

Performing Arts

Task: The role of an actor

Conduct research into the role of an actor. Use your research to answer the following questions:

1. What are the key skills, qualities and attributes of a professional actor; explain in detail what these roles are and why they are key?
 - Skills
 - Qualities
 - Attributes
2. What (and why) are the key features of the role of a professional actor?
3. Explain and evaluate the following acting performance roles (what is the role, what are their responsibilities, how does each differ from the other, pay, hours, who has the most difficult/easiest job and why, etc.):
 - Lead role
 - Supporting role
 - Stand by
 - Understudy
4. What is a typical working day for a professional actor?
5. Draw a production timeline for a professional actor (this may include some other job roles where necessary)

Task: Actors Lifestyle

What lifestyle factors would a professional actor have to consider and why? Make a list of each factor and next to each one, describe and explain the reasons for the considerations.

Task: Performance Skills

For all of the questions below, *explain, analyse and evaluate your answers.*

1. What technical performance skills does a professional actor need?
2. What physical performance skills does a professional actor need?
3. What vocal performance skills does a professional actor need?
4. What interpretive performance skills does a professional actor need?
5. As a professional actor, how would you make yourself stand out so that you are employable?



Task: Practical skills

1. What planning would a professional actor have to consider to ensure they are fully ready for the show they are preparing for?
2. How would a professional actor, ensure they are ready for a day of rehearsals?
3. How would a professional actor, ensure they are ready for a performance?
4. How would a professional actor establish a character for the stage? Describe and explain.
5. What skills does a professional actor need to ensure they are responding to direction positively to ensure they are achieving their best?
6. How would a professional actor use their team working skills in their job role?

Task

Think of a professional actor you admire. Research into the performer and create a case study on this performer which includes the following things:

- Biographical research
- Interviews
- Their lifestyle
- Their role
- Their working conditions
- Job route
- Special skills