



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

Why we use puppets


- ▶ 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.

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- ▶ 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.