



Year 8: LEARN SHEET 4

Genre



Keyword	Definition
Genre	The type of drama based on its key features.
Melodrama	A genre where real life is acted out but over exaggerated (e.g. soaps)
Choral Speaking	Choral speech is SPEAKING AS A GROUP. It uses every voice in the group. It originated from Greek Chorus (part of Ancient Greek theatre) where group of masked performers who looked alike and all wore identical masks would speak as a chorus (group).
Slapstick	Type of comedy that appeared in silent films in the early 1900s. Involves exaggerated/ fake physical violence, but that lacks common sense.
Sketch Show	A performance, consisting of a variety of short scenes that are not related or linked together (none narrative structure). Often sketches are improvised by the actors first and then scripts are written based on these improvisations.

Types of Choral Speaking

- ❖ **Unison:** The entire group speaks together at the same time.
- ❖ **Cannon:** One after the other.
- ❖ **Repetition:** Repeating a word or phrase.
- ❖ **Refrain:** One person reads the majority of the text and key sections are spoken by the rest of the group.
- ❖ **Solo:** Individuals assigned with specific lines.

