



# Performing Arts Virtual Learning

# **Competitive Drama**

**April 10, 2020**



# 7th and 8th Grade Competitive Drama

Lesson: April 10, 2020

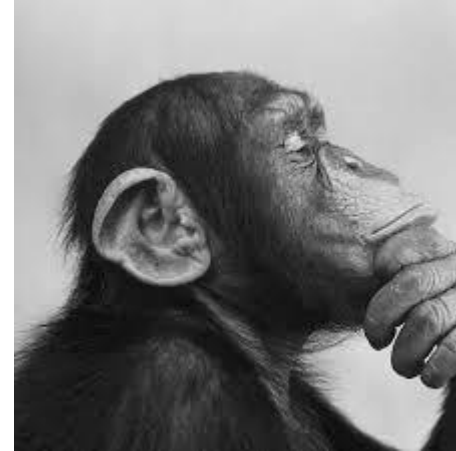
## Objective/Learning Target:

**2.a**  
**Uses appropriately expressive gestures, blocking, and body movements.**

**2.b**  
**Uses movement to effectively portray characters.**

## **Lets Review!**

**What were the 4  
memorization techniques  
you've learned so far?**



**Which techniques were  
new for you and which  
ones did you already  
know?**



## **Memorization So Far**

**Chunking**

**Visualization**

**Write it Down**

**Movement**

**Focus on the technique that currently works best for you.**

**While focusing on the word, review the steps in your brain. Repeat the steps for 20 seconds .**

**[20 Second Timer](#)**

# Background



**To build from yesterday, movement is key to theatre!**

**Today we will take a break from memorization and focus on movement.**

**That's right everyone! You've earned it!  
It's Theatre Game Friday!**



**First Up...Charades!**

# History of Charades

According to [Family Education](#)

Charades is believed to have originated in France in the eighteenth century as a riddle game. The goal of the game was to come up with a word or phrase by trying to figure out the riddle. The riddles were given either in prose or in rhyme.

Here is an example:

“My first is a Tartar,  
My second a letter;  
My all is a country,  
No Christmas dish better.”

(The answer is Turkey.)

The word version of the Charade game later evolved into an acted game where players had to guess the word or phrase by watching others act them out. That is the version of the game we are most familiar with today.





## Warm Up



### Review the rules of Charades.

No words. No pointing at objects in a room. No lip movements.

Only "acting out" words or pantomiming similar sounding words.

Decide on a time frame within which actors must complete their tasks before play.

The actor can make any gestures to act out the word.

Players can divide into two teams and keep score if you'd like. Should alternate actors.

No clapping or whistling, no sound

The guessers may ask the actor questions. To which the actor may nod.

# Lets Practice!

Don't forget to review [Charades](#) [Gesturing!](#)

Try to act out the following in [one minute.](#)

**Spider**  
**Applause**  
**Bored**  
**Giggle**  
**Sleep**



**How'd you do?**



# Activity Directions & Practice

Use the following slides for Charades.

Please ask nicely for the people in your house to help you. A good way to start would be...



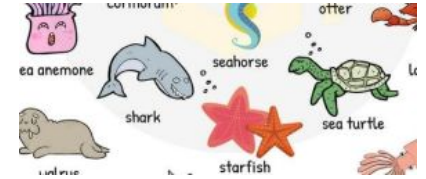
*“I need help with a school activity. It’ll be fun!”*

Then choose which version is most appropriate for your family. **Beginner or Advanced**

# Beginner

1 minute timer

1. Select one word from the word list .
2. **HINT:** The actor should select the word to be acted out.
3. Set the timer and tell the actor when to start.
4. The entire group can guess at the same time .
5. When the actor hears the right answer, they can point to the person who called the answer out first.
6. Continue until everyone has had at least 2 turns.



**TIP: If playing with young kids, do not keep score. Please encourage everyone!**

Lists below are with pictures so you can play with younger siblings that may not be able to read yet.

Emotions with Pictures

Animal Charades

Charades List (No pictures)



# ADVANCED CHARADES

1 minute timer

1. **Select your word list.**
2. **The actor should select the card to words that are to be acted out. (3 or more)**
3. **Set the timer and tell the actor when to start.**
4. **Keeping points, here are your options:**
  - Option 1: Teams: Each team will need an actor and a guesser. Only the tem can score points for the team.**
  - Option 2: The entire group can guess at the same time . Each correct guess goes to the guesser. Every man/women for themselves.**
  - Option 3: Two Actors: Each team sends up an actor and the correct team that guesses the word/words will receive the point.**
5. **When the actor hears the right answer, they can point to the person who called the answer out first.**
6. **Continue until every actor has had at least 2 turns.**

Select from the list below!

Charade List By Category

3 Word Charades

Phrase Charades



## Additional Resources

# Ready for more?

Try these options:

[Heads Up App](#) (Can be played in English or Spanish) [Check it out!](#)

[Online Charades Generator](#)

[ESL Charades List](#)

