**Strategies for Reading Drama**

1. **Read the play silently.**  You need to know about the plot and characters before you perform the play.
2. **Figure out what is happening.** Be patient, sometimes you will need to read a few pages before you figure out what is happening.
3. **Read the stage directions carefully.** When you read drama you have to imagine both the action and the scenery. The stage directions tell exactly where and when each scene is happening.
4. **Get to know the characters.** In drama, you need to know the characters through dialogue. Analyze the character words carefully and discover the actions and feeling behind them.
5. **Keep track of the plot.** Look for the conflict and let yourself become involved in the story.
6. **Read the play aloud with others.** When drama is performed, it takes on a whole new aspect; it becomes almost like real life. Become the character with feelings and actions.