

4.3 Telling a story with stick puppets: 'Big Blue Fish and Small Red Fish'

LEVEL 1, 2

AGE GROUP A, B

TIME 20 minutes + 20 minutes

AIMS **Language:** prepositions of place, *Where are you?*, and *Help!*; re-writing a story following a model (older children).
Other: co-operating in re-telling a story.

MATERIALS Stick puppets of Big Blue Fish and Small Red Fish (see Chapter 3); flashcards with a flap on them (seaweed, shells, rocks, old boot, picnic basket; see Worksheet 4.3); blu-tack; the story (later in this section).

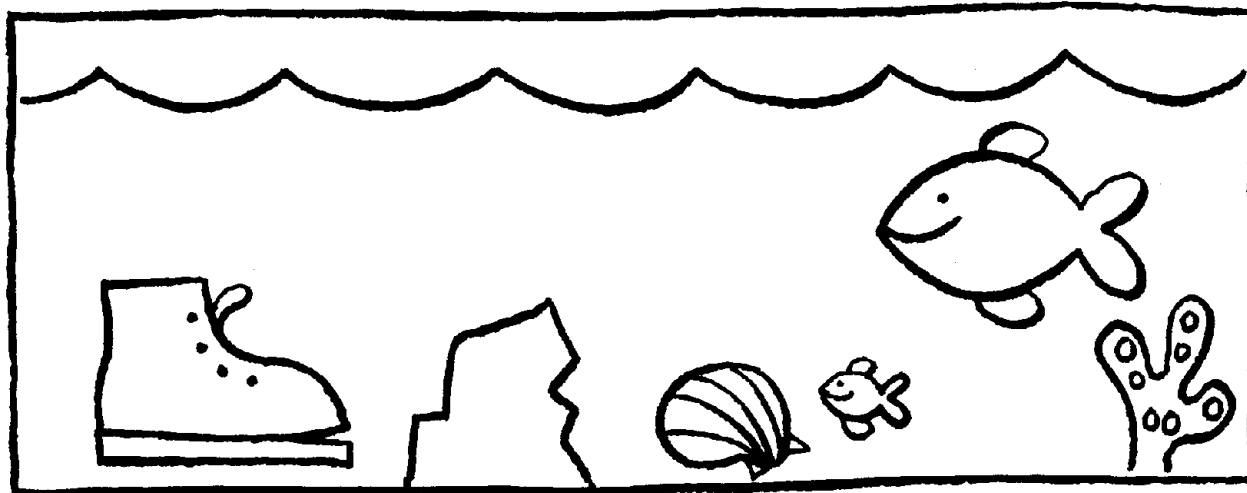
DESCRIPTION The teacher uses stick puppets (see 3.8, 'Stick puppets') to tell the children a story. The children can then make the puppets themselves and use them to act out the same story or use it as a model to write and act out their own version of it.

PREPARATION

- 1 Make the puppets.
- 2 Make the flashcards.
- 3 Practise telling the story with the puppets.

IN CLASS

- 1 Show the children the fish puppets and tell them their names.
- 2 Draw a wavy blue line high on the board to represent the sea, and draw some sand at the bottom of the board. Stick the flashcards on to the board. See illustration.



- 3 Use the puppets to tell the story; there are suggested actions with the story on the next page to help you.

- 4 Teach the children the key phrases in the story, and tell it again.
This time you can divide the class into two halves; one half can say the lines of Big Blue Fish and the other the lines of Small Red Fish.
- 5 Ask two children to come to the board and move the puppets as the class says the dialogue.

FOLLOW-UP

The children make their own puppets and props and use them to practise the story.

STORY OUTLINE

BIG BLUE FISH AND SMALL RED FISH	
Story	Actions
This is Big Blue Fish. She was very, very big.	<i>Show the children the Big Blue Fish (BBF) puppet.</i>
And this is Small Red Fish. She was very, very small.	<i>Show the Small Red Fish (SRF) puppet.</i>
They lived in the deep blue sea.	<i>Make the fish swim in the sea.</i>
Small Red Fish was frightened of Big Blue Fish.	<i>Make SRF tremble.</i>
One day Big Blue Fish said in a loud voice, 'I'm hungry. I'm very, very hungry! Where are you, Small Red Fish?'	<i>Hold BBF up as you talk.</i>
'Oh, help! Help! Help!' said Small Red Fish. 'Where can I hide?'	<i>Move SRF backwards and forwards looking for somewhere to hide.</i>
And Small Red Fish hid under a shell.	<i>Hide SRF under the shell.</i>
But Big Blue Fish could see her tail. 'There you are!' she said in a loud voice.	<i>Move BBF towards the shell.</i>
But Small Red Fish just escaped in time. 'I'm hungry' said Big Blue Fish. 'Where are you, Small Red Fish?'	<i>Make SRF escape and hide behind the seaweed.</i>
'Oh, help! help! help!' said Small Red Fish. 'Where can I hide?'	<i>Move SRF backwards and forwards looking for somewhere to hide.</i>
And she hid behind a rock.	<i>Hide SRF behind a rock.</i>
But Big Blue Fish could see her tail. 'There you are!' she said in a loud voice.	<i>Move BBF towards the rock.</i>

But Small Red Fish just escaped in time.	<i>SRF escapes and hides behind the seaweed.</i>
'I'm hungry' said Big Blue Fish. 'Where are you, Small Red Fish?'	
'Oh, help!, help! help!' said Small Red Fish. 'Where can I hide?'	<i>Move SRF backwards and forwards looking for somewhere to hide.</i>
And she hid in a boot.	<i>Hide SRF in the boot.</i>
But Big Red Fish could see her tail. 'There you are' she said. And this time Small Red Fish couldn't escape.	<i>Move BRF towards the boot.</i>
'Please don't eat me' said Small Red Fish.	<i>Make SRF tremble.</i>
'Eat you!' said Big Blue Fish laughing, 'Eat you! I'm hungry. You're very, very small.'	<i>Hold BBF up and laugh.</i>
'Oh' said Small Red Fish and she came out of the boot.	<i>Make SRF come out of the boot.</i>
'I've got a picnic' said Big Blue Fish. 'Come and have a picnic with me!'	<i>Move BBF to the picnic basket.</i>
So Big Blue Fish and Small Red Fish had a picnic together, and from that day they were good friends.	<i>Move SRF to the picnic basket. Stick them both to the board with blu-tack.</i>

VARIATION

This story also works well with shadow puppets. The fish can be made by sticking red and blue cellophane on to the fish outlines. The shell, rock, and boot are made by mounting cut outs on to sticks.

4.4 Telling a story with shadow puppets: 'The Little Red Hen'

LEVEL

All

AGE GROUP

All

TIME

40 minutes

AIMS

Language: to listen attentively to the information in a story so that you are able to re-tell it.