

## CIRCUS MIME

WHAT IS A CIRCUS MIME?

A circus mime artist is a person who uses mime as a performance art.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

Miming involves acting out a story through body motions, without the use of speech.

HOW DO THEY DO THIS?

Mimes generally use facial expressions and their hands to explain what is happening. For example, mimes often pretend they are trapped in a box! To do this they place their hands up flat as if against glass, and move them around to show they can't get out. They might also look a bit angry, or frustrated, or scared that they can't get out!

**What can you think of to act out, without talking?**

WHAT DOES A CIRCUS MIME COSTUME LOOK LIKE?

Generally circus mime costumes are black and white. Their top would be black and white strips, with black trousers or shorts. Sometimes they have braces too and a French style beret hat.

Mimes also wear white gloves to show off their hands better to an audience.

Face paint is usually white with eyes and lips emphasised.

WATCH A MIME ROUTINE ON YOUTUBE (click the black and white image below)

