

What are Actor Tools?

Actor Tools are what all actors use when performing. These tools are important for successful communication and collaboration between actors, directors, designers and crew members. When performing as an actor, make sure you are using all of these Actor Tools.



Body

Posture, gestures, movement, stance, facial expressions. Using your body also includes how you move your body when interacting with your scene partners, environment and audience.



Voice

Pitch, volume, speed at which you speak, sounds. When using voice, actors should also be mindful of how they speak when responding or interacting with their scene partners, the environment or in various forms of conflict.



Imagination

Being open to thinking differently and doing things in ways that you may not have considered before. Being creative and resourceful. Imagination is important not just for an actor, but also for the audience as they watch actors pretend and perform on stage.



Cooperation

Teamwork. Working together with other actors, your director and other people involved with the production of a play, film or television show is essential to completing a task and creating a beautiful, entertaining and/or thought-provoking piece.