

Put on a Performance

The Listies Make a Scene



The Elements of Dramarama: Symbol

The **element of symbol** is used to help an audience link ideas and know what's happening. For example a rooster crow could show morning or a doorbell could show the arrival of a character.

The Listies are only two people but they created three characters. They used symbols to help the audience know which character was performing. Symbols can be created with everyday objects, music, sound effects, gestures, body language or lighting.

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



The Listies used colanders as a symbol of crowns to show they were being the King and Queen.



Matt made the queen hop like a Kangaroo. This movement represented her character.



The blanket was moved into a different position to symbolise the Pizza Delivery character. The Listies also used body language as a symbol to show the relationships between characters.

Thinking about your scene, answer these questions:

- How will the audience know what the setting is?
- How will you use the space you are performing in?