

# Pantomime 4 – A Story

**Educational Objectives:** The students will demonstrate their ability to use pantomime techniques by performing a short pantomime story.

**Materials Needed:** Video clip of a Pantomime Story.

**Hook:** Play “Nomis Says.” Have the players stand spaced out around the room, so that they have some room around them to move and not too near a wall. The caller (you) gives instruction for the players to take a step forward, back, left, or right. Do this for a few seconds. Now they must do opposite of what you say. Once they have this down tell them they must wait for you to give three commands at a time – like right, right forward. Now assign a value to the spots in the room. If they mess up they go to the back and someone behind moves up to their space. Front is the best. To make it even harder give a number of steps. They must transpose the number too. “3 steps left, 1 step right” means “1 step right 3 steps left”. The last difficulty is preface your calls with “Nomis says” or “Simon says.” If Simon, then they must do it forward – Nomis is backward.

**Step 1:** Show video of a story pantomime.

**Step 2:** Tell them they will be doing a story pantomime and they can do it alone or with a partner. They must make up a story. Their pantomime must be between 2 and 4 minutes. Discuss as the assignment slip and answer any questions.

**Step 3:** Give them the rest of the time to come up with a story and practice. They may need another day to practice.

**Step 4:** Everyone performs. Talk about each performance.

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