

SCREENPLAY FORMAT

camera direction in CAPS

FADE IN:

Falling fast into an endless abyss with fleeting surreal images: a lush but off-kilter landscape, strange misshapen people, a blue caterpillar floating in smoky mist, the wry smile of a man in a top hat, a weeping turtle, an egg man on a fence, a gryphon and the silhouette of a huge-headed woman screaming.

Paragraphs that line up at the far left margin describe the scene or character, and tell about the action.

RED QUEEN (O.S.)

All caps indented indicate a new character speaking

Off with her head! Off with her head!
OFF WITH HER HEAD!

Dialogue indented from left side.

ALICE'S MOTHER (O.S.)

Alice?

ON ALICE KINGSLEY

camera direction

character description and action

Alice comes out of her daydream with a start. She is bright, young and lovely with a wild mane of blonde hair.

INT. A CARRIAGE – 1865

tells this is an interior shot of a carriage in 1865

Alice sits in the back of a carriage. Her mother reaches out a hand to her.

Scripts use Courier font

Movie Abbreviations:

- INT: interior—filming happens inside
- EXT: exterior—filming occurs outside
- O.S.: off screen—the actor is not on camera in the scene

Other abbreviations can be found at

<http://www.screenwriting.info/glossary.php#abbreviations>