

# Put on a Performance

## The Listies Make a Scene



### The Elements of Dramarama - Contrast

The **element of contrast** is used to keep an audience interested and to help tell a story. Contrast is created by making dramatic changes in speed, movement, sound, expression, position or mood. Very different characters or big changes in the plot can demonstrate contrast.

The Listies made the end of their show exciting by using contrast. They presented dramatic changes in their position, their expression, their body language and throughout the plot. Contrast can be created by making changes to the mood, costumes, speed, characters, sets, lighting, costumes, movements, expressions, positions or sounds.

Look at the examples below to see how The Listies used the element of contrast.

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|   | <p>The King dropped quickly to the ground when he died.</p>                                        |
|  | <p>The Pizza Delivery person did an evil laugh and then all of a sudden he was feeling unwell!</p> |
|  | <p>He quickly moved to a toilet, made loud fart sounds and said he was dying from diarrhoea!</p>   |

Thinking about your scene, answer these questions:

- How will you use contrast to make your show interesting?
- What kinds of dramatic changes could you include?