

Beginning Puppetry

Although these basics are important to all levels of puppetry, the beginner must become proficient enough in these techniques to the point that they become second nature. It is important to know that all the basics can be practiced without a puppet, but you must also know the correct way to hold a puppet! Insert one hand through the body of the puppet and into the mouth. Your hand should feel comfortable with four fingers in the roof of the mouth and the thumb in the jaw below. Both the fingers and the thumb should be touching the cloth-covered mouth.

Lip Synchronization

Mouth Action

Eye Contact

Posture

Entrances and Exits

Life of the Puppet

Why use puppets?

When and where to use puppets?

It's a team thing.

Where do you get your scripts?

Stages, backdrops and props!

What kind of puppets do you use?