

**Task 4:**

Read the excerpt from the argumentative essay “Stage Directions” written by **a native German English L2 learner**. This excerpt includes six extra commas that are not needed according to the rules for comma placement discovered in task 1.

**Highlight/underline** the extra commas.

**Argumentative essay: Stage directions**

Looking at famous plays, such as “Death of a Salesman” by Arthur Miller, it becomes clear, that the playwright included many stage directions in his play. Now the question is, if these stage directions are important for the readers or, if they should be left out.

Moreover, stage directions are often very specific, for instance, the Latin word “exeunt” is used, if more actors or actresses leave the stage. That is why stage directions are hard to understand and might confuse the reader.

However, there are also advocates, who praise the fact, that due to stage directions the reader gets to know what the characters, their gesture, and mimic look like.