

EXAMPLE PLAY SCRIPT FORMAT

There is no official format for play scripts, but this example is one that is preferred and accepted by all British, Canadian and Australian theatres.

U.S.A. standard play script format is similar to standard film script format.

BONKERS

A comedy play

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CHARACTERS

STEVEN Male 30 -40 Intelligent. Idealistic.

JEAN Female 30 -40 Steven's worried partner. Materialistic.

DOCTOR Male 30+ Psychiatrist. Pompous. Condescending.

TIME The present.

SETTING A psychiatric hospital.

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STEVEN is alone, strapped in a straightjacket. JEAN enters with DOCTOR who wears a white lab coat and carries a clip board. They stand out of Steven's earshot.

JEAN: Is he any better, Doctor?

DOCTOR: Still stark raving bonkers, I'm afraid. Look at him. Out of his tree.

JEAN: Still resisting?

DOCTOR: Absolutely! Refuses to succumb to any form of advertising. We've tried free offers; two for the price of one; even nothing to pay and interest free for five years.

JEAN: My God!

Doctor waves some brochures.

DOCTOR: He can't even touch an advertising brochure without chucking it in the garbage.

JEAN: What's wrong with him?

DOCTOR: An overwhelming social conscience, and a pathological rejection of over-consumption. Horrendous!

JEAN: And it all seemed so innocent at first. *(Shrugs)* A donation to Greenpeace, getting fussy about recycling, that sort of thing.

DOCTOR: Delusionary. He thinks he's solving the world's problems.

JEAN: I knew he'd flipped his lid when I caught him fast forwarding through the TV commercials.

DOCTOR: *(Earnestly)* This could be contagious. It must be treated.

JEAN: I want him how he was, Doctor. Before he started worrying about war and disease, global warming, and all that boring shit.