

Name _____

Let's put on a play!

Directions: Read the paragraph below. To fill in the blanks, choose a synonym for each italicized word and an antonym for each underlined word. Use the thesaurus entries to help you.

act v perform, portray, work, function, operate

catch v capture, seize, arrest **ANT.** release, free

diminish v decrease, weaken **ANT.** enhance

downplay v lessen, deemphasize, soften **ANT.** stress, emphasize

explain v clarify, interpret, justify, demonstrate

feeling n mood, ambiance, atmosphere

individual n solo, alone **ANT.** group, crew, band

stress v highlight, spotlight, emphasize **ANT.** play down

writer n author, journalist, playwright, reporter



It takes a (individual) _____ of people to put a play on stage. The
(*writer*) _____ writes the script, and the Director reads and (*explains*)
_____ the script in order to decide how it should look on stage, and how
the actors and actresses can best (*act*) _____ the characters in order
to (diminish) _____ the overall effect of the play. The production crew
works with the director to decide how the play will actually look on the stage. They, too, read
and interpret the script, and create costumes and stage sets that will (*catch*)
_____ and (downplay) _____ the mood and
(*feeling*) _____ of the play.