

Foley

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.

Things to try:

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. Watch a film with the sound off and create your own foley sounds using your body or the examples below.



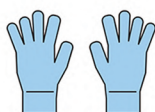
Become a foley artist!



Hitting coconut halves together sounds like a horse trotting.



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



Flapping a pair of gloves sounds like a bird flying.



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

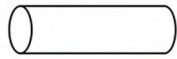
See the next page for how to make your very own rain stick!

Make your own rain stick

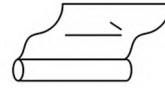
Before you start you'll need:



Paint



Cardboard tube



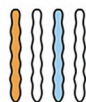
Tin foil



Scissors
(with adult supervision)



Rice, beads and/or
dried beans



Pipe cleaners



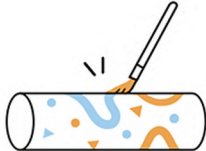
Rubber bands x 2



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 tube for extra decoration! (optional)



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



My Neighbour Totoro (U, 2013,)



Singin' in the Rain (U, 1952)



Jurassic Park (PG, 1993)