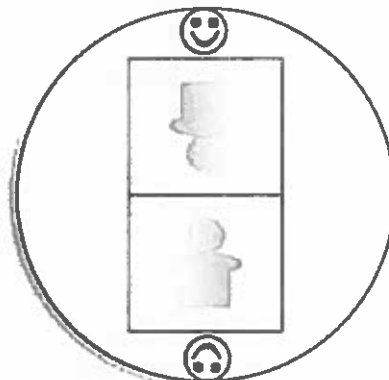


2. Puppet Play

Equipment

- 2 puppets.



Script

(Place puppet on hand, raise hand and start to look at the puppet.)

'Hello, I'm What's your name?'

(Move the puppet to your ear as if listening to its response.)

'How old are you?'

(Repeat the action as if listening to the puppet – continue having a conversation with the puppet.)

Puppets can be used to have any number of conversations, but it is also useful to add a range of props and work with the puppet to 'play out' play scenarios, for example, writing a note, drinking a cup of tea or washing a dolly.

Top Tips

Some children may find talking to adults or children in direct conversation extremely difficult. Using a puppet to have a conversation not only models the process of having a conversation but also provides opportunities to begin to make conversations with the child.

Many speech and language programmes involve teaching the child a range of verbs, prepositions, etc. Puppet play provides an ideal opportunity to undertake this work.