

Given Circumstances

What are Given Circumstances?

What the author or playwright have given you as an actor to work with in terms of where you are, who you are, what you are doing, and why you are doing it

Listed below is an acronym for six Given Circumstances. Identify each word for EMOOTE and then provide an appropriate definition for each.

E - Environment

Where the scene/action is taking place

M - Motivation

Why the character is doing what he/she is doing

O - Objective

What the character wants

O - Obstacles

The barriers keeping the character from getting what he/she wants

T - Tactics

How the character plans to overcome the obstacles to achieve his/her objective

E - Exposition

What are some clues about the character's past?

E - Expectations

What predictions can be made about this character