

A close-up of a person's face, focusing on the mouth and eyes. A large, textured red sponge is placed over the mouth, which is open, showing white teeth. Above the sponge, a white octagonal shape is positioned. The background is a dark, textured grey.

MIME THEORY

FOR BEGINNERS

A close-up, artistic photograph of a person's eyes, looking upwards and slightly to the right. The eyes are brown with long, dark eyelashes. The skin around the eyes is fair. The image is partially obscured by a white rectangular box containing text.

MARCEL MARCEAU

Marcel Marceau was a French actor and mime artist most famous for his stage persona as "Bip the Clown".

He called mime the "art of silence" and he performed worldwide for over 60 years. As a youth, he lived in hiding and worked with the French Resistance during most of World War II, giving his first major performance to 3,000 troops after the liberation of Paris in August 1944.[3] Following the war, he studied dramatic art and mime in Paris.

watch
Marcel
Marceau
Click
HERE



A close-up, artistic photograph of a person's eyes, looking upwards and to the right. The eyes are brown with long, dark eyelashes. The skin around the eyes is fair and slightly wrinkled. The image is partially obscured by a dark grey rectangular box that contains the text.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin was an English comic actor, filmmaker, and composer who rose to fame in the era of silent film. He became a worldwide icon through his screen persona, "The Tramp", and is considered one of the most important figures in the history of the film industry. His career spanned more than 75 years, from childhood in the Victorian era until a year before his death in 1977, and encompassed both adulation and controversy.

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Charlie
Chaplin
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What emotions did you see?

-Write them down

How would you show those emotions?

How are the two videos different?



Hampton Williams

Hampton Williams was a contestant on 'So you Think You can Dance?' He calls his technique 'exorcist style'.

Mime is : the art or technique of portraying a character, mood, idea, or narration by gestures and bodily movements; pantomime.

Watch the video of Hampton [here](#) and decide if you think it qualifies as mime?



DIFFERENT TYPES OF MIME

Some different types of mime are: (click on the links for examples)

Abstract Mime – showing an emotion/colour etc

Character mime – Portraying a particular character

Occupational Mime – showing an activity or job

Story Mime – To tell a story with a beginning, middle and end

Pantomime Blanche –drawing invisible objects in space

A close-up, artistic photograph of a person's eyes, heavily made up with dark, smoky eye makeup and long, dark eyelashes. The eyes are looking directly at the camera with a slight, enigmatic smile. The background is dark and out of focus.

YOUR TURN!!

Chose a type of mime and make your own.
You could record it to camera.

What would your mime make-up look like?
Draw a picture.