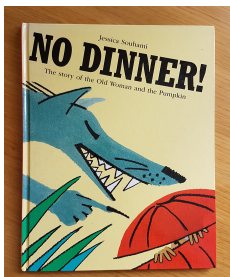


# Story retelling with puppets

Retelling stories out loud is a great way to help children become familiar with a story, as well as improving their vocabulary, sequencing, comprehension, fluency and expression.

A fun way to do this is to make your own puppets!

**You will need:** *A story of your choice, paper/card, coloured pencils/pens, straws/sticks/spare pencils, sticky tape.*



- Choose a story - it can be a new one, or one of your favourites!
- Read the story all the way through - you can do this as many times as you like.

- Decide which are the main characters in your story and draw a picture of them on paper or card.
- Cut the pictures out.



- Stick a straw or pencil on to the back of your pictures to make a handle - you're ready to go!

- First, practise retelling your story by using the puppets as you read the book through again.
- Think about which are the most important parts to include and try using a different voice for each character.



- When you are ready you can put on a grand puppet show for your audience!