

Using Sound Effects to Enhance Curriculum

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Sound effects help enhance drama experiences for children. They can be used to depict setting and characters, and to punctuate moments in a story or experience. Teachers can also use a variety of tools or CDs to bring the story to life; for example, playing a CD with nature sounds can create the feeling of being immersed in a forest or jungle. Some instruments to create sound effects include:

- Thunder Tube
- Rain Stick
- Guiro
- Finger Cymbals
- Animal Guiros – e.g. grasshopper, frog
- Flexatone
- Slide Whistle
- Animal Calls – e.g. duck, goose, cuckoo