

# Is Shadow Useful at All?

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## Get curious

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**OPTIONAL** Movement game

**Students make some animal shapes using their hands.**

Show students a slide illustrating how we can use our hands to create shadow shapes of animals. The students choose a shape they want to show the other students and create that shape on the screen. The rest of the class try to guess the animal.

Talk with the students about shadows.

Ask them:

How is a shadow made?

Can an object cast a smaller shadow at one moment and a bigger shadow at another?

How does this happen?

What shapes can a shadow have?

Did the plastic, glass, wooden or metal objects cast a shadow?



This is a game for younger children; if these classes are intended for older students, you can begin with the next section.

Video/ Slide show

**Watch the film: Shadow puppet play.**

After the film talk to the children about shadow theatre.

Ask them:

Can shadows perform a play in the way real actors do?

## Get going

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Writing

**Students prepare a scenario for a shadow play.**

**OPTIONAL** Video/ Slide show

**Shadow puppets from around the world.**

If you have a little more time you can show the students several slides featuring shadow puppets.

Creative expression

**Students make the characters for their scenarios - the shadow puppets.**

Presenting results

**Students in the group present their own unique play on a shadow theater "stage".**

If a group needs to change the light, help them to position the color of the filter they want on the light source.

## Get practicing

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Creative expression

**Students put on a theatrical performance at home.**

Get others involved in preparing the shadow theater performance (the scenario, shadow puppets) and taking part in it.

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