

STAMMERING IN PANTOMIME

About 8% of children stammer at some point and around 2% of UK adults say they stammer, so there will be LOTS of people who stammer in your audience.

Those days of stereotyping based on stammering, well, "they're behind you!". Stammering is simply how some people talk so let's make sure we can all live happily ever after.

Can a panto character have a stammer?

Oh yes, they can!



Can the Hero stammer?

**HELL YES!!!
IT'S ABOUT TIME.**



How about the villain?

That's a yes, too

Make sure you're not using stammering as a sign of their bad character.

Even the Pantomime Dame?

Indeed, she can

As long as the joke's on the Dame and not on the stammer.



**Yes, there's no reason
they shouldn't.**



The Henchman?

Yep

...just don't suggest that it is their stammer that makes them a sandwich short of a picnic!

The Hapless Underdog too?

Absolutely-dutely

...but don't use their stammer to indicate inferiority or weakness.

Literally any character...

...WHY THE HELL NOT!? But the joke shouldn't be on the person who stammers BECAUSE they stammer!

Should I give a character a stammer?

Yes ...provided it isn't a comedic device or a sign that the character is less intelligent, odd or bad.

Stammering is just how some people talk.



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