



Tools for Teaching Improvisation

Musical Character Cards

What You Need

- Create a set of “musical character cards”. On each one, put a brief character description (ie: Batman, a horse, a baby, a Martian).

Directions

Step 1: Each person chooses a card to act out using *only* sounds (no gestures or words).

Step 2: Everyone tries to guess the character.

Variation: For a very challenging exercise, create story cards based on commonly known fairy tales. Have small groups tell the story using only sounds – no gestures or words. Give the groups time to brainstorm.

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