Demonstration: Beijing Opera Movements

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Agenda

- Lead-in (Q&A)
- Review vocabulary of body parts and basic actions.
- Beijing Opera movements and their meanings.
- Water Sleeve Gestures.
- Wrap-up
Lead-in
Please answer the following questions:

- How do Beijing Opera performers tell the story or convey the message? In what way?
  singing, clothes, facial expressions, movements

- What body parts do they need to use in order to conduct the non-verbal communication?
  hand, eye, waist, leg and foot
Review the vocabulary

- **Body parts**
  手／眼／腰／腿／脚／头

- **Basic actions**
  转／提／踢／挥／举／扭／打／跳／跑／走／眨
Watch the video clip and answer what movements the performer has done.

Activity: Prediction

- Guess the meaning of the movement.

- Watch my movements and guess the meanings.

- 提脚lifting a foot: 进门 entering a house.

- 指着太阳穴pointing to the temple: bashfulness 害羞

- 走大圈walking in a circle: 远行 taking a long journey
Water Sleeve Gestures 水袖功

- 水袖 shuǐ xiù, water sleeve
  - double white-silk sleeves attached to the cuffs of a costume
  - one of the most skillful stunts in Beijing Opera and its function is to exaggerate actor's mood.

- 动词 new verbs:
  - 扯 chě—pull
  - 遮 zhē—cover, hide
  - 拂 fú—flick
  - 抖 dǒu—shivering

Demonstration 4 basic gestures.
Activity: TPR-please follow my instructions to do the proper gestures.

- 一只手横着扯起另外一只水袖
- 抖袖
- 用一只手扯起另一只水袖遮着脸
- 让水袖落下来
- 用水袖轻轻的在衣服上掸拂。
Assessment

- Students will be pair up to perform on the platform. 两个同学为一组。

- Student A will get a cue card from the teacher and read out the instruction to student B. Then Student B needs to perform the movement.

A同学抽个指示卡，把指示大声读出来给B同学听，然后B同学要马上做出指定动作。

- Then Student B will choose another cue card to repeat the same procedure. 然后由B同学抽卡重复以上步骤。
Extra Language point

- Learn to express a series of verbs together by using sequential order

先。。。
然后。。。
再。。。
接着。。。
最后。。。

Students practice using these sequential words to instruct a series of actions to their partner.
Summary

- Repeat the new words: 水袖／扯／遮／掸拂／抖

- Repeat the sequential words.

- Next time when you see a Beijing Opera, you will understand it better by watching the water sleeve movements.