

Interpreting Stage Directions

Directions: In preparation for acting out a short scene from *A Raisin in the Sun*, use the Visual Thesaurus to define and interpret each of the key words in the stage directions in the following chart.

Stage Direction Language	Definitions and Notes
(Gleefully)	
(The boy gives her an exasperated look for her lack of understanding, and eats grudgingly .)	
(Outraged)	
(The boy hushes abruptly . They are both quiet and tense for several seconds.)	
(Presently)	
(Travis jabs his spoon into his cereal bowl viciously , and rests his head in anger upon his fists)	
(The boy obeys stiffly and crosses the room, almost mechanically , to the bed and more or less folds the bedding into a heap, then angrily gets his books and cap.)	
(Sulking and standing apart from her unnaturally)	
(Looking up from the stove to inspect him automatically)	
(He crosses to her and she studies his head)	
(Travis puts down his books with a great sigh of oppression , and crosses to the mirror. His mother mutters under her breath about his “stubbornness”)	
(With conspicuously brushed hair and jacket)	
(Waving one finger)	
(With sullen politeness)	