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# The Mime Who Talks With No Words

Circle group

A mime is an actor. A mime uses no words. A mime tells a story with the face and body.

Watch a mime pretend to push a wall. There is no wall! The mime puts a hand out flat. The hand stops, as if it hit something. You can see the wall in your mind.

A mime can pretend to pull a rope. A mime can hold a big balloon. The face can show a smile or a surprise.

## Questions

**1. What is a mime?**

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**2. What does a mime use to tell a story?**

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**3. What does the mime pretend to push?**

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**4. What can a mime hold?**

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**5. Is the wall real?**

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**6. Why can you follow the story with no sound?**

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## Words to know

mime: an actor who acts without using words
pretend: to act as if something is real when it is not
rope: a thick, strong cord
surprise: a feeling you get when something happens that you did not expect

## Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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# The Mime Who Talks With No Words

Triangle group

A mime is an actor who does not use words. A mime tells a story with the face and the body.

Watch a mime pretend to climb a wall. There is no wall! The mime puts a hand out flat, then moves it as if it were pushing on something. You see the wall in your mind.

A mime can pretend to pull a rope or to hold a big balloon. The face shows a feeling, like a happy smile or a big surprise. You can tell the story even without a sound.

## Questions

**1. What is a mime?**

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**2. What does a mime use to tell a story?**

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**3. What does the mime pretend to climb?**

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**4. What can a mime pretend to hold?**

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**5. Is there a real wall?**

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**6. How can you know what the mime feels?**

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## Words to know

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pretend: to act as if something is real when it is not
rope: a thick, strong cord
surprise: a feeling you get when something happens that you did not expect

## Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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# The Mime Who Talks With No Words

Square group

A mime is a special kind of actor who never uses words. Instead, a mime tells a whole story with the face and the body.

Imagine watching a mime pretend to climb a wall. There is no wall at all! The mime puts a hand out flat and moves it as though it were pushing against something solid, and soon you can see the wall in your mind.

A mime can also pretend to pull a heavy rope or to hold a huge balloon. The face shows a feeling, such as a happy smile or a big surprise. Even without a single sound, the audience can follow the story.

## Questions

**1. What is a mime?**

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**2. What does a mime use to tell a story?**

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**3. What does the mime pretend to climb?**

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**4. What else can a mime pretend to hold?**

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**5. Is there a real wall? How do you know?**

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**6. How can the audience know how the mime feels?**

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## Words to know

mime: an actor who acts without using words
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rope: a thick, strong cord
surprise: a feeling you get when something happens that you did not expect

## Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

# For the teacher: The Mime Who Talks With No Words

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

### Circle: The Mime Who Talks With No Words

Easier · 79 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. An actor who uses no words.
2. The face and body.
3. A wall.
4. A big balloon.
5. No. The mime only pretends.
6. The mime shows it with the face and body.

### Triangle: The Mime Who Talks With No Words

This passage · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.3

1. An actor who tells a story without words.
2. The face and the body.
3. A wall.
4. A big balloon.
5. No. The mime only pretends, and you see it in your mind.
6. By looking at the face.

### Square: The Mime Who Talks With No Words

Harder · 109 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5

1. An actor who tells a story without using words.
2. The face and the body.
3. A wall.
4. A huge balloon.
5. No. The passage says the mime only pretends and you see it in your mind.
6. By looking at the mime's face.