Name _____ Date _____

Reading Plays

Cast, setting, scenes, dialogue, stage directions. No narrator: read what they say and do.

A. Read the play.

The Lost Ball *CAST: MAX, LUNA, MRS. PARK. SETTING: Two backyards on a sunny Saturday.*

(MAX kicks a ball. It flies over the fence.)

MAX: Oh no! That was my new ball!

LUNA: *(peeking through the fence)* It landed in Mrs. Park's tomato plants.

MAX: *(worried)* What if she gets mad?

LUNA: We should knock and tell her the truth.

(MAX takes a deep breath and knocks. MRS. PARK opens the door, holding the ball.)

MRS. PARK: *(smiling)* Looking for this? Thank you for coming to ask.

B. Answer the questions.

1. Who is in the cast? _____
2. What is the setting? _____
3. What is the problem? _____
4. Write one stage direction: _____
5. How does Max feel? How do you know? _____
6. How does Mrs. Park feel? _____

C. Write D for dialogue or S for stage direction.

1. (Max takes a deep breath.) _____
2. MAX: Oh no! _____
3. (peeking through the fence) _____
4. LUNA: We should knock. _____

D. Write the next two lines of the play. Include one stage direction.

MAX:

MRS. PARK:

Answer Key

B. Answer the questions.

1. **Max, Luna and Mrs. Park** 2. **two backyards on a sunny Saturday** 3. **the ball went into Mrs. Park's tomato plants** 4. **(MAX kicks a ball. It flies over the fence.) or any in parentheses** 5. **worried: the stage direction says so and he asks what if she gets mad** 6. **happy or kind: she is smiling**

C. Write D for dialogue or S for stage direction.

1. **S** 2. **D** 3. **S** 4. **D**

D. Write the next two lines of the play.

Answers will vary, such as MAX: (handing her a flower) I'm sorry about your tomatoes. MRS. PARK: (laughing) They'll grow back!