**EXPLORING EXPRESSION**

**Communication of Intention (Text-based)**

1. The text itself
2. Presentation of the text
   1. Non-verbal
      1. Eye contact
      2. Arms / gesture
      3. Core / Energy
      4. Facial Expression
      5. Breath
   2. Verbal
      1. Tone / Volume
      2. Phrasing
      3. Articulation clarity
      4. Punctuation / Emphasis
3. Additional factors
   1. Repetition
   2. Monologue vs. soliloquy, dialogue
   3. Cultural context (time, era, etc) - and the basic “expectations” or rules of the time

**Emphasis Exercise**

I'm really excited to be here

I never said she stole my money.

**Punctuation Exercise**

Let’s eat Grandma

Man eating chicken

I want to thank my parents Tiffany and God.

I find inspiration in cooking my family and my dog.

You will be required to work twenty four hour shifts.

**Homework:**

* Introductions to solo work
* Introductions to ensemble works
* Ensemble dance and story - due at Stage Presence (Weds)

**VERSION 1**

**BARBER SHOP - version 1**

My name is Fink

And what do you think

I’ll give you a shave for nothing and

give you a drink

**DEAR JOHN - version 1**

Dear John:

I want a man who knows what love is all about. You are generous, kind, thoughtful. People who are not like you admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me for other men. I yearn for you. I have no feelings whatsoever when we're apart. I can be forever happy--will you let me be yours?

Jane

**DEAR MOTHER-IN-LAW - version 1**

Dear Mother-in-Law,

It was a shame you had to stay here. For such a short time, I thought I might have coped, but it was unbearable. Seeing you leave, the relief was immense. When I heard we might see you again soon, I wanted to end it all. By saying goodbye now, I hope I will not have to say it to you again for a long time. If you have the opportunity to spend Christmas elsewhere next year, please do.

Not much love

Matthew

**VERSION 2**

**Barber Shop - version 2**

My name is Fink.

And what! Do you think

I’ll give you a shave for nothing and

give you a drink?

**DEAR JOHN - version 2**

Dear John:

I want a man who knows what love is. All about you are generous, kind, thoughtful people, who are not like you. Admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me. For other men, I yearn. For you, I have no feelings whatsoever. When we're apart, I can be forever happy. Will you let me be?

Yours,

Jane

**DEAR MOTHER-IN-LAW - version 2**

Dear Mother-in-Law,

It was a shame you had to stay here for such a short time. I thought I might have coped, but it was unbearable seeing you leave. The relief was immense when I heard we might see you again soon. I wanted to end it all by saying goodbye now. I hope I will not have to say it to you again for a long time. If you have the opportunity to spend Christmas elsewhere next year, please do not.

Much love

Matthew