



## Baking and Sock Puppets App

Baking activities use a wide range of skills and learning occurs through doing. There are steps to follow and directions to understand which involve listening and sequencing skills. The names of objects, utensils and ingredients, action words which relate to baking (pour, mix, stir etc) are in use throughout the activity this links to understand vocabulary. Numeracy skills are practiced as quantities are fundamental; and sensory awareness is strong as the finished product is a reward in itself.

Having used the language during the activity it can be a good idea to reinforce the learning by making a puppet show. You might like to use puppets or toys at home but this app is also engaging and appealing to students!

The Sock Puppets App can bring a playful dimension to recounting and retelling of the events. The free version allows a good choice of puppets, backgrounds and props to prepare a 30 second show. A conversation between 2 puppets on screen, which might involve 3 or 4 interactions can be put together following the steps below.

<p>Step 1</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open the app and click New to set up a new puppet show</li> <li>• Your finished show will be saved to the Open button</li> </ul>
<p>Step 2</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To select the characters for your show simply click on the icon of the puppet. Start with just 2 so that the conversations are manageable. Your selected item is indicated by a pair of eyes appearing when clicked.</li> <li>• Click Next</li> </ul>

### Step 3



- Select a Background.  
Unfortunately there is no Kitchen so use the black or plain colour background.  
If you do not choose a particular background you will end up with a scene that looks like a stage with spotlights, which will suit nicely! Choosing the background can be another source of language development e.g. making a choice, describing, joking, or simple justification (why did we not bake in the field?)

- Click Next

### Step 4








- Select some Props e.g. a table, some books
- Click Next

### Step 5



- Now you are ready to record the show
- The Puppet with the red arrow above it is the one that is ready to "speak". If you want to move to the other puppet click on it and the arrow moves over.
- Remember to do a few practice runs – the making of the show is as important (if not more important) than the finished product (a bit like baking itself)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you are ready click on the red button  to start recording. Just speak what you want the puppet to say.</li> <li>• You will see a 30 second count down on screen.</li> <li>• You can pause  if you need to help as you go through it.</li> <li>• Click the stop  to finish recording</li> <li>• The Show is now ready to play </li> <li>• Save the show  Your show will appear in the Open button on the first screen the next time.</li> </ul>
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The finished product changes the voices to squeaky voices so it means it's lots of fun to try at home!

Top Tip: Encourage playing again to reinforce the language.

Here is an example of a simple conversation.

Adult: What did we bake today?

Pupil: We made muffins?

Adult: What did we put in them?

Pupil: We put flour, sugar, eggs all in the bowl and mixed them up.

Adult: yes and then we put them in the oven. Do you think you will like them for tea?

Pupil: Yes, they are going to be yummy.

The full version of the App is available at \$3.99 and this gives a wider range of puppets, backgrounds and props with a show that can last 2 minutes.