

ACTING EXERCISES: CHARACTER #1

Building a character is at the foundation of acting. As an actor, you must use the information from the script and your imagination to discover who your character is. Uta Hagen created 6 questions that help get you started on the journey of building a character. In this exercise, you will choose a character. It could be from a TV show (Spongebob), or a book (Harry Potter), or just from your imagination! Next, answer these six questions about them in as much detail as you can. Then you are well on your way to building a character!

Uta Hagen's Six Questions

1. Who am I?
2. What are my circumstances?
3. What is my relationship? (to others in the scene or story)
4. What do I want?
5. What is my obstacle?
6. What do I do to get what I want?