

LIST OF SUGGESTED MODERN PLAYS FOR SCHOOL - POTENTIAL SOURCES FOR MONOLOGUES AND DUOLOGUES

Play	Author	Published / First performed	Character/s	Source/Further information	Synopsis
Boys	Ella Hickson	2012	6 (4 Male, 2 female)	https://www.scribd.com/book/353203507/Boys	The Class of 2011 are about to graduate and Benny, Mack, Timp and Cam are due out of their flat. Stepping into a world that doesn't want them, these boys start to wonder whether there's any point in getting any older
On the Shore of the Wide Worlds	Simon Stephens	2005	11 (7 Male, 4 Female)	https://sites.google.com/site/playwrightencyclopedia/simon-stephens/on-the-shore-of-the-whole-wide-world	Spanning 3 generations of a suffering family
This Lime Tree Bower	Conor McPherson	1997	3 male	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/plays-to-perform/this-lime-tree-bower	3 interlinking monologues
If There Is I Haven't Found It Yet	Nick Payne	2009	4 (2 male, 2 female)	https://www.bushtheatre.co.uk/event/if-there-is-i-haven-t-found-it-yet-by-nick-payne/	An overweight girl is the target of bullying
Yen	Anna Jordan	2015	4 2(2 male, 2 female)	https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2015/feb/24/yen-five-star-review-anna-jordan	2 teenager brothers live alone with no boundaries

Brilliant Adventures	Alistair McDowall	2013	6 male	https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/brilliant-adventures-9781472507044/	Described as 'foul-mouthed and violent.'
My Left Nut	Mcheal Patrick & Oisin Kearney	2017	1 male	https://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk/p/65600/my-left-nut	A Belfast schoolboy finds a lump on his testicle and struggles to tell his mother or seek help. Also, looks at how he deals with the grief of having lost his father.
My Name is Saoirse	Eva O'Connor	2015	1 female	https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/my-name-is-saoirse-9781474286145/	A girl from the West of Ireland gets pregnant at a house party in the 80s & has to decide what to do.
Maz and Bricks	Eva O'Connor	2017	2 (1 male, 1 female)	https://www.fishamble.com/maz-and-bricks.html	A young father and a young protester become unlikely friends at a repeal the 8th March in Dublin
Square Go	Gary McNair & Kieran Hurley	2018	2 males	https://www.59e59.org/shows/show-detail/square-go/	Two scottish lads hide in the school toilet before their first fight.
Killymuck	Kat Woods	2018	1 female	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Killymuck-Kat-Woods/dp/0573116385	A girl grows up in a housing estate in Fermanagh
Sauce	Ciara Smyth	2019	2 females	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Sauce-All-Honey-Two-Plays/dp/184842955X	Two women meet at a weightwatchers class in Dublin

Dublin Old School	Emmett Kirwan	2014	2 males	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dublin-Oldschool-Modern-Plays-Kirwan/dp/1474290752	A wannabe DJ has a mad weekend, and meets his heroin addict brother for the first time in years
Bottleneck	Luke Barnes	2012	1 male	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bottleneck-Oberon-Modern-Plays-Barnes/dp/1849434379	A young liverpool fan scrimps and saves to go to a match, and finds himself in the middle of the hillsborough disaster.
The Wheelchair On My Face	Sonya Kelly	2011	1 female	https://www.fishamble.com/the-wheelchair-on-my-face.html	A girl deals with getting massive glasses before her first holy communion.
Humours of Bandon	Margaret McAuliffe	2016	1 female	https://www.fishamble.com/the-humours-of-bandon.html	An Irish dancer gears up for her final competition in her last year of school
Beats	Kieran Hurley	2013		https://www.amazon.co.uk/Beats-Oberon-Modern-Kieran-Hurley/dp/178319037X	A music mad Scottish teenager comes of age just as raves are made illegal in Scotland
Spacewang	Tom Wells	2011	1 female	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/spacewang	A monologue play in which a teenage girl roams the streets of Withernsea in search of aliens.
Vera Vera Vera	Hayley Squires	2012	5 (2 male, 3 female)	https://royalcourttheatre.com/whats-on/vera-vera-vera/	Siblings fight as they plan a funeral for dead army brother

After the End	Dennis Kelly	2005	2 (1 male, 1 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/After-End-Oberon-Modern-Plays/dp/1840025808	Louise is trapped with Mark in a bunker after a nuclear attack
The Ferryman	Jez Butterworth	2017	21 (13 male 8 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/ferryman	Set in NI in 1981, the height of the troubles
The Kite Runner	Adapted by Matthew Spangler	2009	14	https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/557288/the-kite-runner-play-script-by-adapted-by-matthew-spangler/	Afghani immigrant Amir is summoned from his California home to Pakistan by Rahim Khan, an old, dying friend of his father
Defender of the Faith	Stuart Carolan	2004	6 male	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Defender-Faith-Stuart-Carolan/dp/1854598163	A senior figure in the IRA visits a family farm to hunt out a suspected informer
The Good Father	Christian O'Reilly	2014	2 (1 male, 1 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Good-Father-Christian-Oreilly/dp/0822231875	Tim and Jane are from different sides of the class divide, but after a random meeting at a New Year's Eve party leads to an unexpected pregnancy, they attempt to form a relationship against all the odds.
Ballyturk	Enda Walsh	2014	4 (3 male, 1 female)	http://www.irishplayography.com/play.aspx?playid=33854	Two unnamed male characters live in a single-room dwelling and discuss an imaginary town in Ireland called Ballyturk.
Lungs	Duncan Macmillan	2011	2 (1 male , 1 female)	https://bit.ly/38nnoCt	It's about a young couple deciding whether or not to bring a child into the world with all the nonsense going on

Teechers	John Godber	1987	3 (2 male, 1 female - multi-roling)	https://bit.ly/3kirQoa	students Gail, Hobby and Salty put on an end of year performance in their drama class.
Absolute Beginners	Roy Williams	2007	10 (8 male, 2 female)	https://www.blackplaysarchive.org.uk/explore/productions/absolute-beginners	A Vespa-riding young photographer takes a journey through the gritty and glamorous streets of West London chasing the love of his life
Brainstorming	Ned Glasier	2015	Company of teenagers	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/brainstorm	a unique theatrical investigation into how teenagers' brains work, and why they're designed by evolution to be the way they are.
Blue Remembered Hills	Dennis Potter	1996	7 (5 male, 2 female)	https://www.waterstones.com/book/blue-remembered-hills/dennis-potter/9780573016998	It's a hot summer's day in 1943 and seven children play, laugh, sing and cry somewhere in the woods just before tea-time
Joyriders	Christina Reid	1986	5 (2 male, 3 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Reid-Plays-Joyriders-Contemporary-Dramatists/dp/0413712206	Exploring the lives of four teenagers who are involved in a youth training programme
Clowns	Christina Reid	1997	7 (3 male, 4 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Reid-Plays-Joyriders-Contemporary-Dramatists/dp/0413712206	Sequel to joyriders. This play sees the characters reunite 8 years later at the first IRA ceasefire
Sparkleshark	Philip Ridley	1997	9 (6 male, 3 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Sparkleshark-Acting-Philip-Ridley/dp/0573051224	The power of storytelling helps 14 year old Jake overcome school bullies

Banana Boys	Evan Placey	2010	19 (8 male, 11 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/plays-to-perform/banana-boys	a play about the challenges of being on the school football team – and secretly gay.
Girls like that	Evan Placey	2016	6 (6 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/plays-to-perform/girlslikethat	
Hear Me Now: Audition Monologues for Actors of Colour				http://www.tamasha.org.uk/hear-me-now/	
The Domino Effect	Fin Kennedy	2015	30, unassigned	https://bit.ly/3kmlR1M	This ensemble play revolves around a central character who is mute, and explores ideas about fate, self-determination and the law of unintended consequences
Fast	Fin Kennedy	2015	12 (4 male, 8 female)	https://bit.ly/3liv9Nr	The play explores issues around fasting, diet, food production and food security.
The Dream Collector	Fin Kennedy	2015	11 (4male, 7 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/plays-to-perform/the-dream-collector	The play follows a school group who go on a Media Studies trip to an isolated country house which once belonged to a movie pioneer, Charles Somna
Same	Deborah Bruce	2014	14 (14 male, 10 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/same	When Josie dies in an old people's home, her grandchildren gather to share their memories of her,

Empty	Cathy Forde	2010	4 (2 male, 2 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Empty-Modern-Plays-Cathy-Forde/dp/1408130572	When you're only sixteen, could the events of one night really shape the course of your life
Little Sweet Thing	Roy Williams	2005	8 (4 male, 4 female)	https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/little-sweet-thing-9780413775023/	Gang warfare, violence and young love are the ingredients of this explosive cocktail looking at the lives of two black teenagers living in multi-cultural Britain
The Red Helicopter	Robin French	2019	15 (8 male, 7 female)	https://bit.ly/32rKlez	An epic, futuristic drama about innocence, community and the dangerous power of unquestioning belief.
The Static	Davey Anderson	2012	5 (2 male, 3 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Static-Blackout-Modern-Plays/dp/1408173433	<i>The Static</i> is a comingofage love story about what happens when our darkest dreams come true.
The Promise	Alexei Arbuzov/ Nick Dear	2002	3 (2 male, 1 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Promise-Nick-Dear-ebook/dp/B00Q1UQDLI	During the siege of Leningrad in 1942, three young people – a girl and two boys – find shelter in a semi-derelict house. The play follows the intricacies of their triangular relationship over the next seventeen years
Mirad, A Boy from Bosnia	Ad de Bont	1995	3 (2 male, 2 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mirad-Boy-Bosnia-Longman-Dictionary/dp/058224949X/ref=tmm_pap_swatc_h_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=	This play is set in the savage Bosnian Civil War, and is the moving tale of one boy's search for his missing parents
The Jumper Factory	Luke Barnes	2019	6 males	https://homemcr.org/production/the-jumper-factory/	This piece explores the stories of people behind bars and the resilience they need to face a world that moves without them.

Our Country's Good	Timberlake Wertenbaker	1988	21 (19 male, 2 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Our-Countrys-Good-Modern-Plays/dp/1474274447	In the 1780s, convicts and Royal Marines were sent to Australia as part of the first penal colony there. The play shows the class system in the convict camp and discusses themes such as sexuality, punishment, the Georgian judicial system,
55 Days	Howard Brenton	2012	15 (13 male, 2 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/plays-to-perform/55-days	December 1648. The Army has occupied London. Parliament votes not to put the imprisoned king on trial, so the Army moves against Westminster in the first and only military coup in English history.
Anne Boleyn	Howard Brenton	2010	15 (11 male, 4 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/plays-to-perform/anne-boleyn	A celebration of a great English heroine, <i>Anne Boleyn</i> dramatises the life and legacy of Henry VIII's notorious second wife, who helped change the course of the nation's history.
Eternal Love	Howard Brenton	2014	17 (11 male, 6 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/plays-to-perform/eternal-love	When Abelard begins a wild affair with his brilliant student Heloise, his enemies find the perfect pretext to destroy him.
16 Possible Glimpses	Marina Carr	2011	12 (8male, 4 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/16-Possible-Glimpses-Marina-Carr/dp/1852355212	A poetic imagining of the life and death of the great Russian dramatist, Anton Chekhov: master story-teller, master playwright, doctor, lover, brother, son.
Noughts & Crosses	Dominic Cooke	2007	17 (5 male, 12 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Noughts-Crosses-Modern-Shakespeare-Company/dp/1854599399	An electrifying, bittersweet love story with echoes of <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> , set in a society divided by racial bigotry and a world rocked by terrorism.

The Clearing	Helen Edmundson	1994	10 (7 male, 3 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/the-clearing	A powerful play about the effects of Oliver Cromwell's military campaign in Ireland - a ruthless conquest whose folk memories still sit uncomfortably in the Irish psyche.
Mary Shelley	Helen Edmundson	2012	9 (2 male, 7 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/mary-shelley-1	play explores a crucial episode in the early life of Mary Shelley – her meeting and scandalous elopement aged sixteen with Percy Bysshe Shelley, and its consequences for her sisters, her stepmother and above all, her troubled father
The Heresy of Love	Helen Edmundson	2015	15 (8 male, 7 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/heresyoflove	In the late 1600s, in a convent in Mexico, a gifted and progressive writer finds herself at the centre of a deadly battle of ideas
Youth Without God	Christopher Hampton	2019	21 (17 male, 4 female)	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Youth-Without-God-Based-Novel/dp/0571358225	When a teacher reprimands a student for a racist comment, he stands accused of ‘sabotage of the Fatherland’. As events escalate, and a murder takes place, the teacher must decide whether to take a stand, even if it costs him everything.
Blood & Ice	Liz Lochhead	2009	5 (2 male, 3 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/plays-to-perform/blood-and-ice	Liz Lochhead tells the story of <i>Frankenstein's</i> creation.
Trelawney of the Wells	Patrick Marber	2013	11 (7 Male, 4 Female)	https://www.faber.co.uk/9780571303458-trelawny-of-the-wells.html	Rose Trelawny is the brightest young star at the Sadler's Wells Theatre. But she's prepared to give it all up for the love of her noble stage door suitor, Arthur Gower.

Bronte	Polly Teale	2011	6 (2 male, 4 female)	https://www.nickhernbooks.co.uk/plays-to-perform/bronte	A compelling literary detective story about the turbulent lives of the Brontë sisters
What Are They Like?	Lucinda Coxon	2013	Ensemble	https://whataretheylikeblog.wordpress.com/tag/lucinda-coxon/	Adolescence is a rough ride. You've got existential angst, mood swings, fashion fiascos, terrifying physical changes, never enough money...And that's just the parents. how well do you know yours?