

THEATRE CENTRE

Online Writing Course

Devising on the Page

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Please use this worksheet with the related video.

Exercise 1: Story of Your Name

We are going to draw upon three pieces of information about ourselves.
Answer the questions below.

What is your name?

What is your pronoun? (e.g. them/they, she/her, he/him)

What is the story of your name? (How did you get your name – did you choose it, did someone give it to you?)

Exercise 2: Image

Have a look at the image in the session video. Now complete the questions below.

Write down one word to describe this image?

Write down all the characters you can find in the image?

Pick one character from the image?

What emotion is this character experiencing? (e.g. anger, joy)

How is this character feeling on the inside?

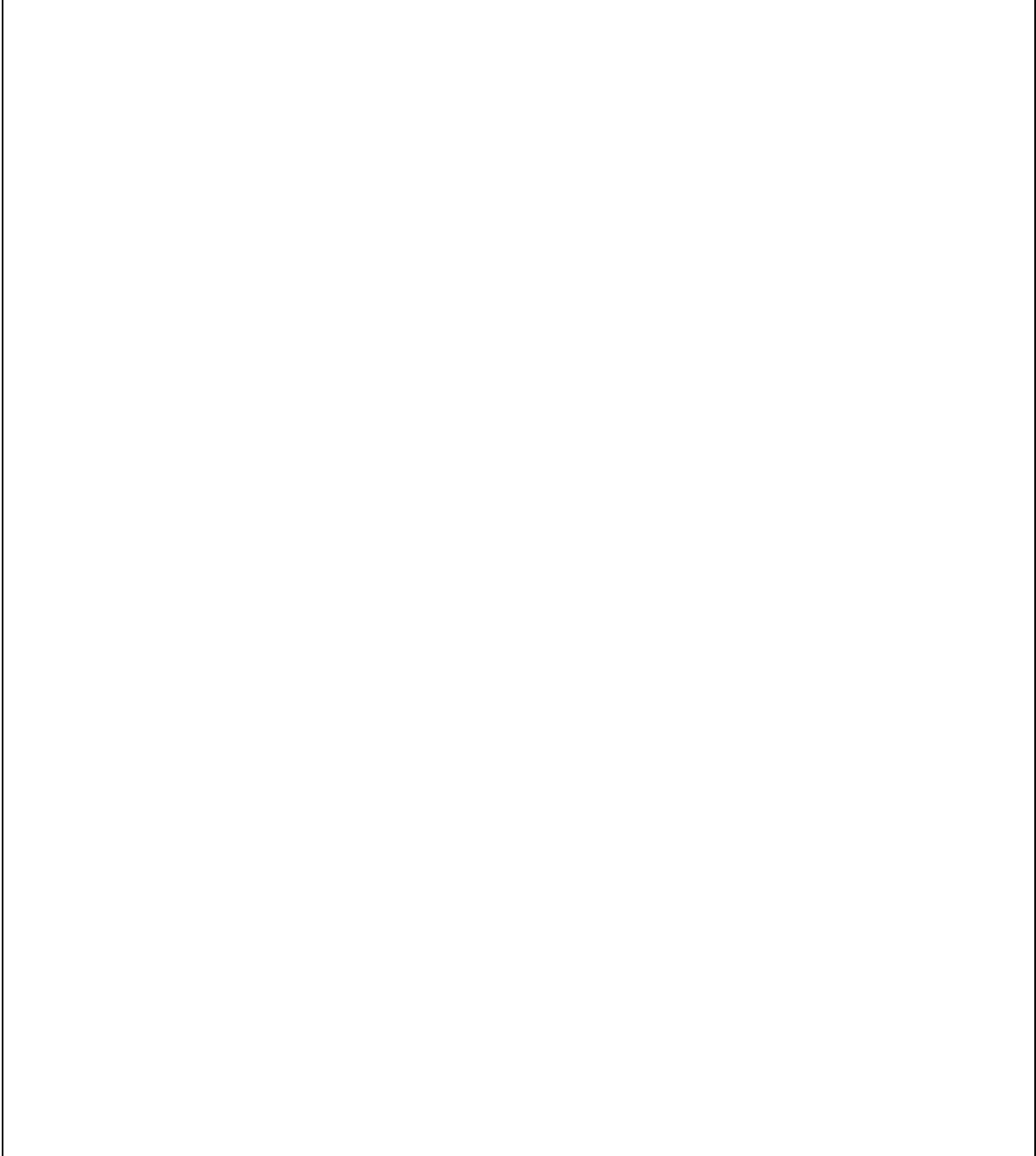
What does this character want to show on the outside?

Exercise 3: Installations

Gather 5 objects that are near you that are yours.

Using these objects and by arranging them in front of a camera, create an installation for your character from Exercise 2.

Take a photo of your installation and put it in the space below.



Exercise 4: In My World

Keep in mind your own word and character from Exercise 2 and your installation from Exercise 3.

We're going to create a poem using automatic writing.

Use the prompt 'In my world...' followed by whatever comes into your head next. There is no wrong answer. If you get stuck just keep writing 'In my world...'

In my world...

Exercise 5: Take Away

Using only the words from the poem you created in Exercise 4, write them up on a new piece of paper.

Some words can be BIG and some can be tiny. Which words do you want to hide and which words do you want to reveal?

You choose how you want the words to be arranged on the page. Be bold and have fun!