



Costumes and special outfits are worn at different times. Costumes are used for dressing up either when you go to a party, or for dancers, singers and other performers. A special outfit could be worn when you go to an important function.

Throughout the years, costumes and special outfits have become popular. Many costumes have been influenced by different films that have been made. Costumes can be hired from specialist shops.

Today, costumes are fun and allow performers to interact with the crowd. In any concert or performance, costumes play a large part in holding the audience's attention. Some special costumes are made so that they appeal to children.

Fashion designers play a large part in the making of costumes for any production. It is important that costumes fit the person who they are made for.

In some shows, like dancing and drama, the performers may need several costumes. These costumes are carefully cared for by the wardrobe mistress or wardrobe master. After each performance the costumes are checked and hung ready for the next performance.

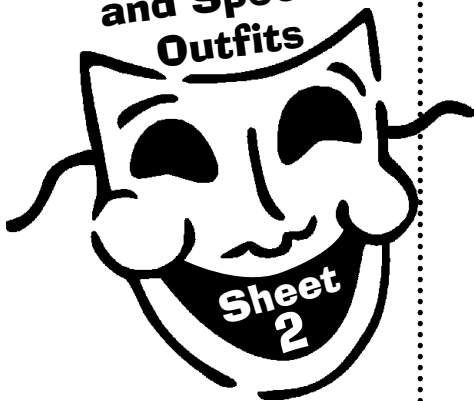
Masks are part of costumes. They are worn to conceal the face of somebody during a performance or for amusement. Masks can be made of different material. Sometimes a mask can be worn to a party to conceal the identity of the person. During the party, the masks are removed and the identities of people are revealed.

Special outfits are usually worn to formal functions. These functions are where you are expected to wear your best clothes.

### Questions

1. When are costumes and special outfits worn? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What do you think costumes do for a performer? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What role do fashion designers play in making costumes? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who looks after the costumes? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you like wearing special outfits? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Explain what a mask is. \_\_\_\_\_

# Costumes and Special Outfits



- A costume allows a performer to be someone else. In the space write the word costume. Around the word, list the accessories that could be worn or added to any costume. E.g. Bells on a jester's costume. Think about hats, gloves and beads.

- Write six words that relate to costumes in the shapes below.

Star-shaped boxes for writing words.

- You have been invited to a costume party. Choose a theme below and describe the costume that you will be wearing.

**\*Superhero**

**\*Movie Star**

**\*Cartoon Character**

**\*Animal**

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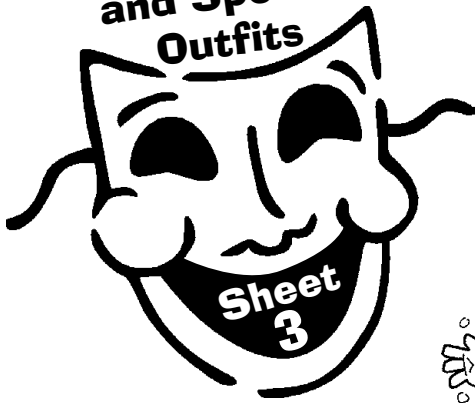


## What Happens Next?

- Oooops! You arrive at a party to discover that everybody is wearing formal clothing. Someone must have made a mistake on your invitation! On the back of this sheet write about what happens next.

I arrived at the party in my \_\_\_\_\_ costume and.....

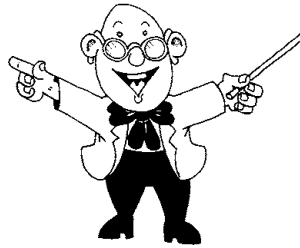
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- Circle one of the entertainers below. You are in charge of organising his/her costume for a big performance tonight. List all the garments and accessories that your performer will need. How will you style your performer's hair?



**Charles the Clown**



**Mr Conductor**



**Andy the Rock Star**



**Fairy Caroline**

Wardrobe List		Hair

- You are in charge of the costumes for a play. Before the first performance there has been a disaster and the main character's costume is ruined. The performer is furious with you. Write a letter of apology explaining what happened and how it was out of your control. What will you say?

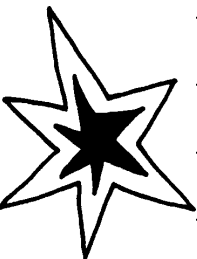
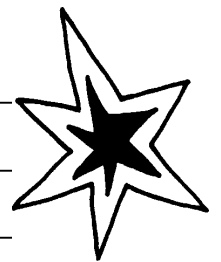
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## What Would You Wear?

- Imagine that you are an entertainer. On the back of this sheet draw and describe your costume. Are you a singer, dancer, musician or juggler?