

Create A Soundscape!

Year 1-2

Soundscapes are when we use sound and music to create the atmosphere of a story being told. These sounds can be background noises, sound effects, or musical instruments that sounds like what is happening (e.g. using a maraca to sound like rain). Watch the following video to see a very simple soundscape created by Music Viva in Schools.

- Create a Live Soundscape to a Story - Mr McGee - <https://vimeo.com/360684227>

Some people who create sounds effects are 'Foley artists'. A **Foley artist** is a person who creates sounds for film, video, and other media such as radio dramas during or after production to enhance audio quality. They replace or create sounds that cannot properly be recorded on set. These sounds include anything from the swishing of clothing, the breaking of glass, footsteps, or squeaking doors.

- The Magic of Making Sound - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UO3N_PRlgXO
- Special Effects and Sound BBC - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01gl7wc>
- Foley artist shows how sounds effects are made - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0pOLukIB4s>
- Where the Sounds From the World's Favorite Movies Are Born | WIRED - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GPGfDCZ1EE>

Create a soundscape for the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt!'

This book has spoken sounds for when they go through different areas. Watch and listen to how he tells the story, how he almost sings it, and how the story has a rhythm.

- Michael Rosen performs 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gyl6ykDwds>

You must experiment with and use items around the house to create sound effects, like Foley artists, to soundscape your story (e.g. Splashing water in a bucket for the line "Splash splosh! Splash splosh! Splash splosh!"). Get an adult to help you read the story while you make the sound effects and record it!