
4. Organisation – After the title and the writer’s name, you may first remind readers of the play. Then describe the development of the special experience in the drama, such as a mistake you made on stage. The climax of the recount can be how you struggled to overcome the difficulty. Finally, describe the resolution of the matter and your personal feelings.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The topic of this column is acting in a drama. You should have enough relevant ideas and vocabulary items for this topic. You can refer to the following ideas and vocabulary items.

Useful vocabulary and expressions

Verbs / verb phrases

end the scene	結束該場戲
find a way out	謀求出路
get stuck	陷入困境
glance over	瞥一眼
go over	複習
go smoothly	進展順利
heave a sigh of relief	如釋重負
kneel	跪下
look at the audience aghast	目瞪口呆看著觀眾
pound	心怦怦地跳
put on	上演
recall	回想
recite	背誦
step onto	踏上

Nouns / noun phrases

actor / actress	男 / 女演員
apothecary	藥劑師
director	導演
dressing room	化妝間
fast thinking	反應機敏
final act	最後一幕

improvisation	即興表演
interruption	中斷
lines	台詞
mishap	不幸事故
stage fright	怯場

Adjectives

aware	意識到的
doomed	劫數難逃的
half-conscious	半清醒的
impulsive	衝動的
rock-solid	非常牢固的

Adverbs / adverbial phrases

thus	因此
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Others

even now	即使到現在
wide open	睜大
within a split second	瞬間