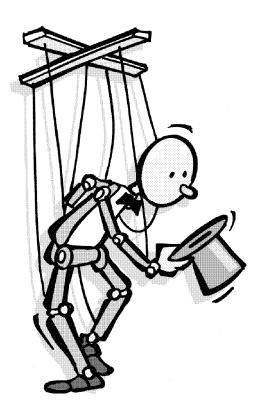
# The Complete Puppetry Handbook



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## Vocabulary



Read the sentences aloud around the class.

- 1. A puppet is an object that is brought to life by a p
- 2. The use of puppets to perform with is called pup:
- 3. A person who performs using puppets is called a
- 4. The people who watch your performance are call
- 5. **Marionette** is French for 'puppet', and is a better string puppet
- 6. **Digit** is another word for 'finger'
- 7. Creating a voice without moving your mouth is caventriloquism
- 8. A glove puppet theatre is often referred to as a p
- 9. Automata are puppets that have the ability to me





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## A Brief History of Puppetry



Read the information carefully about how puppe

As early as the **5<sup>th</sup> century BC**, Herodotus wrote about pupp perform with. Other historic writers such as Aristotle and Pl how puppets were being used to tell stories and perform will alive.



Rearrange the letters in the names underneath the p who these early writers are. The first letter is correct







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Some of the earliest kinds of puppets were tribal ritual mask or jointed skulls used in religious ceremonies. Puppets seen from these masks to doll-like figures with moving limbs.

In the Middle Ages the Christian Church used puppets to tell many people couldn't read. Monks and priests were the pu

Generally, marionettes, *small jointed figures operated with* to enact the story. The name 'marionette', meaning Little Norman the figure of The Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, in Nativity story. It may also have come from the word 'marot sceptre, or something a 'fool' performs with.

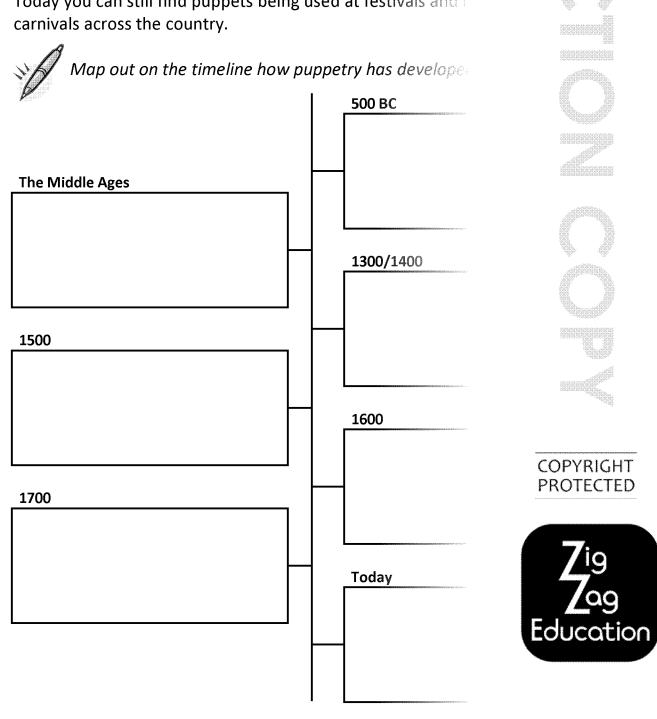
In the **14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> century** puppeteers began to explore the religious ones. A comedy influence began to emerge. The C puppets were no longer suitable for their teaching. Howeve found a new home in the streets and fairs of the working clacentury, puppet theatres existed all over Europe. Marionet popular.



In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, glove puppets, figures with heads and a fit over the puppeteer's hand, became popular. They were a cheaper to make and more mobile. Shows could be given from wagons and from small portable stages. Puppet characters became popular in seaside resorts around Britain, and show events or politics became common. The puppets could say were not allowed to say!

It was the travelling puppeteers who kept the art and the craft Troupes of puppeteers, jesters, jugglers and entertainers kept performing as they travelled with their shows in the 18<sup>th</sup> cents.

Today you can still find puppets being used at festivals and it carnivals across the country.



#### **Around the World**

**Native American Indians** used puppets in their corn festival dances.

The **Egyptians** made jointed puppets from terra cotta clay.

In **China** they made shadow puppets from stretched donkey skins, dried sheep skin, water buffaloes, pigs or fish.

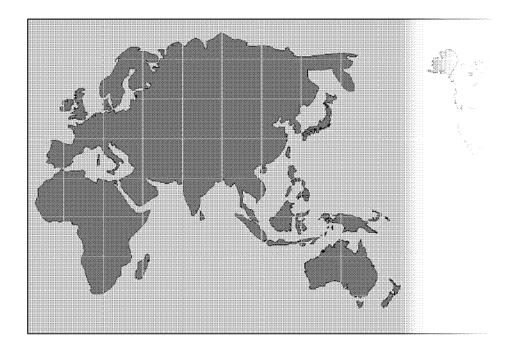
In Indonesia people made shadow puppets out of buffalo hi

Puppetry has survived due to the efforts of all the world's puthe ages.

In France puppeteers and minstrels performed on streets ar



Mark on the map where different forms of puppetry that you can see how widespread this form of performed your Geography books to help you.



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## **Puppet Characters You Remem**

Puppets have been used by storytellers to educate and ente long before they became the toys of children.



Discuss with your group puppet characters you reme. television or stage shows and complete the table bek

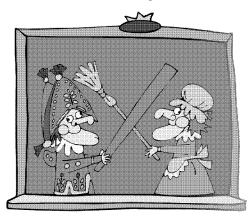
A table to show different puppet characters t

Character Name	Television Programme/ Stage Show	ICT: Use the find and print out of the character of

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# Punch & Judy "That's the way to do it"





Choose from the words below to fill in the gaps and remake sense. Each word is only used once.

# squeaky Judy London entertained traditional Punch children slapstick

& Judy is Britain's	puppet sho
recorded sighting of Punch in En	gland was by Samuel Pepys
in in the <b>17<sup>th</sup> cen</b>	tury, but he may have been
In the 20 <sup>th</sup> century Punch	many children at
resorts around the country. You	may even be lucky enough
Judy booth today!	
Punch is a glove puppet, usually	made of wood and cloth. H
Other commo	on characters used include a
a clown, a dog called Toby and a	crocodile. Punch is the on
'legs' that dangle over the edge	of the stage.
Punch talks with a strange	voice. This is create:
swazzle. The swazzle is made fr	om tin and cloth and is held
at the back of his mouth.	
The shows were full of	comedy. Punch was
with Judy, often	her with his club; because
lost his popularity as some think	

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## **Forms of Puppetry**

Anything that you bring to life to perform with could puppet.

The main forms of puppetry are:

Finger puppets – These are small characters that fit

**Glove puppets** – These are toy characters you place a glove.

**String/Marionette puppets** – These have strings and and are operated while standing up.

**Hand puppetry** – The name we give for using your hance a face or character.



Shadow puppetry – Uses a white screlight behind it. The puppets can be meshapes out of card, and using these to onto the screen.

Rod puppets – Simply puppets held and operated using sticks attached to the body of the character.

Body puppets – Puppets that are larger than the puppeteer themselves. Sometimes operated by more than one puppeteer, or with the puppeteer hidden 'inside' the large structure.

Junk puppets – Can be made from paper bags, socks match boxes, paper plates or anything that you create an interesting character to be brought to life



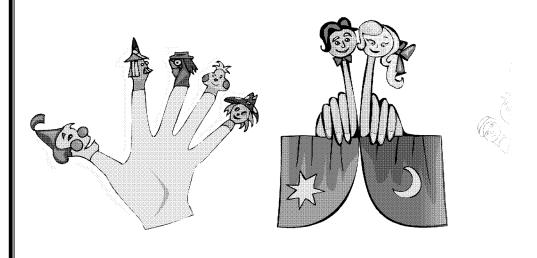


## **Finger Puppets**

Finger puppets are the smallest form of puppetry. T shapes and forms. They are operated by using digits character. Some finger puppets need only one digit and others use multiple digits to use them.

Finger puppets can perform in a small puppet theatr made simply using a cardboard box, or they can perf tipped-up table.

Finger puppets can be bought cheaply at pocket more be made. They come in many forms; some have feat that moves, or arms that can be manipulated.



Workshop

Create a short performance in a group
using finger puppet characters.
Theme: Lost and trying to find the way home.
Show your performance to the rest of the class

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## **Using a Glove Puppet**

- You need to ensure you place the puppet firmly onto your hand. If the puppet has arms, make sure you can move them effectively.
- Puppets do not like to 'dangle' in mid air.
   Rest your puppet on your knee, or use your other arm to create a support.
- 3. Make sure that your puppet faces the audience. Turn it around so that it faces away from you.
- 4. Small movements are much more effective than a puppet around madly. Practise using controlled a your audience can focus upon.

You should be able to make your puppet do the follo



- Wave
- Nod 'yes'
- Express in
- Applaud
- Show fear
- Show excl
- Blow a kis
- Take a box

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## **Giving a Puppet a Voice**

There are different ways you can give a puppet a vol-

- 1. If the puppet has a 'squeaker' you may use that to creat talking. Do not just squeeze the squeaker as loud as you use it to create different levels of sound.
- 2. If the puppet has a mouth you may use the mouth move your puppet look as though it is speaking. Choose to adfor the puppet character. Do try to make the movement mouth match the words that are spoken.
- 3. If your puppet does not have a mouth you may still use must move the puppet gently to show when they are spis difficult to tell which puppet on stage the voice is compuppet character 'Punch' does not have a mouth, but thusing a swazzle.
- 4. An alternative way to give your puppet a voice is to pretyou, the puppeteer! Your puppet can 'whisper' to you a to cleverly inform the audience what your puppet has sa
- 5. You may choose to have a completely silent puppet characommunicates with their movement and expression. The have a very expressive puppet with a very moveable face



#### **Top Tip**

Avoid using squeaky little voices for your puppet. I loudly and clearly so that what your puppet says caproperly.

Workshop

In a small group, devise a performance using the glove puppet characters you have Theme: The party.

Show your performance to the rest of the groups.

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## **Using a String Puppet**

A better name for string puppets would be 'marionette'

Marionette is actually French for 'puppet'.

Marionettes are very difficult puppets to master. Many people spend years perfecting the art of bringing them

Very simple ones have only a few strings, but more comhave many and sometimes are operated by more than c

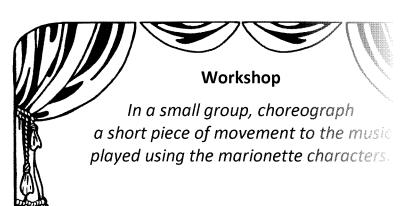
Marionettes are operated from above usually with the particle.

- 1. Your puppet will have been put away for storage. This nations will have been wound up neatly to avoid them gets
- Unwind your puppet's strings by holding the handle bar ar
- 3. Steady your puppet's feet onto the floor.
- Rocking the control bar from side to side will make your Keeping your puppet steady can be difficult and require:
- 5. Your puppet should be able to sit down. Do this by hold back of the puppet, but allowing the leg strings to fall local
- 6. Your puppet can dance if you are careful. Gently jiggling create the effect of dancing.



#### Top Tip

To avoid tangling your puppet's strings, do not place the floor unless the puppet has been prepared for:



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## **Working in a Puppet Theatre**

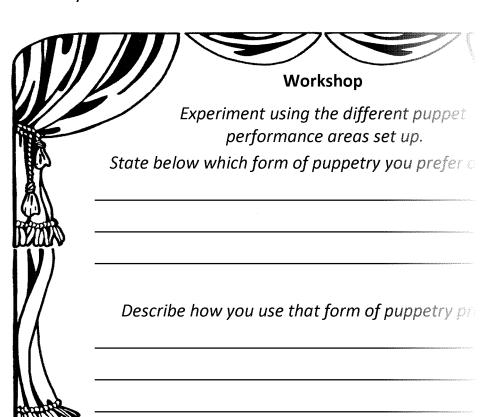
A puppet theatre can be used to give your audience a for performance. Different **backdrops** can be used to indicaplaces and locations.

A puppet theatre for **glove** or **rod puppets** will usually be area. The puppeteers 'hide' behind it so that only the peseen on the puppet theatre stage. A simple version can placing a large piece of material across a doorway.

A puppet theatre for **marionette puppets** will usually in puppeteers standing over the theatre so that the puppet the puppet theatre stage.

A **finger puppet theatre** can easily be made from a small table. The puppeteers can kneel below the table and propuppets in the staged area.

**Shadow puppets** need a large white screen to perform light shining on the screen from behind means that the seen by the audience on the other side.





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## **Working in a Puppet Booth**



- Working in a small space means you have to worken ensure that everyone can work comfortably
- Remember that your audience are the most impeand they need to see and hear your performance
- If you are not supposed to be speaking, please be noise behind the puppet theatre will distract from performance



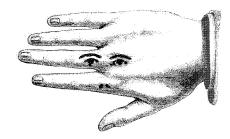
Think about your experience working in a small space complete the following chart.

Problem	How to c

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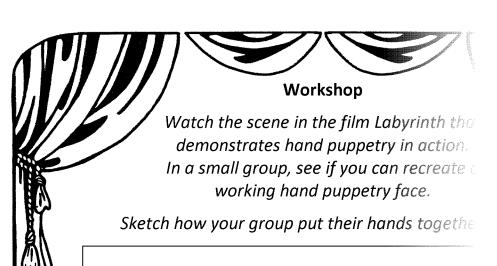
## **Hand Puppetry**



Hands alone can be used as puppets.

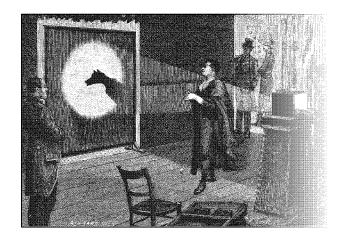
If you create a fist, draw on eyes and move your thur create a face without anything else at all.

See if you can work out ways of creating larger faces. The rule is that every hand has to be used. It is diffic where you will all stand in order to work your hands create a moving face.

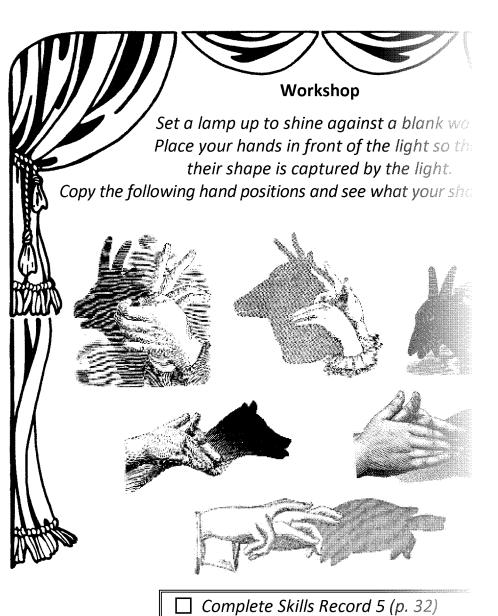


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## **Hand Shadow Puppetry**



A bright light shone against a white screen or wall myour hands move in front of the light, a shadow will wall.



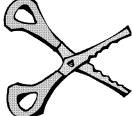
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## **Shadow Puppetry**

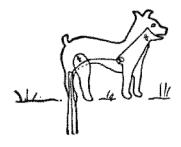
Shadow puppetry has been used all over the world to teach.

It uses cut-out figures behind a white screen with a life from behind. This allows the 'shadow' of the character the other side.

Shadow cut-outs can be very simple, or incredibly co



Create your own shadow puppet out of care torch against a wall to see how it looks.





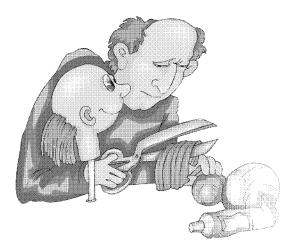


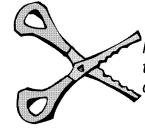






## **Making Junk Puppets**





Make your own puppet using objects collect the house. A puppet can be a very simple, a creation.

Here are some ideas to get you going...

#### **Stick Puppet**

- 1. Cut out a picture from a magazine, or draw your own ch
- 2. Glue the picture onto heavy card. This will help it last lo
- 3. Decorate using wool, curled paper, sequins anything ye enhances the look of your puppet
- 4. Tape or glue a wooden stick to the puppet
- 5. Make them move backwards and forwards while they so

#### **Paper Bag Puppet**

- 1. Fold the top of a paper bag to give your puppet a 'mouth
- 2. Make 'arms', or a tongue separately out of card and atta
- Use scraps of material to decorate the character, and do the bag

#### **Sock Puppet**

- 1. Put an old sock onto your hand with your finger and thus your wrist in the sock's 'heel'.
- 2. Cut a circle out of card and fold in half. Stick or sew the the space between your fingers and thumb.
- 3. Glue red material or felt onto the folded circle. A tongue using curled paper, or a strip of material. You could ever make your character look vicious!
- 4. Add eyes, hair, ears and other features to create your per character.



#### **Finger Puppet**

There are several ways to make these.

- Use paper to create a finger-sized cone, and decorate us Draw on some eyes and features using felt tip pen.
- Use felt and cut out two finger shaped pieces. Glue the decorate using smaller pieces of felt for the features.
- You can make a two digit finger puppet by drawing a char out a picture, then placing two holes through which you 'legs'.
- Make a three digit puppet using an old glove as a base. over your middle digit, and two 'boots' to act as legs for side. You can make your puppet walk using your fingers
- Knit one!

#### **Toilet Roll Puppet**

- 1. Use an empty toilet paper tube to make a puppet
- 2. Decorate the tube to create a character
- 3. Attach strings either end of the tube
- 4. Attach the strings to a stick and use this to manipulate the

#### **Paper Plate Puppet**

Paper plates make a good base for a variety of puppet proje

- Paint or create a colourful butterfly onto the plate ensure symmetrical. Fold the plate in half. Attach a loop of con back of either side of the plate. Place your fingers throu open and close the butterfly to move.
- Two paper plates sealed together with glue create an ea

#### Pop-up Paper Cup Puppet

Make a hole in the bottom of the cup. Make your 'chara material and attach the stick. Decorate the cup to be the Pushing the stick up and out of the cup will create the ef 'popping' up. Good characters to create are worms pop raccoons popping out of dustbins, or even a 'jack in the

#### **Vegetable Puppet**

Vegetables are not just for eating. Take a look at this character created using vegetables! You can eat them once you are done playing with them.





**ICT** 

Take a look at http://www.storewars.org It shows vegetable puppets in action!





## **Design Your Own Puppet**



Choose which type of puppet you wish to make.
Think carefully about what type of character you wan
Sketch and label your design with the materials you;
construct it.

construct it.
Type of puppet:
Type of character:

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#### **Homework Task**

To construct a puppet character that you can dea puppeteer in front of the group.

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## **Putting on a Puppet Show**

It's now your turn to devise a show in small groups.

Firstly, it is important to know who your audience ar

Then work out 'The Four Ws':

Who is the main character?

What is the performance about?

Where is it happening?

**Wrong.** What's wrong? Something is making life diffic character, and only through intelligence, cleverness at does our hero resolve the **Wrong...** just in time for the



Think about a well-known fairy tale and identify each Complete the chart below.

Fairy Tale	
Who?	
What?	
Where?	
Wrong?	



#### **Top Tip**

Think of a way to make your puppet character distiyou bring it to life. Decide if your character has a saying or funny voice that they will have throughout

Working in a group on a task is a challe.

Use everyone in the group to the best of the Remember: **TEAM** = **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chie

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## **Planning Our Performance**



Use this page to plan out your performance.

List the peo	ole in your group and state the p	ouppet character	
Name	Cha	aracter	
			Hannan
State who y	our performance is suitable for:		
	udience are		
The target t	dulchee dre	A STATE OF THE STA	
Fill in the fo	llowing table:		
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## Films and Shows that Used Pup

Jim Henson is one of the most famous puppeteers e children's television shows that were presented by a puppet characters. He also created many puppet chin several well-known films.

Keep a look out for these films and shows that demonst can be used to create really spectacular performances:

- Labyrinth with David Bowie (1986)
- The Dark Crystal (1982)
- Star Wars Episodes IV-VI (Yoda is a puppet!)
- The Muppet show
- Sesame Street
- The Thunderbirds

Think of television programmes that you may remension when you were younger, or films that you have seen puppet characters.

#### **ICT**

Do take a look at some of these wonderful websites



http://www.punchandjudyworld.org/ http://www.sagecraft.com http://www.puppet.org

Or do an internet search and see what other sites on can find.





## Information I Found on the Inte



#### **Homework Task**

Find some information about Jim Henson and he puppets. Print it out from the internet and past

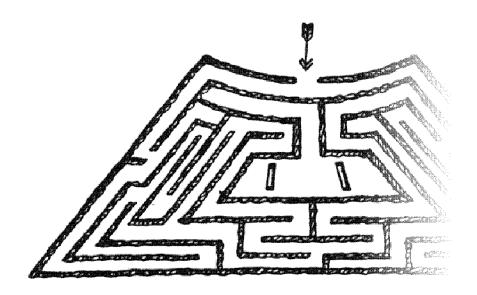
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## **Hunt the Labyrinth Characte**





The names of ten characters from the film Labyrinth are Use a highlighter pen to shade where you find them.



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## **Looking at Puppets in Action**

#### The Labyrinth film quiz



\_ Watch carefully and answer the following quest

- 1. In what year was the film made?
- 2. Name the 1980s pop star who appears in the film.
- 3. List the names of the characters played by human actors
  - 1.\_\_\_\_\_ 4.\_\_\_\_
  - 2.\_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_
  - 3.
- 4. What is the name of the very famous puppeteer who crefor this film?
- 5. Identify two characters who you think might be finger puppets.
  - 1.\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2.

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6.	Which characters were brought to life by using strings to	
	1	
	2	
	3	
	J	
7.	What does the main character eat that causes her to fall	
3.	'Body' puppets are puppets that are larger than their pu	
	identify two examples where this was used?	
	1	
	2	
9.	Who was your favourite puppet sharester and why?	
J.	Who was your favourite puppet character and why?	
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IO.	Describe your favourite scene in which this character ap	PROTECTE
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On this page, use pencils to sketch your puppet charafrom the film.

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## The Story of Pinocchio

Geppetto took a block of wood With knife in hand he tried To carve his path to fatherhood With a son wood could provide

He carved and carved all day and night Working beaver-ishly He soon would see the end in sight Carving fever-ishly

He was rewarded with a son Who was, of course, just wood But with this son, he felt as one It made him feel so good

To give him life he pulled some strings And gave his son a name Pinocchio would Geppetto bring Some joy and even fame

But somehow all awry went things Pinocchio found one day He didn't seem to need those strings They just got in his way

This new found freedom brought a cloud Life wasn't quite so rosy When spouting lies, he was endowed With a nose that was too nosey

So, in the end, this wooden boy Stopped lying through his nose And once again became a toy Wearing strings and puppet clothes

Stanley Cooper New York (1926)













## **Find the Puppetry Words**



But first you have to work out which words to look for Fill in the missing words, and then find those words have search.

The art of bringing a toy chara	cter to life is called
writers such as	wrote about puppets be
of years ago. People who perf	form with puppets are called
The smallest form of puppet is	calledp
placed over the hand is called	a puppet
larger than the puppeteer are	calledpu
name for a	puppet would be
is the French word for puppet.	When a puppeteer can make a
without moving their lips it is o	called Pe
out of anything, even	The aim of a pup
to entertain the	·
Use a highlighter to show wh	ere you found a word.
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## **Class Spelling Test**

Your teacher will read out sentences that are definitions of now know.



Write the appropriate word in the space, spelling it a books with someone else when marking how you did

- 1.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

There are 2 marks available for each answer.

You get 1 mark for getting the word correct.

You get 1 mark for the absolute correct spelling.

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## **Skills Record**

It is your responsibility to ensure that you complete tasks yo



Write in the date on which you achieved the followin record what you did.

	Self-Assessed Skill	What I Did
1.	I can use a <b>finger puppet</b> properly to create a character and work with a group to use it in a short performance/5	
2.	I can perform simple movements with a <b>glove puppet</b> and give it a suitable 'voice'.	
3.	I can perform simple movements using a marionette to music/10	
4.	I can create a <b>puppet</b> performance working with a group and using a <b>puppet booth</b> /10	
5.	I attempted using hand shadow puppetry/10	
6.	I undertook some research into puppetry and found out about the work of famous puppeteers.  I got/20 for the relevance of my findings.	
7.	I know the special <b>vocabulary</b> relating to puppetry. My mark on this test was:/20	
8.	I have designed and made my own puppet character and demonstrated how to use it. I give my creation:/20	
	Total: /100	Level:

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## **Evaluate Your Work**



Complete all sections of the evaluation.

Think carefully about what you have gained from wo puppetry.

**Drama Skills** – What skills has studying puppetry allowed yo

**Personal Development** – State which tasks you found challe reason why.

**Social Development** – Identify other pupils' work you admirthat impressed you.

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# **Teaching & Learning Eval** List the three activities you have enjoyed the most... 1. 2. 3. State which activities you enjoyed the least, and say we 1. 2. 3. Yesl Did you enjoy this topic? Were the lessons varied and interesting? Did you learn something you didn't know before? Could you approach your teacher for advice? Did you come prepared to lessons? Are you inspired to study this subject outside of the lesson? **COPYRIGHT PROTECTED** Were you shown how to improve your work? Do you think your work improved while looking at this topic? Any other comments: