

**pantomime**

1. ['pæntəmaɪm] *n*

1. пантомима

2. 1) рождественское представление для детей; пьеса-сказка, феерия

2) *уст.* шуточное представление с участием Арлекина, Коломбины, Панталоне(в Англии)

3. язык жестов

to express oneself in pantomime - объясняться жестами

as he could not speak a word of French, he conveyed his sentiments into pantomime - он не знал ни слова по-французски,

поэтому выражал свои чувства жестами

4. мим (в Древнем Риме)

2. ['pæntəmaɪm] *v*

1. изъясняться жестами

he pantomimed drinking wine - он изобразил, как пьют вино

2. участвовать в пантомиме; изображать кого-л. в пантомиме

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**panto·mime** [pantomime pantomimes pantomimed pantomiming] *BrE*

['pæntəmaɪm] *NAme* ['pæntəmaɪm] *noun*

1. (also *BrE* informal **panto**) **countable, uncountable** (in Britain) a type of play with music, dancing and jokes, that is based on a **↑fairy tale** and is usually performed at Christmas

• We took the children to a pantomime.

• He has also appeared in pantomime.

• the pantomime season

2. **uncountable, countable, usually singular** the use of movement and the expression of your face to communicate sth or to tell a story

**Syn:** **↑mime**

• a magical tale told through pantomime and song

• When I finally arrived, he made a pantomime of checking his watch and shaking it in disbelief.

3. **countable, usually singular** (*BrE*) a ridiculous situation, usually with a lot of confusion

**Syn:** **↑farce**

• The company's board meetings had become a pantomime and no decisions were ever made.

**See also:** **↑panto**

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (first used in the Latin form and denoting an actor using mime): from French **pantomime** or Latin **pantomimus**, from Greek **pantomimos** **'imitator of all'** (from panto- 'all, universal' and **↑mime**).

Culture:

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Pantomimes, also called **pantos**, are traditionally put on in theatres throughout Britain for several weeks before and after **↑Christmas**. Most are intended for children. They are a British tradition which has developed over several centuries. A pantomime combines a fairy tale with comedy, music and singing, acrobatics and verse. Among the most popular stories are **↑Aladdin**, **Babes in the Wood**, **↑Cinderella**, Dick **Whittington** and, **↑Jack and the Beanstalk**.

The audience usually takes an active part in a performance: characters on stage speak to the audience directly and they shout back their answer. Sometimes they have noisy arguments, exchanging shouts of 'Oh yes, it is' and 'Oh no, it isn't'. Audiences are often encouraged to join in the singing, and to **boo** loudly whenever a bad character appears. Other pantomime traditions include that of the **hero**, called the **principal boy**, being played by a young woman, and a comic old woman, called a **↑dame**, being played by a male **comedian**. Pantomimes often also include several animal characters played by actors in animal costume. Many of the most successful pantomimes performed in professional theatres have well-known television or sports personalities playing leading roles. Hundreds of amateur pantomimes are also put on each year.

Pantomimes of this kind do not exist in the US where the word **pantomime** means a play or entertainment performed without words.

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**pan to mime** /'pæntəmaɪm/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** pantomimus, from panto- 'all' (from Greek, from pan; ⇒ **↑pan-**) + mimus (, **↑mime**<sup>1</sup>)]

1. [**uncountable and countable**] a type of play for children that is performed in Britain around Christmas, in which traditional stories are performed with jokes, music, and songs

2. [**uncountable and countable**] a method of performing using only actions and not words, or a play performed using this method **SYN mime**

3. [**countable**] *British English* a situation or behaviour that is silly

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