

# Write an Empathy Skit

What does empathy mean, and what does it look like? In this worksheet, you will write a short skit around the theme of empathy. Follow the instructions to plan your work and write your final script.

**Bonus:** Stage your original work with classmates, friends, or family members! You can also film your skit to share, with the permission and supervision of a parent or guardian.



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**Part 1:** Answer the following questions before you begin writing your short script. Each of your answers to the prompts below will help you prepare for the skit that you will write.

1. Define empathy. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Explain why empathy is important in relationships, schools, and communities. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Briefly outline a fictional situation where one character understands and empathizes with another. This situation can be based on a lived experience or inspired by your imagination. Your skit will be based on the situation that you write about here.

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**Part 2:** Answer the following questions to help you think through the details needed for your script. Each of your answers to the prompts below should be included in your script.

1. List the characters in your skit. Include their name, plus a very brief description.

Example: **Alice, a new girl at school**

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2. Describe the setting of your skit.

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3. As you prepare to write your skit, consider how you will include your outline, notes, and characters. Refer to the sample below to see how you should write your script.

<b>Scene 1</b>	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> describes the setting and introduces the story	<i>Two girls, Nisha and Clementine, are playing hopscotch on the playground at recess. Alice, a new student, sits alone nearby, reading a book.</i>
<b>CHARACTER</b> the person, thing, or animal who is speaking	<b>NISHA</b> ( <i>pausing between hops</i> ): Clementine, I just realized today that it has been one year since I started school here. I was so nervous that first day! I truly didn't think I would make any friends. And then I got lost on my way to the playground.
<b>DIALOGUE</b> what the character says	<b>CLEMENTINE</b> ( <i>laughing</i> ): That's when I first saw you!
	<b>STAGE DIRECTIONS</b> tell us about the way the character speaks or acts



