Fun with Fairytales

What IS a fairy tale? Write some features that fairy tales have.

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Create some characters you would like to star in a fairy tale you write. Describe the characters: their names, ages, roles in the story, likes, dislikes, problems, special things about them. Can you think of some adventures for them to have and tricky problems to overcome?

Create your own shadow puppet theatre and shadow puppets. You will need adult help and probably some instructions. This website has shadow puppet templates you can use if you don’t want to design your own.

Create a play with your puppets. If you have a video camera, you could even make a movie!

Which fairy tale do you think is represented by each of the silhouettes on this page?

Make up some clues to fairy tales for a friend to solve. You can draw, write or mime clues. Here are some written clues to start you off: a glass slipper, a birthday suit, a house of straw. Mimes could be blowing a house down, someone parading through the town who doesn’t realize he is naked, or someone trying on a glass slipper. Can you think of other clues for your friends to guess? Try drawing too!

Write newspaper headlines for some fairytales. Think about how a newspaper editor might try to attract attention to an article about The Three Little Pigs with a headline. Perhaps Crazed Wolf Destroys Homes or Bricks Trump Sticks in Housing Disaster.

Rummage through your dress up box and dress as some fairytale characters. Can you turn a fairy tale into a play?