



Elements of Drama

Use of Voice

Vocal expression can be used to create a character or to show emotion. Use of voice includes pitch, tone, volume, pace, pause and articulation.

Gesture

Gesture is where a character uses a deliberate body movement, especially using hands, arms or head, to convey meaning or emotion.

Dialogue

Dialogue refers to the words that the characters speak in a scene. These could be words learned from a script or they could be words which the actor makes up in an improvisation.

Facial Expression

Facial expression refers to the use of gesture of the face. It can be used to express the emotion of the character or to reveal their inner thoughts.

Intonation

Intonation refers to the rise and fall in the voice of the character as they are speaking. Use of intonation can be used to convey emotion, meaning and intent.

Posture

Posture refers to the way a character holds their body. Use of posture can convey how a character is feeling in a scene. It can also show a character's relationship to another character.

Setting

Setting refers to the time and place in which a scene takes place. The setting can determine how a character acts, depending on when and where the scene takes place.

Plot

The plot refers to the storyline of a scene. It is what gives the action to the scene. Much like a written story, it can have a beginning, a middle and an end.

Development of Character

Creating and developing a character depends on an understanding of the emotions and motivations of the character. A character will develop in response to other characters and events in a scene.

Tension / Conflict

A character can experience internal or external conflict. Internal conflict is where a character grapples with their own emotions or decisions. External conflict is where a character faces opposition from other characters.

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