

Puppets

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Puppets

People use puppets to tell a story.

Very old puppets can be seen in museums.

Puppets can be made out of felt, wool, cardboard, plastic, wood, pottery, metal and bamboo.



Stick puppets

A stick puppet is a very simple puppet.

It can be made with a stick and cardboard.

Look on the internet for Popsicle stick puppets.



Finger puppets

A finger puppet is a very small puppet.

Finger puppets can be made out of felt, cardboard or paper.

You move the puppet with your fingers.



Sock puppets

Sock puppets are made out of old socks. You can put some eyes and some hair on the puppet.

The sock is put over your hand. Your hand makes the puppet move.



Hand puppets

Hand puppets are like big sock puppets. The head and face are big.

Hand puppets can have arms and hands. Your hand makes the head and mouth move.

Look on the internet for *Life's a happy song* with Kermit.



Shadow puppets

Shadow puppets can be made with cardboard and a stick.

You move the sticks and make the puppet move. A light shines onto the puppet. The light makes a shadow. When the puppet moves the shadow moves too.

Look on the internet for *Peter and the wolf* shadow puppet show.



Puppets with strings

Puppets with strings are called marionettes. The strings come from a wooden handle.

The strings go to the arms and legs of the puppet. You can move the strings to make the puppet move.

Look on the internet for *The lonely goatherd* puppet show.





Discuss with your student

- 1. What types of materials are puppets made out of?
- 2. What sorts of puppets do you think could be used in TV shows?
- 3. What is the difference between finger puppets and a hand puppet?
- 4. Why would puppets be used instead of real people?
- 5. Which stories could easily be made into a puppet show? What would be required?

