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Acting

Nine Questions for Basic Character/Scene Analysis

- 1. Who am I? (See bio questions below)**
- 2. Where am I?**
- 3. What surrounds me?**
- 4. What is my relationship to the person I'm talking to?**
- 5. What are the given circumstances?** (given circumstances are anything that affects your scene)

That can be the weather, health, your phone is dinging from texts coming in, you're hungry, you have 5 min to have this conversation before you have to go.

- 6. VERY IMPORTANT: What do I want in response back from the person I am talking to?**
- 7. What will happen if I get the response I want?**
- 8. What's in my way of getting it?**
- 9. What do I do to get what I want?**

BIO CATAGORIES – Questions to help understand who your character is.

To answer the questions below, pull from anything you can see or infer from the text and then use your imagination to build on that to create a full character. Write this out in a notebook or a pad of paper.

- **Character's Name:**
- **Age :**
- **Education:**
- **Family Background /Family Present:**
- **Socio-Economic Background/Socio-Economic Present:**
- **Job:**
- **Spiritual life:**
- **Who are their friends?**
- **From what source?**
- **Home: (Details of house)** (example: mobile home with broken appliances vs mansion with color-coordinated designer décor)
- **Hobbies/leisure activities:**
- **Kind of food character eats:**
- **Emotional health:**
- **Clothing: (spike heels vs. brown sensible shoes)**
- **Dream: What do they dream to do with their life?**
- **Secret: (What is their secret?)**

You can't play all these things in your audition. But you let them inform who your character is as you work on your monologue.



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