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BREAKING CAT NEWS

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WOODEN SPOON DOLLS

In second grade, I made about 8-9 cat spoon dolls and put on a puppet show for my class with some of my friends. This was one of the first ways I found to tell stories! They're super fun to make (just be sure to ask first before painting the wooden spoons in your house. ...Sorry, Mom!)

YOU WILL NEED:



Wooden spoons
(You can usually get them very cheap secondhand!)



Paint,
paintbrushes,
markers



Googly eyes,
buttons,
pipe cleaners,
ribbons,
felt,
etc.



Something
to secure
felt, ribbon, etc.
Glue, needle
and thread,
glue gun

(Have an adult
help you, if you're
too young to use these!)

PAINT YOUR SPOONS!



Paint your
spoon one
light color



Paint the
fur/skin/
solid
clothing
colors



Add
fur
markings
or patterns



Paint the
details!
Eyes,
noses,
ties,
scarves
etc.





These are the kind of spoon dolls I made as a child. I'd use the scoop for the head and paint clothes along the handle. ←

Felt ears, added with glue →

Fun little egg bodies →



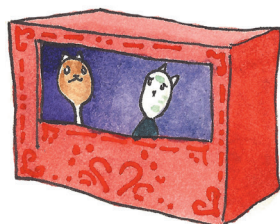
One of the best things about wooden spoon dolls is making them "walk" around by holding their handles.



After you paint your spoon dolls you can use felt, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, buttons, and such to give your dolls 3-D accessories! →

MAKE A THEATER AND YOU'VE GOT PUPPETS!

Cut a window into a cardboard box, decorate the outside, and you've got a puppet theater!



REPORTING NEWS AROUND YOUR HOUSE

There are news stories happening all around you, every day. Maybe you have a new lamp, your cat fell asleep on an open book, or you found a lost pen.

It can be fun to report these stories as news for your friends and family. It is also good practice if you'd like to be a reporter yourself one day!



WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY?

When you're investigating a story, this is a great place to start. Whether you're reporting on an event or trying to solve a mystery (or both!), these five questions can help you gather your thoughts and guide you to the truth!



WHO: Who was there? Who is involved? Who will this affect?

WHAT: What did they see? What happened?

WHEN: When did this happen?

WHERE: Where did this happen?

WHY: Why did this happen?
What led up to this?



GATHER YOUR RESEARCH



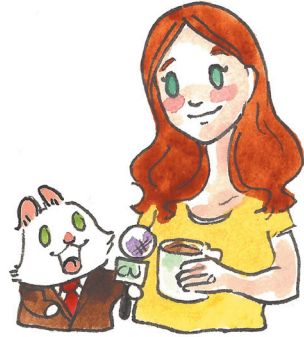
Write down your five questions and answer them. Interview as many of the folks involved as you can. Be accurate. Be honest. Take careful notes, preferably in a small notebook. It's old-school, but notebooks can fit in your pocket and be pulled out, opened, and ready for facts at a moment's notice. You need to be quick if you're going to get the scoop!

IT'S TIME TO REPORT!

Your five questions and their answers are all you need. In a pinch, they will read as their own broadcast or can be quickly typed up into a news report. Keep it simple and clear!

WHO: The Woman
WHAT: Made a cup of tea
WHEN: Tonight
WHERE: In the kitchen
WHY: She had a long day.

"The Woman made a cup of tea tonight in the kitchen, after a long day. No word yet on whether it was earl gray or lemon ginger. Elvis, back to you."



WHY REPORT THE NEWS IN YOUR HOME?

When life gets stressful or current events feel overwhelming, it can help to report—even to just yourself, for fun or comfort—the simple, sweet things around you. If you can find one or two moments in the day to mark in good humor and feel grateful for, it can help you recharge to face the rest of the world and its challenges tomorrow.



"This just in: Boxes are never empty because they are always filled with adventure."