

## Drama Strategies at Key Stage 3

### FREEZE-FRAME

A freeze frame is a still image created by stopping the action of a drama, in the same way that you can pause a film to see just one still frame. You may ask your pupils to reflect on the significance of the particular moment in the drama so that they can decide when to stop the drama to create a freeze frame.

### TABLEAU

A tableau is a still image pupils create to symbolise the essence of a situation, relationship or incident. It may also be a comment or reflection on an issue. Pupils may create a tableau from their own imagination.

### HOT SEATING

One pupil takes on a role of a character to answer questions from the rest of the class. Those asking the questions could also play a role. The character may be real, fictional, historic or even an object such as a volcano, house or heart.

### THOUGHT TRACKING

Pupils, in role, express a thought or feeling at a given moment in the drama; other pupils express what the character is thinking or feeling at that moment.

### CONSCIENCE ALLEY

This is a form of thought tracking. Pupils form two straight lines facing each other. One pupil takes on the role of a character and moves down the alley as each pupil in turn voices a thought or feeling as the character. Lines may be any length. One side can give positive responses and the other negative. Other members of the class may take on the role of reporter or observer.

