

Year 8 Drama Revision

Performance Skills

Do you know what the following Drama words mean?

- Confidence
- Acting
- Teamwork
- Expression
- Imagination



1. Acting: Acting is the art of portraying a character in a performance by using physical movements, voice, and emotions to tell a story.

2. Confidence: Confidence is the belief in one's abilities to perform or speak in front of others without fear or hesitation.

3. Teamwork: Teamwork is working together with others to achieve a common goal, such as putting on a play or scene.

4. Expression: Expression is the use of facial features, gestures, and voice to communicate emotions or ideas in a performance.

5. Imagination: The ability to create ideas, images or stories in your mind. In Drama it helps actors bring characters and scenes to life.

Do you know what the performance skills are?

- Gesture
- Voice
- Facial Expression
- Movement



Mime Skills

Can you remember the rules of MIME? Here are some basic rules for Mime in Drama class:

Do's:

- Do focus on using your body and facial expressions to communicate, without words.
- Do make your movements clear and exaggerated to help the audience understand your actions.
- Do use imaginary props, making sure to act as if they are real.
- Do work on making your actions smooth and realistic, using your whole body.
- Do keep eye contact with the audience to help express emotion and make the scene engaging.

Don'ts:

- Don't make sounds or speak while performing a mime.
- Don't break character by laughing or reacting to mistakes during the performance.
- Don't move too quickly—mime requires deliberate, controlled actions.
- Don't forget to exaggerate your movements to make them clear to the audience.
- Don't touch or rely on actual props—everything in mime is imagined

Pantomime

Can you name some famous pantomimes, such as:

- Cinderella
- Babes in the Woods
- Aladdin
- Dick Whittington
- Snow White....and others



And do you know the stock characters?

- The Hero/The Heroine
- The Villainess/The Vilain
- The Dame
- The Side Kick

Scriptwriting

Can you write an imaginative script?

You would have to include:

- Character names in the margin
- Stage directions in brackets

It should look like this:

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| Mrs Brown | (approaching Edward)...Well? How did the night at Darkwood go? |
| Edward | (clearly agitated) Mrs Brown, it was awful! Now, where is my money? |
| Mrs Brown | Patience dear boy, all in good time! You must tell me what happened... |
| Edward | (whispering, almost in tears) Alright, but I warn you, what I have to tell you, will change you forever... |