

Drama and Theater Arts Lesson Plans for 6th – 8th grades

Lesson Plans #3, #4, & #5

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Lessons Three, Four, and Five: Delivery

Delivery refers to the way your voice sounds when you are presenting or performing.

Including:

- The tempo of your speech. (How quickly or slowly you are speaking)
- The volume of your voice. (How loud or soft you are speaking)
- The tone of your voice (Tone communicates the feelings and emotions behind your words)
- Beats. Beats are the pauses within a presentation that give the delivery more power and make sure your audience will clearly hear the next part. Beats can make certain words or phrases stand out, have more meaning, or have more emotion.
ALWAYS take a beat before your punch line.

Changing the tempo, volume, and tone throughout the performance to make it more engaging, exciting, interesting, and entertaining. Using beats will also improve your delivery in all these ways.

LESSON THREE:

Activity: Delivering question and answer jokes.

Practice your delivery with the five jokes I've provided below, as well as five of your own. If you don't know five question and answer jokes, find some online or ask friends and family members if they have some they can share with you.

Try to tell ALL TEN JOKES to a minimum of 5 different people!

Question and Answer Jokes

Tips

1. It is very important with question and answer jokes that you take a good beat before you deliver the punch line. It doesn't matter if the person responds, or not. Take that beat and make it long and strong.
2. Try not to smile or laugh while telling the joke. It will be more funny to your audience member if you deliver the joke with a straight face.

1. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? ~ Frostbite!
2. How do you make a tissue dance? ~ Put a little boogie in it!
3. Why do bees have sticky hair? ~ Because they use honey combs!
4. What do you call a boomerang that won't come back? ~ A stick!
5. What kind of shoes do ninjas wear? ~ Sneakers!