

What Should Our Play Be About?!

A 5th Grade Play-within-a-Play Adventure

✨ Cast of Characters

- Narrator – Guides the story and introduces each scene.
- Kid 1 – Excitable and full of ideas.
- Kid 2 – Calm and creative.
- Kid 3 – Silly and dramatic.
- Kid 4 – Honest and practical.
- Yoga Star – A famous yoga celebrity.
- Doctor – Delivers serious news with dramatic flair.
- Mysterious Stranger – Spooky and mysterious.
- Romeo – Polite and lovestruck.
- Juliet – Friendly and kind.
- Firefighter – Brave but secretly afraid of fire.
- Person 1 – Someone trapped in a burning building.
- Person 2 – Another person trying to escape the fire.
- Fire Chief – The strict but funny boss.

🎭 Props & Costumes (Optional and Easy!)

- Yoga mat or rolled-up towel (for Yoga Star)
- Clipboard (for Doctor)
- Toy steering wheel or paper “car” (for driving scenes)
- Scarf or cloak (for Mysterious Stranger)
- Paper hearts or mask (for the Romeo & Juliet ball)
- Red, orange, or yellow streamers (for “fire” in the fire scene)
- Firefighter hat or red cap (for Firefighter)
- Badge or paper hat labeled 'Chief' (for Fire Chief)

🎬 Staging Suggestions

- Use chairs or cubes to suggest different locations (classroom, hospital, ball, burning building).
- Blackout or lights down between scenes to reset quickly.
- Have the four kids stay on stage throughout as themselves, watching and reacting to each other’s play ideas.



Script

Scene 1: The Big Decision

Narrator: Once upon a time, in a loud and creative classroom, four kids were trying to write a play for their class project. There was only one problem...

Kid 1: What should we write about?!

Kid 2: Something deep. Something powerful. Something... about yoga!

Kid 3: And horror! Like... spooky yoga!

Kid 4: Wait—yoga AND horror? That sounds weird.

Kid 1: Let's try it. We can always change it later!

Narrator: And so, they began their first idea...

Scene 2: Yoga Horror

Narrator: Once upon a stretch... there was a famous yoga star.

Yoga Star: Breathe in peace... breathe out negativity... I am famous and flexible!

Narrator: But then—CRASH! She got into a car accident!

Doctor: You broke your spinal cord. No yoga for a long time.

Yoga Star: No yoga?! I *am* yoga!

Doctor: Go to this address. Take the medicine they give you, and rest.

Narrator: That night, she drove to a strange address.

Yoga Star: It's dark... and smells like old granola bars.

Mysterious Stranger: Here's the medicine. But be careful.

Yoga Star: Why?

Mysterious Stranger: You'll see...

Narrator: The yoga star took the medicine... and something weird began to happen...

Kid 4: OKAY! Hold up! That got *way* too creepy!

Scene 3: Let's Try Romance

Kid 4: Let's try something else.

Kid 1: How about something classic? Like *Romeo and Juliet*?

Kid 3: Yeah! But, like... not too mushy.

Kid 2: Let's do it—with only a little romance.

Scene 4: Romeo & Juliet (Sort Of)

Narrator: At a fancy ball, two strangers bumped into each other.

Romeo: Are you hurt, my lady?

Juliet: No, I just tripped on my dress. Thank you!

Romeo: You're the prettiest person at this party. Want to dance?

Juliet: Sure!

Narrator: They danced all night. But the next morning...

Romeo: Oh no! Juliet's a Capulet! Our families are enemies!

Narrator: Juliet's cousin told her parents, but the couple got married anyway!

Kid 3: Okay okay. That was too much kissy kissy.

Kid 4: Yeah, let's try something funny instead.

Scene 5: Firefighter Fails

Narrator: Once, there was a firefighter... who was afraid of fire!

Firefighter: I'm scared! Why did I take this job?!

Person 1: Fire! Help!

Person 2: Our building is burning!

Firefighter: Okay, I can do this. I'm—

Narrator: (He faints.)

Person 1: He fainted!

Person 2: Let's save ourselves... and him!

Narrator: They carried him outside just in time.

Firefighter: Did I save the day?

Person 2: Not exactly.

Fire Chief: You're fired!

Firefighter: I'm on fire?! AHHH!

Fire Chief: NO—you lost your job.

Firefighter: Oh. Okay. I didn't like it anyway.

Scene 6: The Perfect Play

Kid 1: I didn't love that one either...

Kid 3: Yeah, it was kinda silly. But fun!

Kid 2: Wait—I have it! What if we made a play... about trying to write a play?

Kid 4: YES! And we can include all our crazy ideas!

Kid 1: Yoga horror, weird romance, and scaredy-cat firefighters!

Kid 3: Now **that's** a play!

Narrator: And so, the four kids wrote the best play of all—a play about writing a play, with all their funny failures along the way!

All Kids: And that's how we made a play... by failing three times first!