

Keywords:

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Introduction to the topic:

During your GCSE Drama lessons you will be writing about the ways in which actors use their vocal and physical skills in order to demonstrate that you understand why actors make those choices on stage. The vocal and physical skills listed below are essential key words needed in order to access the theory content of the GCSE.

What lessons will you cover during the topic? During your Drama lessons you will be exploring devising, script work and also watching live theatre.

Keyword	Definition
Tone	Must have an emotion before it <i>Angry tone</i>
Pace	The speed at which you speak <i>Fast/Slow</i>
Pitch	The quality of your speech, usually to suggest your age, gender or mood <i>High/Low</i>
Volume	This one is very self explanatory... <i>Loud/Quiet</i>
Emphasis	Used to stress a word, however you must always say where and how you say it <i>Emphasise the word "and" by raising my volume</i>
Pause	The length in-between words <i>Short/Long</i>
Accent	Must be a location or specific dialect <i>Irish/Australian/Welsh</i>
Posture	The way in which you hold yourself <i>Hunched/Upright</i>
Gesture	A specific movement <i>Folding arms/Turning Head/Thumbs up</i>

Level	Where your body is positioned, for instance are you on a low level sitting down on the floor? <i>High/Low</i>
Facial Expression	Specific description + emotion I raised my eyebrows and upturned the side of my mouth to create a smirk suggesting I was feeling smug.
Gait	The way in which you walk... <i>Wide/Narrow/Casual/Limping/Stomping/Waddling</i>
Body Language	This can be open or closed but you must accompany your description of body language with a gesture <i>Closed body language by folding my arms across my chest</i>