

Spy School - Knowledge Organiser

Physical skills	Definition
Posture	A position of the body which can convey a mental, physical or emotional attitude (he stood defiantly)
Facial expression	Helps portray emotions, attitude (surprise, disgust)
Poise	The way a character moves (her poise was self-assured, she moved fluidly across the stage)
Characterisation	The way in which an actor has portrayed a character
Pacing	The tempo of a performance.
Status	The importance of power-on-stage of a performer in relation to their circumstances
Body tension	How tense or relaxed the performer is.
Gestures	A movement which expresses meaning, emotion or communication, (she placed her hands over her face in frustration)
Action verbs	What characters might be doing on-stage (to cajole, to bully, to mock, to impress)
Subtext	Implicating something else (she tapped the desk-top repeatedly, suggesting her annoyance)
Mime	Movement actions without speech
Gait	A way of walking or moving across the stage (he trotted across the stage)
Objective	A character's intention or goal
Repetition	The repeating of action, sound, phrase, word or movement
Blocking	The actor's planned movements
Cue	A verbal or physical signal that indicates dialogue or entrance is about to happen.
Interactions	How a character communicates with other characters.
Tempo	Inner and out emotions which have a pulse or pattern to them
Rhythm	Inner emotion shown through gestures, actions or movements

Vocal Skills:	Definition:
Pitch	How high or low the voice is.
Pace	The rhythm and speed with which words are spoken.
Projection (or volume)	How loud or quiet the voice is.
Pause	Stopping to emphasise a point or provide contrast and variation.
Intonation	The rise and fall of the voice to provide variation and interest.
Tone	How lines are said to convey meaning.
Accent	Used to indicate where a character is from (location) or to show social class or status.
Inflection	The ups and downs of spoken language.
Emphasis (or stress)	Used to place importance on specifically chosen words.
Nuance	Subtle changes in voice to change the meaning in a text.