



Parent Guide

How can I use this with my children?

Build upon animal-themed learning and games with this simple and fun guide to making animal-shaped hand shadows.

How does this help my children's learning?

Following instructions and using imagination are both important skills to develop; shadow puppets are a fun and wholesome activity that can be adapted into a social guessing game or creative play.

Ideas for further learning:

Can your child research any other hand shadows to try? Or can they make their own shadow stick puppets by drawing and cutting out animal shapes and glueing them to lolly sticks?



Animal Hand Shadows Guide



Shadow puppets are a fun way to learn a variety of skills! Can you match your hands to the pictures? Can you bring your hands closer or further away from the torch to make the shadow bigger and smaller, clearer or more blurry? Can you make the animal shadows interact with each other and put on a story or play?

To complete this activity, you'll need a dark room and a bright torch or similar direct light source.

Use the picture guides to copy the hand positions and place your hands in front of the light source - can you see the animals' shadows?

Why not use this activity to learn more about shadows? You can pair these hand shadows with an informative book or video to supplement learning

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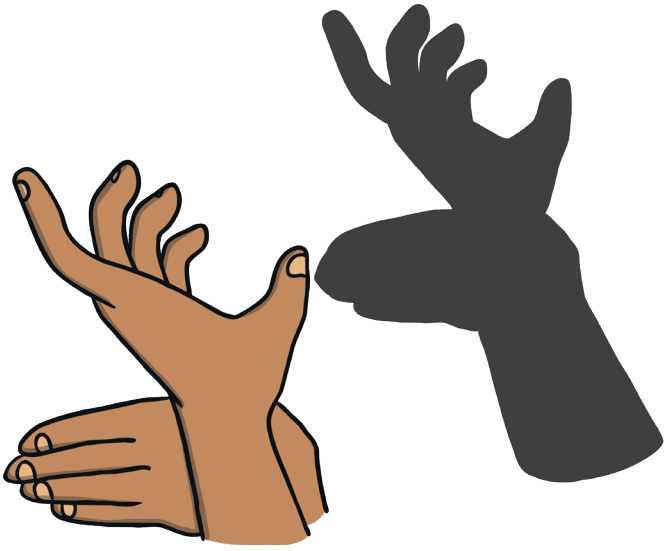
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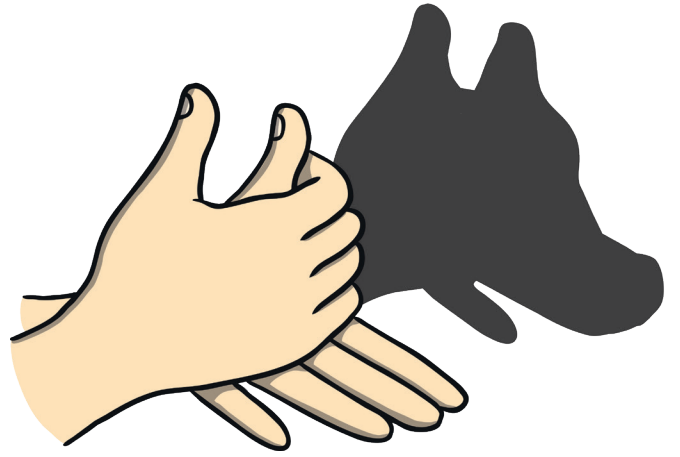
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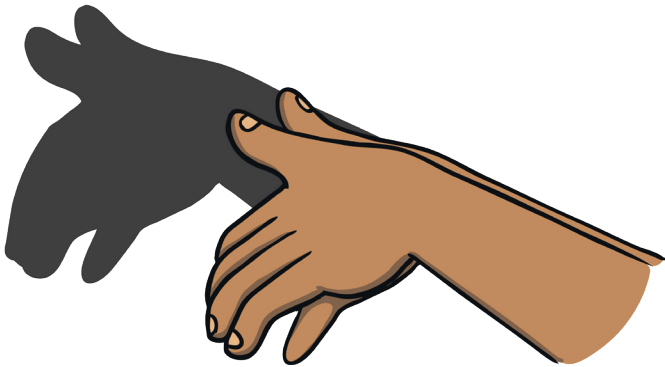
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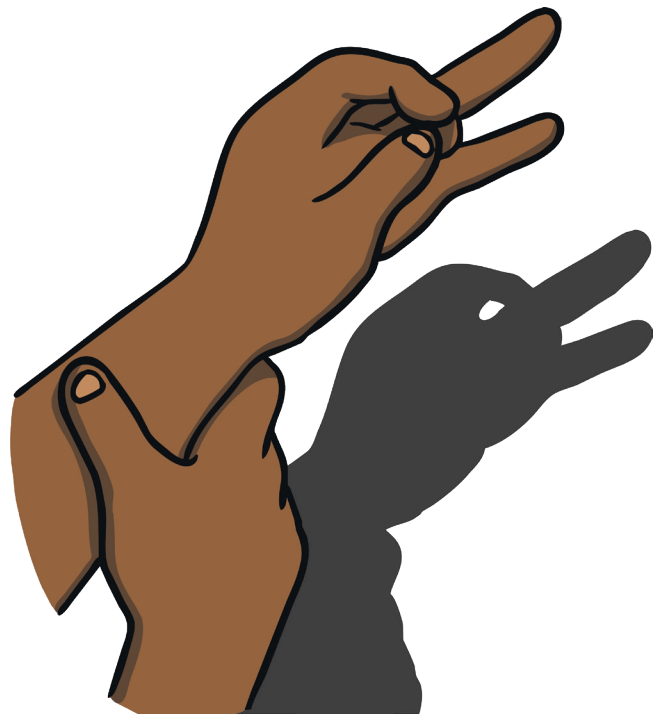
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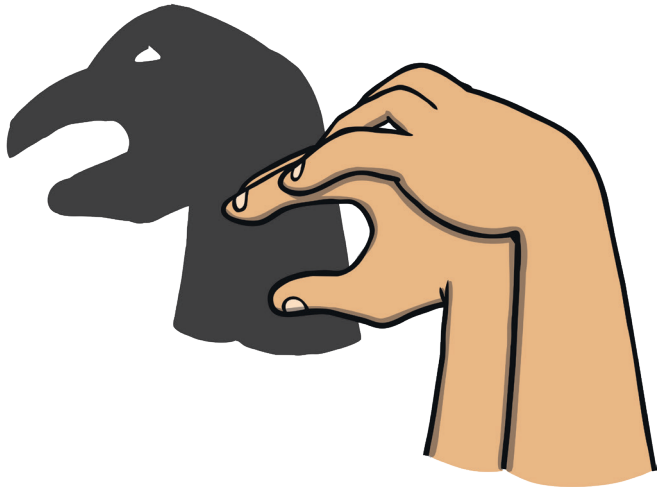
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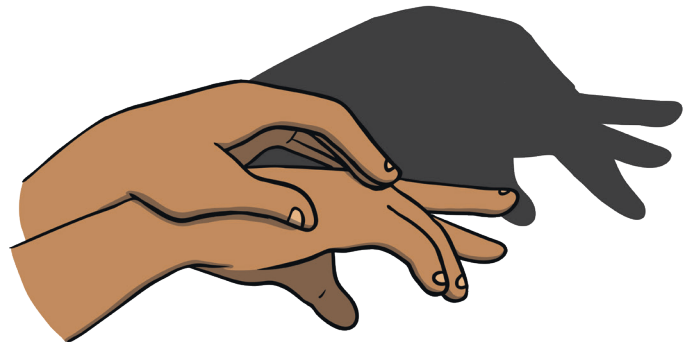
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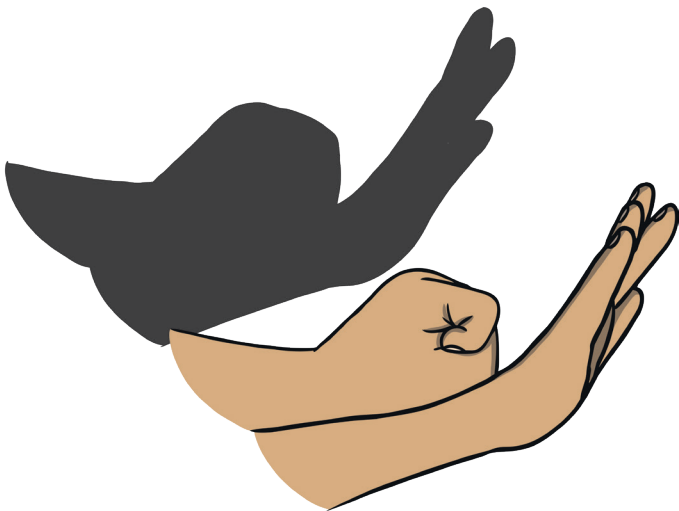
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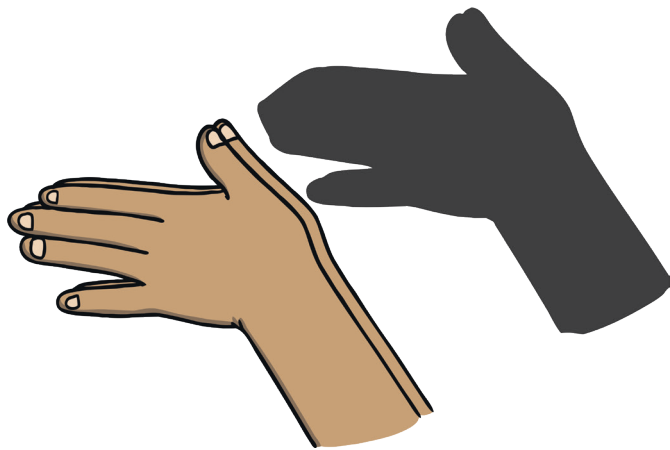
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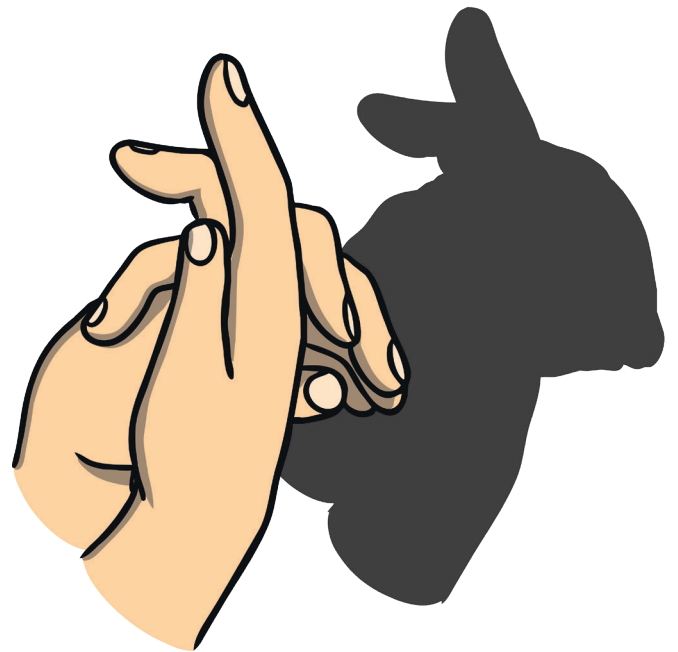
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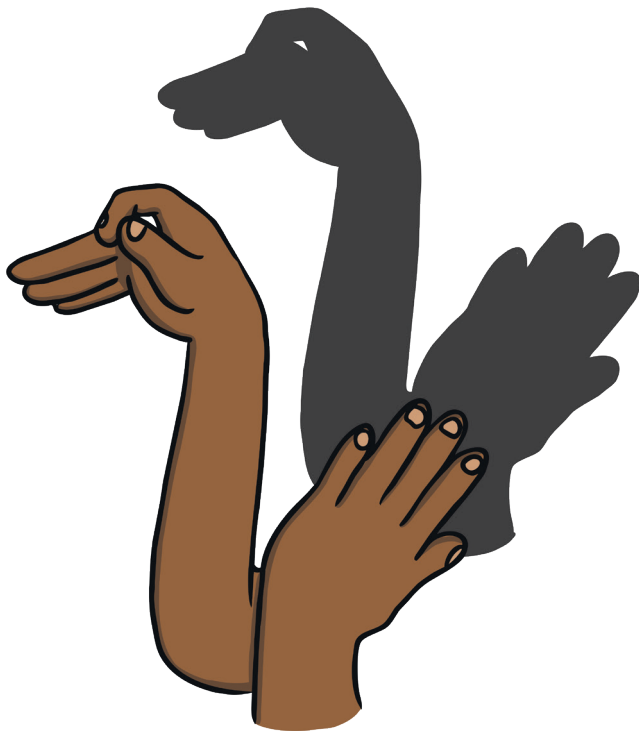
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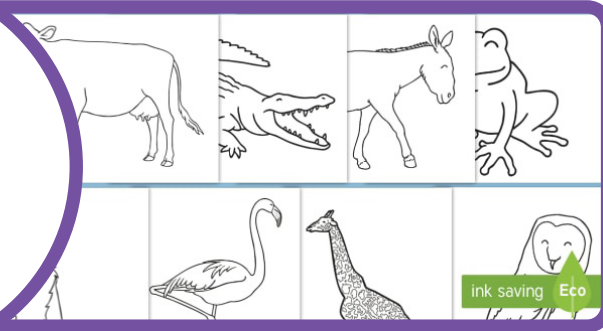
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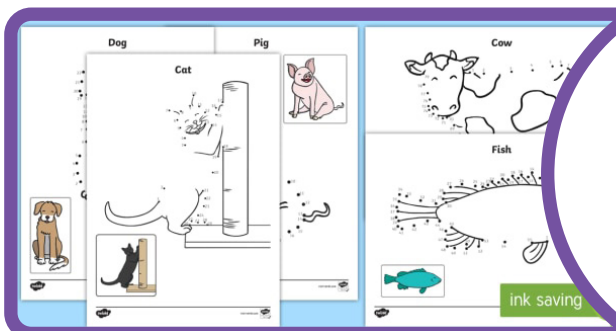
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