

5. Creating a unique voice

Let's look at the voice in the actual films they make. Review the extract from the *Bondi Hipsters* in *Out of the Shoebox*. Click on the link below.

<http://www.abc.net.au/austory/specials/outoftheshoebox/default.htm>

A humorous voice is created in a number of ways, including:

Costumes: One character is dressed like a modern 'hippie' and the other is ultra-modern with big black-rimmed glasses and modern short. Both make fashion look ridiculous. For example the full-length wetsuit and shorts with braces, black rimmed glasses and sleeveless short, an obvious wig with pigtails and a heavy beard.

Irony: This is when the opposite of what you expect is conveyed. The men claim to be ambassadors for the environment although they smoke. The cutaway shot to the collection of cigarettes butts discarded out the window shows that they do not really care about the environment as they suggest.

Film techniques: The camera pans across from one character to the next and is close up on the faces of the men, creating a sense of intimacy between the subjects and the audience. The camera also pans up and down the body of Christiaan showing him smoking and his attire, emphasising his lack of care for the environment and his hippy clothing and therefore carefree attitude you would expect of a 'hippy'.

Gestures and body movements: The way Christiaan and Nick run along the beach in unison and then turn their heads together looks ridiculous and mocks how people like to be seen on Bondi Beach getting fit in the latest fashion.

Complete the exercise below.

Exercise 5: Identifying how voice is created

1. Watch another excerpt from one of video clips made by Christiaan. As you watch the excerpt, take note of how a humorous voice is created. Look at the following time frames in the episode:
 - 1:31 – 1:50
 - 1:58 – 2:13 – 2:19 – 2:30
 - 8:04 – 8:18
2. Fill in the table below by identifying how a humorous voice is created. Give an example to explain your understanding and explain why it is funny.

How a humorous voice is created	Example from the video clip	Why it's funny
Costumes		

Irony		
Film techniques		
Gestures and body movements		
Other		

Extend yourself

1. In one paragraph explain how a humorous voice is created in the excerpt from one of the video clips made by Christiaan.

Writing space
