

What are the Actor's Tools?



Voice | Body | Imagination

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Connection

Watch this clip of Andy Serkis as Gollum in *The Hobbit* to see an example of an actor using their Actor' Tools.

{[Andy Serkis as Gollum on YouTube](#)}

Discovery

Follow this slideshow to learn more about how actors use their Actor's Tools in performance and then Try it Out at home!

{[Actor's Tools in Slideshow](#)}

Warm-Ups focusing on the three main actor's tools are really important for actors!

VOICE - write a tongue twister of your own to get your face and voice muscles working

BODY - design a stretch that gets the whole body moving

IMAGINATION - Choose your own imaginary location (On the surface of Mars, Under the Ocean, at the Zoo) and use this template to create your own imagination warm-up that makes you feel like you are actually in that place.

Imagine you are __ (example: underwater in the Ocean) _____.

Look around you. You can see _ (example: colorful fish swimming past your face) _.

You can feel ___ (example: the cold water on your skin) _____.

You can smell ___ (example: salty ocean water) _____.

Move your body in your imaginary location! Will you swim or jump or crawl?

Use your voice in your imaginary location! Will you be loud or quiet? Are there other people around to hear you?

Reflection

Think about the **Actor's Tools** and how they helped you create this short imaginary "story". Be sure to share what you learned with a friend, family member or classroom teacher!