Different kinds of puppets



Puppets are not just for children! They are used all around the world in celebrations, festivals, performances and plays. Water puppets, 1. _____ are used in Vietnam, have entertained generations of people for a thousand years. Giant dragon puppets in China, 2. _____ are used to celebrate the New Year, can be five metres long.



There are hundreds of different types of puppets, from complicated marionettes on strings to simple stick puppets made from wooden spoons or kebab sticks. However, the easiest to make are probably simple finger puppets, 3. _____ can be made out of fabric, paper, card or small boxes. They are particularly good for younger children, 4. _____ can use them to act out simple stories. An instant puppet can be made by simply drawing a face on a strip of paper, 5. _____ can be wound around a finger.



A little more complicated are glove puppets, 6. _____ are worn on the whole hand. The puppeteer, 7. _____ has their whole hand inside the puppet, can use his or her fingers to move the arms of the puppet. This means that the puppet, 8. _____ can now point and nod its head, can interact with other puppets and the audience.



One type of hand puppet, 9. _____ is very realistic and suitable for teenagers, needs both hands to operate. The puppeteer's right hand becomes the puppet's hand, while the left hand moves the head. The puppet can wear a simple dress, 10. _____ hides the puppeteer's arm, made out of a square piece of fabric.

If you are thinking of a performance, then puppets are perfect for people 11. _____ feel shy or 12. _____ don't want to talk in front of an audience.

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