Write a play script featuring Duke William and the servant who had to tell him that Harold had been made King of England.

You will need to start with a list of the characters, you may want more than one servant and you can give them names if you want to.

Then think where it is set, most probably at Duke William’s house (or castle).

**An example:**

**Characters:**

Duke William

Servant 1 (Bob)

Servant 2 (Jim)

**Setting:**

Duke William’s castle in France

Now start to write the dialogue (words).

Remember, when you are writing a play script you do not need inverted commas. You write the character’s name followed by a colon to show they are talking.

You start each person’s speech on a new line.

Think about all the feelings you wrote down for Duke William. He will be furious that he hasn’t been made king as Edward had promised him. Think about what he might say to the poor servants who had to deliver the news! I expect the servants were feeling very nervous!

**An example:**

Jim: You tell him.

Bob: I’m scared, he’s going to be so furious. You tell him.

Jim: If you do it then I’ll wash your smelly socks for a whole month!

William: What are you two whispering about over there? What do you want?

Jim: We’ve got something to tell you…er…well..the thing is…

William: Just get on with it!

You could try adding stage directions. These tell us how the character is talking or what they are doing. They go in brackets after the character’s name.

**An example:**

Jim: (Whispering) You tell him.

Bob: (Looking nervous) I’m scared, he’s going to be so furious. You tell him.

Jim: (In a desperate way) If you do it then I’ll wash your smelly socks for a whole month!

William: (Shouts loudly) What are you two whispering about over there? What do you want?

Jim: (Quietly) We’ve got something to tell you…er…well..the thing is…

William: (Angrily) Just get on with it!

Stage directions tell the actors how to say their lines. They do not need to say the words in the brackets, they are just instructions for them to follow.

See if you can include some stage directions in your play script.