Puppets for teaching

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Why we use puppets

- Puppets can help the students and teacher in the EFL classroom to:
  - Act as a 2nd model – useful for introducing dialogues
    - E.g. Student and puppet
    - Student and another student puppet
    - Puppet and puppet
    - Student and student
  - Give shy and timid students a third person to interact with
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- Encourage children to talk
- Introduce real reasons for questions e.g. ‘What’s your name?’
- Substitute for drills (can ask lots of puppets the same question)
How to use puppets

- Worms with two fingers on the side of a desk
- 1/5/10 characters are available on our fingers. (try introducing your family this way)
- Use your thumb to move the mouth of the puppet
- Your hand can become a face, move your hand to change expressions
Some more puppets to make

- Sock puppets. Stick eyes (buttons) and mouth on the sock on a hand. Moving knuckle and hand will change expressions.

- Paper bag puppets. Use paper bag to create your own puppet.

- Spoon puppets. Using a piece of cloth and buttons, plasticine or blue tack create someone new.

- Fruit and vegetable puppet. Same as before, sticking buttons and blue tack to bananas, apples, etc.
Shadow puppets. Shadow puppets can be made with sticks and paper/card/material/Wood...

A strong light would also be necessary to create the shadow. Light from a window could also be used.