

Mime

Mime is pretending to use objects and landscapes that aren't there to help the audience understand a story.



Gesture - hands
Stance – standing position
Gait – way of walking
Facial Expression

It comes from a form of French street theatre, where a performer would tell a whole silent story using body language.

One of the most well known sketches is one where the artist pretends they are trapped in a box.



In modern drama we tend to use mime as a way of setting the scene and pretending to use objects. You can use mime in a scene that includes speaking – you might be pretending to climb over a fence, open a box or turn a key. What makes it come alive is your face and body language and reactions.

BUILDING BLOCKS OF DRAMA

Drama Skills

STILL IMAGE

Still Image can also be called **Freeze Frame** or **Tableaux**.

They are pictures created by performers to tell part of the story, illustrate a narration or emphasise a key moment in a play.

You use facial expressions and body language and positioning on stage to show who you are. You have to think about the status of your character and where you put them.

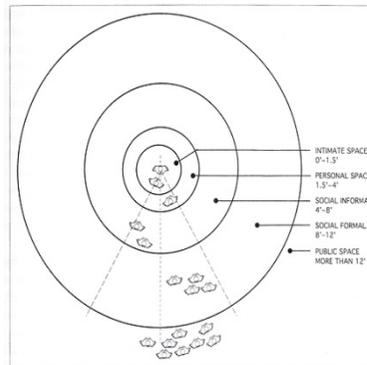


Figure 9.5 The four distance zones of proxemics are concerned with distance between people.

EG: Higher positions can mean more power as can central positions on the stage. Big distances between characters can show that their relationships are distant or at war.

Narrator



A Narrator is a character who is traditionally outside of the story who is a link to the audience. Sometimes a character can be a narrator too, they can talk straight to the audience while the rest of the play freezes.

Role Play

Role play is when you are working in character. You could be rehearsing or performing using role-play. You take on the features of the character and use your body, face and voice to get them across to the audience.



Physical Theatre



This is a fast-paced style of theatre, where the

cast make the scenery, set and props out of their bodies to help tell the story on stage. One minute you could be a character, the next minute you could be super-market trolley!

