Graphic Strategies

1. REALISM. Reproducing the real-life appearance of expressions with realistic tones and details.

2. SIMPLIFICATION. Searching for a few key lines or shapes which clearly convey an expression.

3. EXAGGERATION. Amplifying the key features that make an expression recognizable.

4. SYMBOLISM. Images that depict emotions symbolically rather than with real-world resemblance.

And you can indirectly affect how your audience reads an expression by its context within a story, or how it's paired with words.

Execute the prisoners now!

Because I love you, that's why!

If choosing a more realistic approach, you might need to use live models or photographic reference.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY can be especially helpful when going for real-life details.

Of course, your friends may not always be great actors --

So get ready to use your knowledge of expressions to bridge the gap when necessary.