

- **aside:** a “whispered” comment spoken directly to the audience—unheard by other characters
- **dialogue:** conversation between two or more characters
- **monologue:** a long speech spoken by a character to himself, another character, or to the audience
- **soliloquy:** thoughts spoken aloud by a character when he/she is alone, or thinks he/she is alone—talking to himself or herself
- **stage directions:** italicized comments that identify parts of the setting or the use of props or costumes, which give further information about a character or provide background information