

Introduction to Theatre



WEEK 1: INTRO. TO THEATRE & MOVEMENT

8 Rules of Improvisation

1. Say, “Yes, and!”
2. Add new information
3. Don’t Block.
4. Avoid asking questions when performing unless you’re also adding new information.
5. Play in the present and use the moment.
6. Establish the location.
7. Be specific and provide colorful details.
8. There are no mistakes!

Journal Prompts

Please answer as many as you can in the next 5 minutes.

PROMPT 1

Have you ever seen a live stage show? Describe how it felt to be in the audience. Did you enjoy the show? Why or why not? If you've never seen a show, what do you think live stage would be like?

PROMPT 2

What are some benefits of live theatre?

PROMPT 3

What challenges do actors face when moving around the stage? What things do they need to keep in mind when there is an audience?

What is Theatre?



Theater

“The art of writing, acting, and producing plays”

- Is Theatre more than that?
Can it be?
- Who is it for?
- What does it do?
- Why is it needed?
- How is it different and similar to film and television?

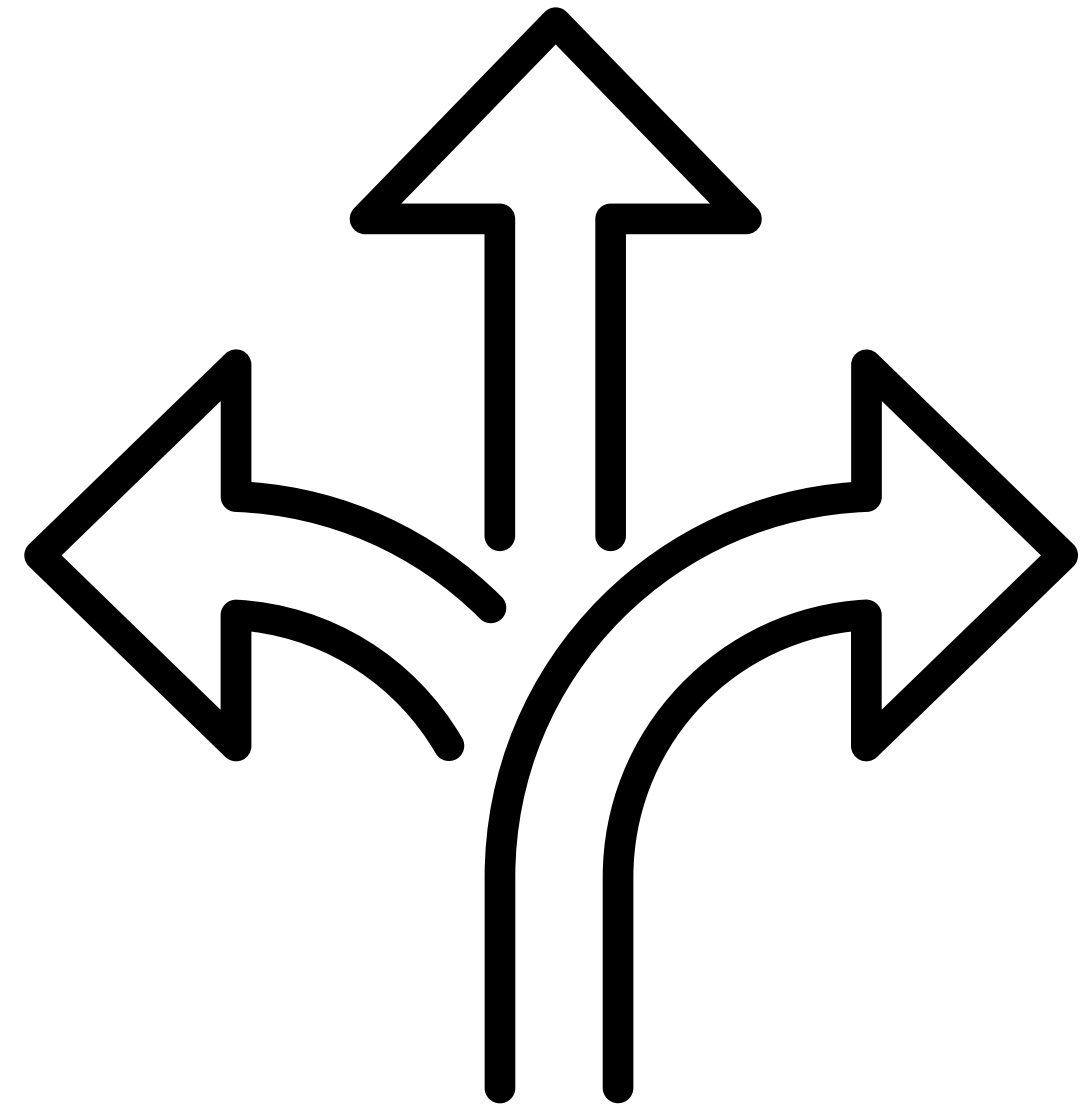
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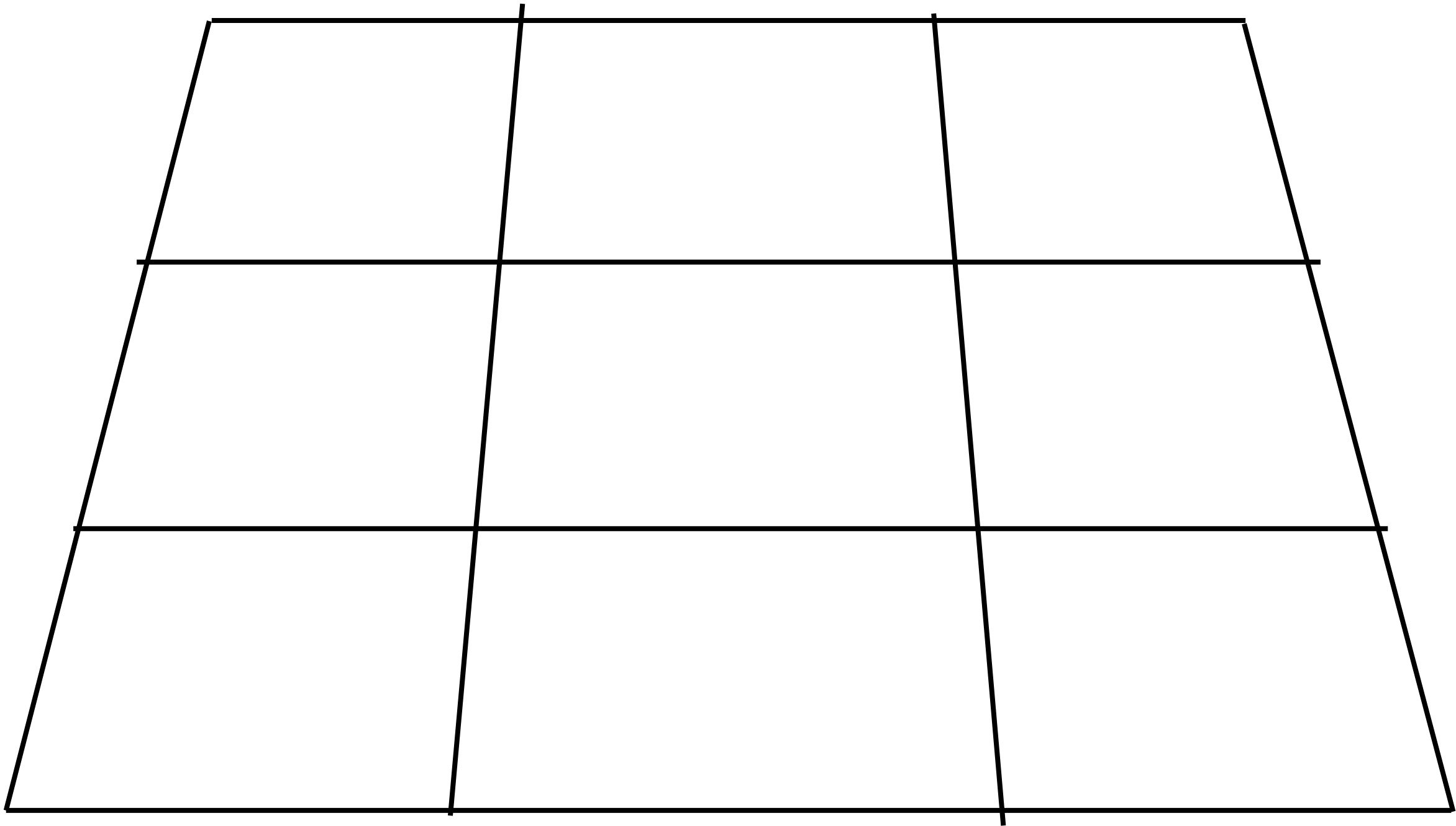
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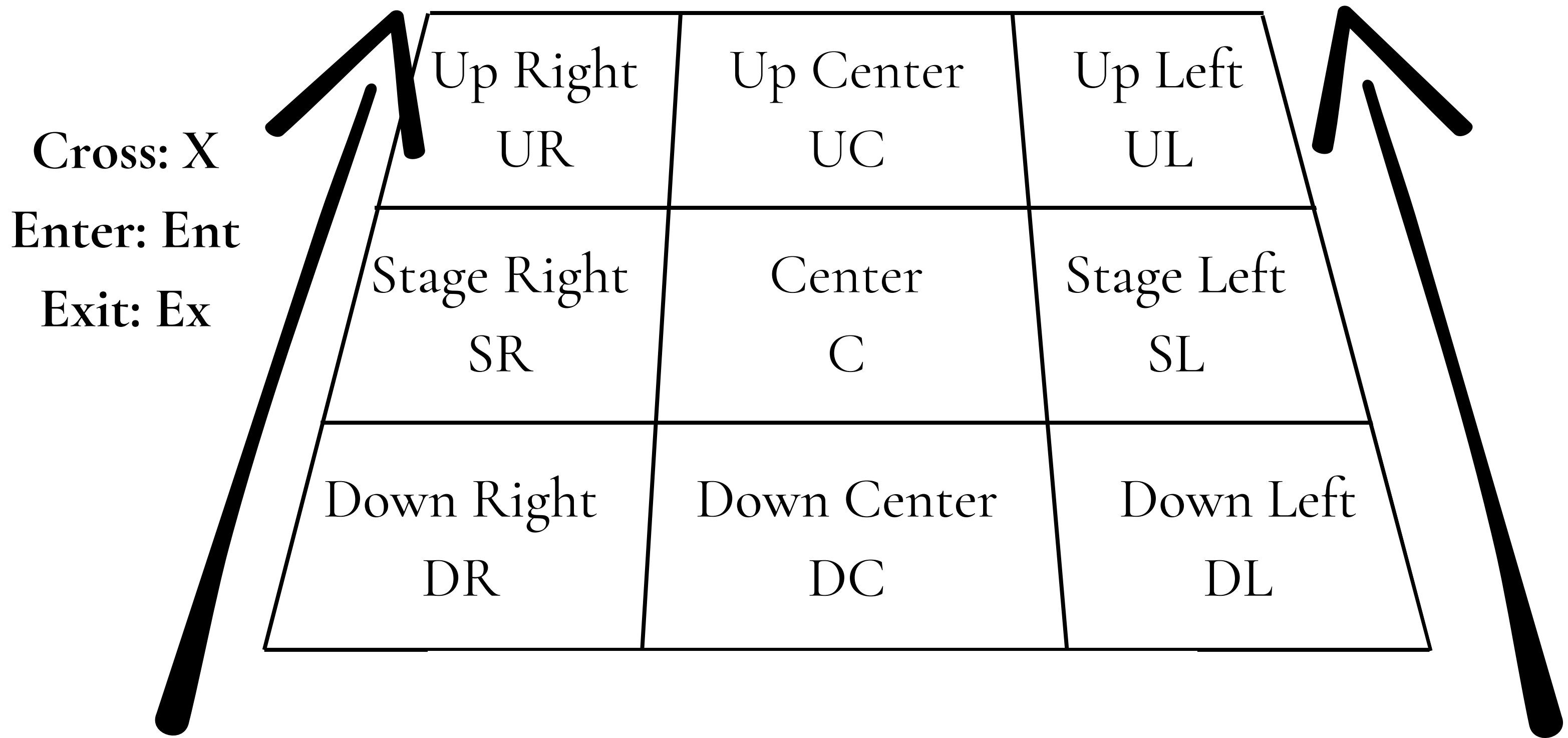
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One to Twenty

STAGE
directions
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GAME

Stop, Clap, Go, Jump

BLOCKING

Short Scenes