

# Become a foley artist

Foley is when everyday sounds are recorded and added to a film to make it sound better or more believable. There are three main types of Foley effects: footsteps, movement, and props, and Foley artists create all kinds of noises from rain pouring to creaking doors to loud explosions!

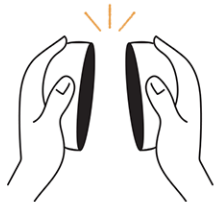


The sound could be created by simply recreating the action or movement (clapping, walking) or by using everyday household items (knocking coconut halves together sounds like a horse trotting) to more advanced computer-generated sounds. Foley may be added to a film to create a completely new sound or to improve a sound which may have been missed or were too quiet when the film was originally recorded.

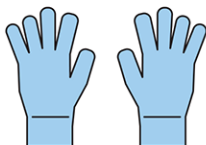


1. **When you are watching your favourite film, what types of sounds can you hear?**
2. **Do you think these sounds were recorded or added later by a Foley artist?**
3. **Try watching a film with the sound off and create your own foley sounds using your body or the examples below.**

Hitting coconut halves together sounds like a horse trotting.



Flapping a pair of gloves sounds like a bird flying.



Rustling shredded paper in a carrier bag sounds like a person walking through grass.



Filling a cardboard tube with rice & pipe cleaners sounds like rain.



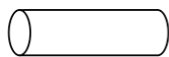
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## How to make a rain stick

Follow the instructions below to make your very own rain stick. Once completed, you can shake your new foley instrument to create a range of rain sounds, from light showers to heavy storms! Before you start, you'll need the following items:



Paint



Cardboard tube



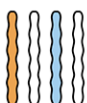
Tin foil



Scissors  
(with adult supervision)



Rice, beads and/or  
dried beans



Pipe cleaners



Rubber bands x 2



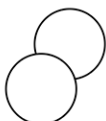
Ribbon or wool  
(optional)

### Instructions:

1. Paint your cardboard tube.



2. Cut two large circles from your tin foil.



3. Attach one circle of tin foil to the end of your tube using a rubber band.



4. Fill your tube with beads, rice or dried beans and a few pipe cleaners.



5. Attach the other circle of tin foil to the other end of the tube.



6. Tie ribbon or wool round the cardboard tube for extra decoration! (optional)



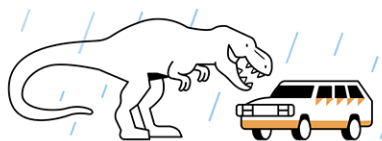
**Well done for finishing! Below are some films which all have brilliant rainy scenes. Using your new rain stick, you can now recreate the rain sound effects like a real foley artist!**



*My Neighbour Totoro* (U, 2013,)



*Singin' in the Rain* (U, 1952)



*Jurassic Park* (PG, 1993)