

SCHOOLKIT AT HOME

WATCH: Virtual Verses #1 performed by the amazing [Black Grace](#) dance company. You can find the bit we want to focus on here (<https://youtu.be/5WsQa1lq-XQ?t=29>) but we really recommend you watch the whole thing (especially the guy in his kitchen making smoothies and toast)

TALK: The man who invented Black Grace, Neil Ieremia, wanted his dancers to stay challenged, connected and creative during lockdown. How have the dancers made their hands talk? Which of the gestures do you think convey the meaning of the words the best?

DO: Find a great speech from a movie you love - one that makes you a bit emotional. It doesn't need to be too long - 30 seconds would be heaps.

1. Set up the camera so you can see just your hands.
2. Play the speech and see if you can make your hands talk.
3. Change the gestures your hands make
4. Making your hands work together to tell a story will take effort and you will need to start over many times to get it right. (*This is the choreography bit of what you are doing.*)
5. Put your final film together.

This post is dedicated to the wonderful Marina McMahon-Ieremia and Wanda Ieremia without whom we would not have found the awesomeness that is [Black Grace](#)

