

READY, STEADY, ACT!

Now that you have read this play it's time to act it out. You will tell your audience the story using words, actions and maybe some costumes and props.

CHOOSING THE PARTS

Choose who will play each part:

- Miss Bell is the teacher. She is kind but gets cross with Milly.
- Milly always wants her own way and the other children are fed up with her.
- Katie is a helpful girl who does as she is told.
- Akbar is caring and sensible.
- William is very keen to help and has good ideas.
- Josh works hard but he is a bit bossy.



Who in your cast would be best at these roles? Read a few lines of the play to test this out. Make name stickers for your characters to wear.



SETTING THE SCENE

Be sure to let your audience know where you are and how the characters are feeling as soon as you start.

All the action takes place in school at Christmas time. What sorts of things happen at Christmas time in your school? What is different at that time of year? How do you think the grown ups like Miss Bell feel?

Put a chair in the middle of the group and pretend that it is Miss Bell. All the actors are children in her class. Without speaking, look at her as if you are:

- sensible
- bored
- excited.



Did you know...?

Christmas trees have been popular in England since 1846. That was the year when a newspaper picture showed Queen Victoria's family standing beside a decorated tree.