

Creating Character Voices ~ Comic-Con 2002

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The basics of voice-acting -

Just doing funny voices won't make you a pro

Voice-over is not necessarily voice-acting

Every script has a character in it. It's the actor's job to bring life to the character and take the character's words "off-the-page"

You must be directable

Some simple voice-acting concepts and techniques you can use immediately -

The PVR's – PACING (speed and flow) – VOLUME (loudness) – RANGE (vocal placement)

M.O.V.E. - MOVEMENT ORCHESTRATES VOCAL EXPRESSION (physicalize)

A-B-C-D - AUDIENCE (1 person) - BACK-STORY (specific event to which you are responding)

CHARACTER (who you as the speaker?) – DESIRES (character wants & needs)

Making choices

Creating the character voice -

Characters must be real and believable.

Understand the story and the character's role in it.

Exaggerate a normal attitude or characteristic to make the character interesting.

Explore different placements, attitudes, emotions and textures.

Use accents and dialects only if appropriate to the character.

The voice you create MUST be sustainable and duplicatable.

Finding your voices -

Sweep exercise – to localize vocal placement

Documenting voice placement – by naming character, key word, color, emotion

Dynamics and energy

Working with the script -

Look for hook lines, key words, and phrases that reveal things about the character.

Figure out what the character wants as a result of speaking the words.

Experiment with different ways to deliver the lines.



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Hmmm . . . if this forest travel guide is right . . . I should see a big waterfall just over there. Uh oh . . . I think I made a wrong turn . . . yep, I'm lost!

Golly . . . I'm sorry mister . . . I was just trying to . . . If I promise to never chase your dog again . . . can I still come over and play?

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