

Skit

A **skit** is a short play with a few characters. The plot, or events, of a skit are told through dialogue. Dialogue consists of the words the characters say to one another.

How Coyote Stole Fire

This is the name of the character who is speaking. This is what the character says. No quotations are used.

Narrator: Long ago, people had no fire.

Coyote: People get cold in winter. The Fire Beings have fire. But they will not share it. I will go take it.

Characters explain the action.

Narrator: Coyote **spied** on the Fire Beings, but they **guarded** fire all the time. They didn't want others to have it.

Skits are often read and not performed. The strong verbs *spied* and *guarded* help readers picture the action in their minds.

Coyote: (He hides behind a tree.) The Fire Being who is guarding the fire is asleep. (He grabs fire from the Fire Being and runs; the Fire Being chases him. The fire is passed to Tree, and Fire Being cannot get it.)

Coyote: I will show how to get fire from Tree. (Rubbing two branches together, he starts a fire. The people look happy.)