Elements of drama

Atmosphere
The feeling or mood created by the dramatic action.

Audience Engagement
The actor-audience relationship.

Focus
The frame directing the attention of the audience & between performers. It is also the concentration and belief of the performer.

Language
Verbal & non-verbal communication on the stage.

Moment
The control & manipulation of tempo in the main dramatic moments.

Movement
Movement dictates situations, roles and relationships through physical action.

Place
Where the action occurs.

Rhythm
Manipulation of timing through pace and tempo.

Role & Character
Role: The point of view and values of a character. Character: Their personality, background & motivation.

Situation
The circumstances the characters are in.

Sound
Aural devices that enhance the performance by building tension.

Space
The shape of the stage/performance space & use of the spatial design between performers & the audience.

Structure
The framework the content is presented through.

Symbol
Meaning created through symbols via language, movement, gesture, objects, design and staging.

Tension
The force that engages the performers & the audience.

Time
The period in which the dramatic action occurs.

Dramatic Meaning
The meaning created through all of the elements combined.