

Put on a Performance

The Listies Make a Scene



The Elements of Dramarama - Tension

The **element of tension** is used to keep an audience interested in the show. Tension can be created by including problems, twists and mysteries in the story.

Tension can be created by developing the show story and characters to include back stories, conflicts and interesting changes. Lighting, acting and music can also be used to increase tension.

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



The Listies started their show with the exciting idea that everyone would die.



They made their show more interesting by making up reasons for each death. The Pizza Delivery Person added poison to the pizza because he wanted to be King.



The King made The Pizza Delivery Person eat the Pizza so he could watch his diarrhoea.

Thinking about your scene, answer these questions:

- How will you make your show interesting or exciting?
- How will you surprise your audience?