

# Suggested Drama Home Learning Activities

## Voice Projection

Think about the different ways that you can use your voice to make your performance interesting. Remember you can change your voice by changing dynamics e.g. loud/soft; pitch (high/low) and the speed that you talk at.

Pick your favourite nursery rhyme or poem and practise saying it in these different ways:

- say it as if you are in a hurry
- say it as if you are telling someone a secret
- say it as if you are very tired
- say it as if you are a very old person
- say it as if you are a police officer

How did you change your voice for each one?

**Challenge** - can you think of any others to do?

Perhaps you could record your favourite one.

## The Hobbies Game

Concentrate on the first letters of your first name and surname. The object is to make up an imaginary hobby with the same set of initials.

e.g.

Mia Phillips - Murmuring Poetry  
 Ron Brown - Ringing Bells  
 Dawn Grey - Drawing Giraffes  
 Martin Scott - Marvellous Singing  
 Kay Taylor - Kissing Teddy Bears  
 Jenny Adams - Judging aeroplanes  
 Gary Knowles - Gliding Kites

Make up hobbies for yourself, members of your household and anyone else you can think of.

## Miming Actions

Remember the Key point is concentration.

Mime different ways of combing your hair; fussy and nervous; vain; bored; it's tangled; finding dandruff on your shoulder etc.

Mime washing your hair; spray the water on; squeeze on the shampoo; massage it in; rinse the soap off; brush hair into a style and dry it with a hairdryer; examine your hairstyle in the mirror - are you happy or disappointed? Use some of these miming skills for Improvised Play below.

## Waxworks

Have you been to Madame Tussaud's? There are lots of different waxworks there, kings, queens, and famous people, all absolutely still. You are going to become a Waxwork model!

So, count to three and you or someone else says "Waxwork" and you freeze into a teacher doing what a teacher does e.g. writing on the Smartboard or ticking off the class or helping someone with their work. Suddenly the teacher waxwork comes to life and says a few things in role and then freezes again.

Try other waxworks such as a mother, a father, a clown, a criminal, a monster, a person at work or anything else you can think of.

A member of your household can say Action and Freeze.

## WORD GAME LISTS

Each contestant has just one minute to name all the items he/she can think of from a given category, e.g. Fruit, Vegetables, Cities, Countries, Meals, Girls' Names, Boys' Names, Clothes, Parts of the Body, and Cars.

So, if the category were meals, he would start off: 'Sausages and Mash, Fish and Chips, Steak Pie, Beans on Toast .....' and continue until he runs out of ideas or the minute is up.

This can be competitive or otherwise.

## Improvised Play The Girl/Boy with the Bad Haircut

As there are no Hairdressers open at the moment we cannot get our hair cut, styled or coloured.

So a member of your household says they will cut your hair for you. You are a bit nervous about this but he/she persuades you that everything will be ok. But the haircut goes wrong and when you look in the mirror you are devastated. What do you both say and do next?

Make up an improvised play about what happens.