



CREATE YOUR OWN PUPPET SHOW

ART 1: Creating Characters

Characterisation means developing a story character, so that we learn what they are like, how they behave, what they think, how they feel. We can then think about how we might draw them to show these things.

You could follow some simple steps:

1. Decide who your characters are. They could be;
 - People from History (Henry VIII, Florence Nightingale for instance)
 - People in the news such as Boris Johnson or Harry and Meghan
 - Celebrities from TV, Film, Sport or Music
 - Yourself
 - Your friends and family
 - Animals, perhaps your favourite animal or your pet
 - Or they can be completely made up.
2. Once you have your character, think about what sort of character they are, these are called character traits. They could be:

Happy /sad	Kind/cruel
Strong/weak	Loud/quiet
Gentle/a bully	Sensible/silly
Honest/ untrustworthy	Young/old

Talk to someone like a brother or sister, parent/carer or friend (partner) to come up with others and decide.

3. Close your eyes and picture your character. Then look at your partner and show them the expression on your face.

Take turns looking at each other and pull faces! Sad, angry, happy, cheeky etc. Come up with lots of your own.

Look at the shapes their face makes in all those different expressions.

What shape do eyes and eyebrows make? What about the mouth? Does the nose change? What about the angle they hold their head?

Think about how they stand. Are they straight and proud, are they old and bent? How might they stand if they are sneaky, or angry? The way they stand is called POSTURE. Act them out with your partner and draw them

4. Now you are ready to draw. Talk to your partner about your character, what they are like and how they might look, and help each other to draw them, remembering what you did about face shapes and posture.