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## Easy Ways to Use PUPPETS in Any Learning Space



### Use Puppets To...

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#### Communicate

Build early language and literacy skills. Sing a song or a story; mime, teach greetings and good-byes.

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#### Support Literacy Skills

Play rhyming games, tell a story, retell a story, sing the alphabet, add sound effects to a story & more!

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#### Support SEL

Use as a mediator, role-play, express feelings, problem solve, teach choices, sharing, safety.

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#### Be a Classroom Helper

Use as a leader to introduce new words, texts, lead discussions, and increase engagement.

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#### Learn a New Language

Use to teach sign language, other languages, celebrate diversity & culture etc;

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#### To Model Expectations

Use to show what expectation behaviors look like: good listening etc. Use as a tour guide.

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#### Improve Reading Fluency

Use puppets & scripts: improve speed, accuracy, & prosody. Sing, talk, whisper. Include dynamics.

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#### Teach Science

Light & Shadows: include shadow puppets & shadow box theaters. Use hard & soft light features.

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#### Write & Draw

Encourage early writing skills: write or draw a letter to puppet; cards, story murals, lists, signs, menus etc.

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#### Make Puppets!

Turn anything into a puppet: glove, stick, marionettes, etc. Use spoons, straws, dowels, tubes etc.

