

**drama** *n*

1. драма (*пьеса*)
2. (*обычн.* the drama) драматургия, драматическая литература драма  
to succeed in the drama - преуспеть в области драматургии  
the masterpieces of French drama - шедевры французской драматургии /-ого театрa
3. драматическое событие, драма  
drama of ideas - драма идей (*об истории научных открытий и т. п.*)  
fraught with drama - наполненный драматическими событиями  
to make a drama out of a trivial incident - драматизировать пустячное событие, раздувать значение банального происшествия
4. эффект нечто броское, эффектное  
her mourning was just for drama - она носила траур только ради эффекта

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**drama** *AW* [drama dramas] *BrE* ['drɑːmə] *NAmE* ['drɑːmə] *noun*

1. **countable** a play for the theatre, television or radio
  - a **costume/historical, etc. drama**
2. **uncountable** plays considered as a form of literature
  - **classical/Elizabethan /modern, etc. drama**
  - a drama critic
  - drama school
  - a drama student
  - I studied English and Drama at college.
3. **countable** an exciting event
  - A powerful human drama was unfolding before our eyes.
4. **uncountable** the fact of being exciting
  - You couldn't help being thrilled by the drama of the situation.

Idiom: ↑make a drama out of somethingWord Origin:early 16th cent.: via late Latin from Greek **drama**, from dran 'do, act'.Thesaurus:**drama** *noun*1. **C**

• a courtroom drama serialized on TV

**play** • **comedy** • **tragedy** • **farce** •a **television/radio** drama/play/comedya **historical** drama/play2. **U**

• Television drama is a powerful cultural medium.

**acting** • **the stage** • **show business** • **the performing arts** • |*BrE* **theatre** • |*AmE* **theater** • |*informal* **showbiz** •**improvisational/serious** drama/acting/theatre**classical/Elizabethan /modern** drama/theatrea drama/stage/acting/performing arts/theatre **school**Example Bank:

- Art should deal with the human drama and tragedy of everyday life.
- He's a drama major at Howard University.
- It is very difficult to write good drama.
- Millions follow this hospital drama twice a week.
- She stars in a new one-hour drama about a woman judge.
- The actor was involved in a real-life drama when he was held up at gunpoint last night.
- The afternoon was full of drama and excitement.
- The argument added a touch of drama to an otherwise dull day.
- The arrival of the police heightened the drama further.
- The media loved all the drama surrounding their divorce.
- The movie is a heart-warming family drama.
- a collection of people watching the drama unfold outside the nightclub
- a gritty police drama
- a powerful television drama about city life
- the actors in a drama
- the drama critic for the 'Sunday Times'
- the first episode of a new police drama produced for television
- It is a lavish costume drama set in the early twentieth century.
- Television drama is a powerful cultural medium.
- The story easily fits into the standard mould of a courtroom drama.

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**W3 AC** /'drɑːmə/\$ 'drɑːmə,'dræmə/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑**drama**, ↑**dramatist**; **verb:** ↑**dramatize**; **adjective:** ↑**dramatic**]

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Late Latin; **Origin:** Greek, '*action, theater plays*', from dran '*to do*']

1. [**uncountable and countable**] a play for the theatre, television, radio etc, usually a serious one, or plays in general ⇒ **comedy**:  
the great traditions of ancient Greek drama

**a TV/television/radio drama**

- the award-winning TV drama 'Prime Suspect'
- a new drama series for Saturday nights
- a drama critic
- a courtroom drama (=one that takes place in a court of law)
- a lavish costume drama (=one about events in a past century)
- He plays a Russian spy in the comedy drama 'Sleepers'.

2. [**uncountable**] acting – used when talking about it as a subject to study or teach:

- young actors coming out of drama school
- our drama teacher

3. [**uncountable and countable**] an exciting event or set of events, or the quality of being exciting:

- Maggie's life is always full of drama.
- accidents, burst pipes, and other domestic dramas
- a night of high drama (=very exciting events)
- the drama of the moment

4. **make a drama out of something** to become upset about a small problem and make it seem worse than it really is:

- Brian always makes such a drama out of everything.

5. **drama queen** a woman or ↑**homosexual** man who tends to behave as if situations are worse than they really are – used to show disapproval

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**COLLOCATIONS****ADJECTIVES/NOUN + drama**

- **a TV/television/radio drama** The book has been made into a television drama.
- **a costume drama** (=about events in history, in which people wear costumes from that time) a costume drama set in 17th century France
- **a historical drama** (=about events in the past) She starred in a historical drama about Marie Antoinette.
- **a medical/hospital drama** (=about events in a hospital) He played a doctor in the US medical drama 'ER'.
- **a crime drama** (=about a crime or crimes) 'American Gangster' is a crime drama set in 1970s New York.
- **a courtroom drama** (=about events in a court) The lawyer and sleuth Perry Mason was the hero of 82 courtroom dramas.
- **a romantic drama** (=about a romance) It is a wartime romantic drama.
- **a comedy/tragic drama** (=about funny/very sad events) Martin Clunes is to star in a new comedy drama.
- **a police/cop drama** (=about the police) 'The Bill' is a popular police drama.
- **a three-part/six-part etc drama** (=having three/six etc programmes) It's a new four-part crime drama starting on Monday night.
- **a Greek drama** (=a play from Ancient Greece) the tragic Greek drama, 'Oedipus'

**drama + NOUN**

- **a drama series/serial** (=a number of programmes with the same characters) It is one of the longest-running drama series on Japanese television.

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