



Keyword	Definition
Stimulus	The starting point, idea or inspiration for your devised drama. It is what you base your drama around. Types of Stimuli <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textual: a novel, poem, story, letter or factual material. Visual: a painting, photograph, film or artefact. Aural: a piece of music, a soundscape or a recording. Abstract: a word, a theme or a mood.
Devise	The process of creating a piece of drama.
Rehearse	To practice the devised work.
Refine	To tweak and edit sections of the devised work.
Cross Cutting	Re-ordering your scenes and crossing back and forth between them.
Soundscape	A collection of sounds built up to communicate a setting and atmosphere
Choral Movement	A group of actors moving together.
Choral Speech	A group of actors speaking together
Physical Theatre	A genre of drama where the story is told via over exaggerated movement, mime and gesture.
Dialogue	The words the characters says/a conversation between two or more people.
Monologue	A piece of speech by one character.
Director	The person who instructs the actors on what to do.
Naturalistic	Something that can happen in everyday life.
Abstract	Surrealism- something that doesn't happen in everyday life (strange, odd, weird, out of the ordinary) like a nightmare.

Characterisation Skills

Vocal

- Pitch** – continuum of high to low quality
- Pace** – continuum of fast to slow delivery
- Pause** – choice of breaks in speech and their length
- Tone** – choice of the mood or emotion of delivery
- Volume** – continuum of loud to quiet

Characterisation Skills

Physical

- Pace** – speed e.g. fast to slow
- Direction** – up/down, side to side, backwards/forwards
- Control** – continuum of stable to unstable (e.g. staggered)
- Proxemics**
- Facial expression**
- Body language**
- Gesture**
- Posture**

Rules for devising:

1. Discuss and act upon ideas
2. **TRY** everything!
3. Experiment with different ideas and techniques
4. Communicate effectively with your group – listen to everyone and speak politely
5. Also consider what impact you are trying to have upon your audience and think about how you are going to do this