

Y8 Face: Understanding Plays and Stage directions

Task: Use the stage directions below to explore the presentation of the three Martins.

In this play, there is a character called Martin. However, there are three actors that play Martin:

Past Martin: he acts out things that have happened

Present Martin: shows what Martin is like now

Narrative Martin: tells the story to the audience

Past Martin

Look at what the stage directions show about Past Martin:

'Past Martin takes up a carefree still image with Mark and Matthew'

'Carefree' means that you don't have any worries.

What do you think that Past Martin is like?

Draw him with his friends

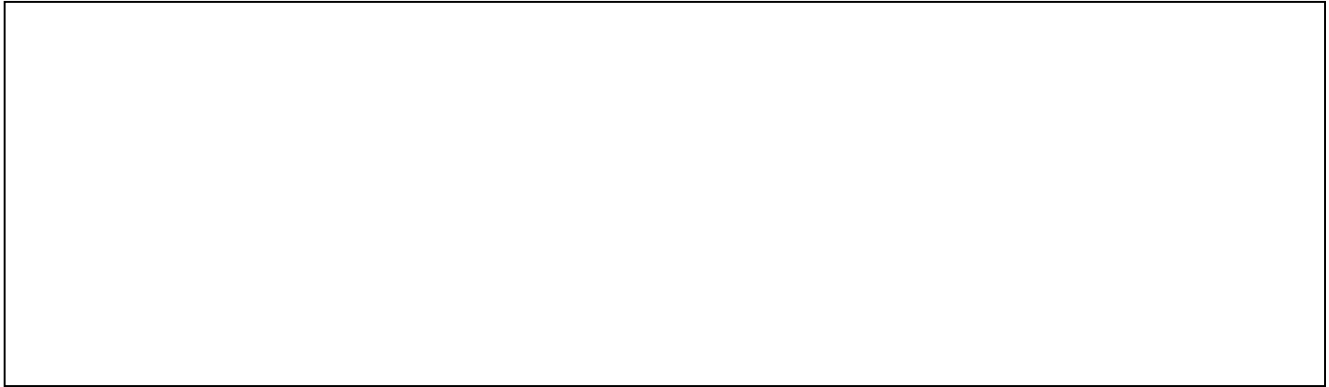


Narrative Martin

Look at the stage directions for Narrative Martin:

'The Street Voices take up centre stage around Narrative Martin'

Draw Narrative Martin in the middle of a stage, with 6 people around him.



Present Martin

Look at the stage directions for Present Martin:

'Present Martin takes up a place on a hospital bed'

Draw Present Martin in his hospital bed.



Extension:

We are also told about Past Martin that 'all cast take a sharp intake of breath on seeing [his] face and turn away'

What do you think (or know) has happened to Past Martin and why do you think this?
