

# Making Tracks



**Year 5  
2005**

# How to Make Moving Puppets

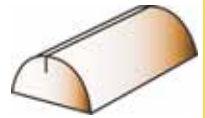
## Materials

- cork
- drawing pins
- cardboard
- cardboard box
- coloured pens, pencils or markers
- knife (to be used by an adult only)
- string
- ruler
- scissors
- magnet
- glue

## Method

1. Draw some characters on the cardboard and cut them out.

2. Ask an adult to carefully cut your cork in half long ways and then put a slit into the curved side.



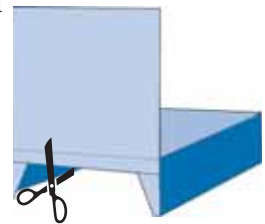
3. Stick four drawing pins into the bottom of the cork.



4. Slide one of your cut-out characters into the slit.



5. Carefully cut a hole in the back of the box and attach a picture for the background. You can choose any background you like.



6. Tie the magnet to the ruler.



7. To move the puppets, slide the ruler under the box.



# Sam's Project

Here is a page from Sam's project on his favourite bird, the albatross.

## The Albatross



### How do they travel?

Albatrosses are very large birds that can fly very long distances. In fact one albatross has been recorded as flying 6000 km in 12 days. **B**

Albatrosses spend most of their lives flying, and they have amazing wings that can 'lock' into place so they can glide through the air without having to flap their wings all the time. **C**

### Did you know?

Albatrosses can live for a very long time, and one was recorded as living for 85 years. **D**

The Wandering Albatross has a wingspan of up to 3.5 metres. **B**



### Where can you find them?

There are more than 12 different types of albatross and the largest kind is the Wandering Albatross. **B**

Albatrosses are mainly found around Antarctica, but some live near Alaska, China and Japan. **A**

### Breeding habits

The female albatross lays a single egg every two years. Eggs usually hatch after about two months. **B**

Albatross nests are made mainly of mud and grass. **C**

### What do they eat?

Albatrosses eat mainly squid and fish, but they will follow ships to pick up food scraps. **A**

### Resources used

- A.** Antarctic Birds (book)
- B.** [www.birdtalk.org](http://www.birdtalk.org) (website)
- C.** Amazing Birds (video)
- D.** Seabirds magazine (Volume 2)

# GP's Garden

While Dad was looking through the fishing gear Shane followed GP down the rows of vegetables to get worms. 'I'll spare you a few out of the compost.' Underneath the rotting vegetable scraps and brown damp weeds GP uncovered a mass of pink shiny wriggling earthworms.

He gloated. 'Beautiful, aren't they? Look how they've turned the rubbish into humus.' He crumbled it lovingly between his gnarled hands. 'We'll get good tomatoes out of this, you'll see.' He scooped up some worms into a margarine container. 'The fish won't be able to resist these fellas.'

They picked oranges. 'Not too many,' GP said. 'Got to leave room in the sack for the catch.' He pulled a handful of young carrots, and washed them under the tap. 'Take these, young rabbit. For your lunch.'

Going to the beach Shane said, 'Why haven't we got a vegetable garden?'

His dad didn't answer for a moment. Then he replied slowly, 'Because I've been too lazy, I suppose. Played too much golf.'



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# The Concert

Everyone was there: the Queen of England, the President of the United States, Arnold Schwarzenegger ... just joking. The teachers and parents sat on the chairs on one side with Mary, Helmut and Edwina. Miss Cappelli was snazzed up with lipstick and a T-shirt that said 'JUST HAND OVER THE CHOCOLATE AND NOBODY WILL GET HURT!'

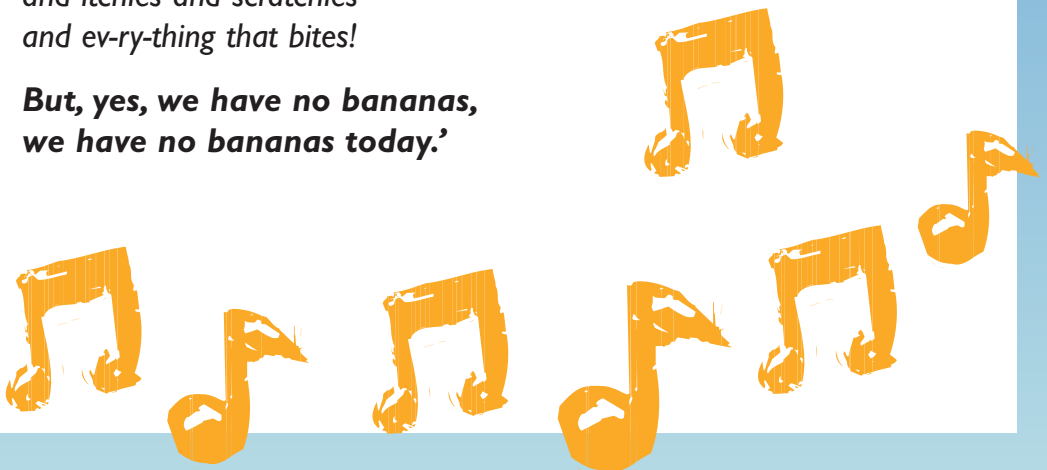
The Bomb shambled in, walking like a string puppet. Every step was a jolt. He looked very wonky.  
'Are you right, Brian?' asked Chook.

I had to hop from our tent to the rec hall with my peg leg on. When I arrived, I didn't feel much like a terrible pirate, I felt like someone who wanted to sit down! I crumpled to the floor.

The first act was the Drovers who did a very boring, squeaky recorder number. And they got it wrong in the middle and had to start again.

Then the Settlers, wearing shower caps and clothes inside-out, did a great rock'n'roll version of *Yes, we have no bananas* with words about camp. Everybody joined in at the end,  
*'We have creepies and crawlies  
and itchies and scratchies  
and ev-ry-thing that bites!*

***But, yes, we have no bananas,  
we have no bananas today.'***





# Four Great Books to Read on the Holidays

## Cairo Jim and the Chaos from Crete

– **Geoffrey McSkimming**

Strange, toxic gases are spreading through the ruins of the ancient Palace of Knossos in Crete, forcing tourists and visitors to abandon the site.

Where are these gases coming from?

Who is the rambunctious man in gas mask and rubber suit who appears amid these foul odours?

And what extraordinary secret lies beneath the ruins of Knossos?

## The Hollywood Mission

– **Deborah Abela**

Max Remy is back – and this time she is in Hollywood! But it's not all glitz and glamour as she tackles high-speed snow chases, earthquakes and a fiendish plan to use the movie industry to destroy the world. Can Max and Linden uncover the plan before it's too late? This may be Max Remy's toughest Spyforce adventure yet.

## Making the Most of it

– **Lisa Forest**

Nina Hallet is a regular schoolgirl just trying to make her way through her teenage years.

She goes to school. She does her homework. And she swims.

One of Nina's dreams is to swim very fast. When that dream comes true, Nina Hallet's world is turned upside down.

## Race to the Pole

– **Meredith Hooper**

Three men battling across the high Antarctic plateau. Battered by shrieking blizzards, skin blackened with frostbite, eyes burning with snow-blindness.

Three ambitious, driven men. Facing agonising decisions. Risking failure and death. Each desperate to be the first at the South Pole. There can only be one winner.



# Year 5 – Writing

This task will take 40 minutes.

You are going to write a story that includes this idea.

**“The crowd was waving and cheering ...”**

*You can write about yourself or someone else.*

*Your story can be real or imaginary.*

**You might like to think about the following questions.**

