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STAGECRAFT SKILLS FOR PERFORMANCE AND REHEARSAL - BEPLACES

1. B	BLOCKING	Working out the movement and positioning of all the actors on stage. WHERE you will STAND and WHEN you will move
2. E	EXTRANCES AND EXITS	Where and when you come on and off stage.
3. P	PROXEMICS AND USE OF SPACE	Proxemics is how close or near you are to others on stage. This can help to communicate meaning e.g. if your character is scared of another character you might stand far away. Use of space is where you position yourself on the stage so the audience can see you and others clearly.
4. L	LEVELS	How high or low you are positioned on the stage. This could be to communicate how important you are or to show you are in a different place to other characters.
5. A	AUDIENCE AWARENESS	Being mindful of what the audience will be able to see and hear and adapting your positions and voice to make sure they can understand everything clearly.
6. C	CONCENTRATION AND FOCUS	Being organised and sensible in your performance and staying in role at all times.
7. E	ENERGY	Putting effort into your performance and making sure you are lively and enthusiastic when you perform.
8. S	SET AND PROPS INTERACTIONS	Using the objects on stage confidently to show something about your character or the situation. E.g. snatching a bag of sweets to show your character is greedy.

DRAMA TECHNIQUES AND CONVENTIONS

1.	ROLE PLAY	This is where you take on a character/role and act out a situation. It is usually improvised.
2.	TABLEAUX	A tableau (single, just one) or tableaux (plural, more than one), is usually a FREEZE FRAME or a collection of freeze frames, that tell the audience a story – You can add sound, music or dialogue to a tableau to develop it further.
3.	THOUGHT TRACKING	Thought tracking is when a character speaks out loud about his/her inner thoughts during a freeze frame/still-image. Sometimes a characters thoughts can be spoken out loud by another actor. It tells the audience what a character is really thinking in a situation.
4.	NARRATION	Telling the story out loud, describing the events.
5.	ROLE ON THE WALL	A 'role on the wall' diagram is an outline of a person with information written on it - either inside the outline, or round the edge. It represents all of the information your KNOW about a character and also things you PRESUME or imagine about a character.
6.	MONOLOGUE	One person speaking out loud a character's thoughts and feelings about the situation, as if speaking to another person on stage.
7.	SOUND SCAPE	A collection of sounds and words to represent a mood, atmosphere or thoughts.
8.	CROSS CUTTING	Switching between time periods – flash forwards and flash backs in time. For example, a character as a little boy, then as an old man.
9.	CONSCIENCE ALLEY	Two groups exploring arguments for and against a character's decision.
10	DIRECT ADDRESS	When the characters breaks the fourth wall, speaking directly to the audience.

DRAMA TECHNIQUES AND CONVENTIONS CONTINUED...

11.	MELODRAMA	Acting in an over exaggerated way, using a loud and over emotional voice, as well as large gestures and facial
12.	PHYSICAL THEATRE	Using your body to tell the story through movement, mime, creating shapes and lifts.
13.	SLOW MOTION	Performing movement at a slower pace. In rehearsal this can be used to help accuracy/safety. During performance it can be used to mark the moment.
14.	SOLILOQUY	One person speaking out loud a character's thoughts directly to the audience. Other characters on stage cannot hear this speech.
15.	OFF TEXT IMPROVISATION	Using what we know about a character or scenario from the TEXT, we can use improvise (make up) scenes that we do not see in the script. Actor use this rehearsal technique in order to understand their character more.
16.	SPLIT STAGE	Where we alternate between two or more different scenes happening at the same time, separating the stage into clear sections.
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