

Let's Pretend



Play School's series 'Let's pretend' aims to nurture the imagination, creativity and a sense of wonder.

Imaginative play not only provides enjoyment to young children, but it also helps them understand the real world and their place in it. It can also help them learn about experiences and people they may not directly come into contact with.

Language, social and cognitive ability are also developed through imaginative play. A strong sense of imagination and creativity assists children become confident problem solvers.

Episode 1



PRESENTERS

Justine Clarke and Teo Gebert

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

Book Title

Author / Illustrator: Alison Lester
Publisher: Allen and Unwin

FILM

Dressing Up At Home

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Make some dress up clothes from newspaper. For example a newspaper hat, a newspaper skirt.
- Use boxes to make kitchen furniture. For example a stove, a table, a sink and a cupboard to play with.

SONGS

The Elephant Wobbles

Composer: Peter Charlton
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Let Me See You Do The Monkey

Composer: Genevieve Jereb
Publisher: Gellybean Records

It's Fun To Pretend

Composer: Peter Dasent & Judith Keyzer
Publisher: Origin/Control/ABC Music Publishing

I've Been Working on The Railroad

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Stir Up The Pudding

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Hey Hey Hey

Composer: Peter Dasent & Judith Keyzer
Publisher: Origin /Control /ABC Music Publishing

MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Jungle Tree House

You will need:

- Three cardboard uprights for tree trunks
- Two 30cm cardboard circles, painted green
- Green crepe paper cut into small pieces for leaves
- Long strips of twisted crepe paper for vines
- Craft made monkeys, elephant and parrots

Make two slits on the edge of each tree trunk, one towards the bottom and another towards the top. Each slit must be the same height on all three trunks.

Place tree trunks to form a tripod.

Take cardboard circles and slide them through the slits in the tree trunks to hold them together.

Paste leaves onto the tree for foliage. Drape crepe paper vines over the tree.

Put craft jungle animals or toys onto the jungle tree house.



How to Make Yoghurt Pops

You will need:

- Natural yoghurt
- Berries
- A bowl
- Wooden spoon
- Plastic cups
- Ice cream sticks

Put yoghurt in bowl and stir in berries.

Spoon mixture in plastic cups.

Place ice cream stick in middle.

Put in the freezer until set hard.

Episode 2



PRESENTERS

Justine Clarke and Alex Papps

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

TOLD STORY

Snortle's Surprise

(A story told by the Play School team)

FILM

Sculpture Garden

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Make a pretend mirror.
- Look in mirror and pull a happy, sad, surprised and angry look.
- Make some happy face biscuits with icing and some round biscuits.
- Draw a shape picture and tell a story.

SONGS

Making Things

Composer: Scott Aplin & Phil Barton
Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

Here's A House

Composer: John Fox & Warren Carr
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Zoom

Composer: Peter Charlton & Paul Reade
Publisher: Control

How Are You Feeling?

Composer: Peter Dasent and Sophie Emtage
Publisher: Origin /Control

If I Were A Little Pig

Composer: Traditional (Bohemian Folk Song)
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

My Horsey's a-Walking

Composer: Colin Buchanan
Publisher: Rondor

It's Fun To Pretend

Composer: Peter Dasent & Judith Keyzer
Publisher: Origin/Control /ABC Music Publishing

Will You Come To My Castle

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

If You're Happy And You Know It

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Cardboard Shape Game

You will need:

- A variety of large flat cardboard shapes including circles, ovals, squares, rectangles and flowers.
- Each shape has a slit positioned centrally on each edge so they can slide together.
- Shapes can be painted.

Pretend one of the circles is a steering wheel and go for a drive.

Pretend one of the triangles is a hat to wear.

Put a square and triangle together and pretend to be a house.

Put an oval, circle and triangle shape together to make an aeroplane.

Slide the other shapes together to make a shape sculpture.

How to Make a Box Castle

You will need:

- 1 large box
- 4 smaller boxes
- 4 buckets

Place a large box in the centre as the main wall of castle.

Place the smaller boxes on top of the larger box as towers.

Put bucket turrets on each tower.

The box castle is now complete to play with.

Episode 3



PRESENTERS

Teo Gebert and Leah Vandenberg

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

Ruby Learns To Swim

Author: Phillip Gwynne

Illustrator: Tamsin Ainslie

Publisher: Allen & Unwin Australia, 2013

FILM

Kangaroo Island Lighthouse Visit

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Make some plastic container boats and a plastic container lighthouse in a water trough.
- Make some salt play dough decorations to hang.
- Paint an under the sea mural with different coloured sea creatures.

SONGS

Everybody Do This

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

Friends All Together

Composer: Peter Dasent and Sophie Emtage

Publisher: Origin / Control

Swim Like A Kid

Composer: Julie Blanchard

Publisher: MCA / Gilbey

All The Fish Are Swimming In The Water

Composer: Beatrice Landeck

Publisher: J. Albert & Son

Dressing Up Song

Composer: Peter Dasent and Sophie Emtage

Publisher: Origin / Control

Diving

Composer: Scott Aplin & Phil Barton

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

It's Fun To Pretend

Composer: Peter Dasent & Judith Keyzer

Publisher: Origin/Control /ABC Music Publishing

Two Little Boats

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Seaside with Play Dough

You will need:

- Green dough
- Brown dough
- Yellow dough
- Blue dough
- Craft dog, dog owner, seagull, horse, person on bike.

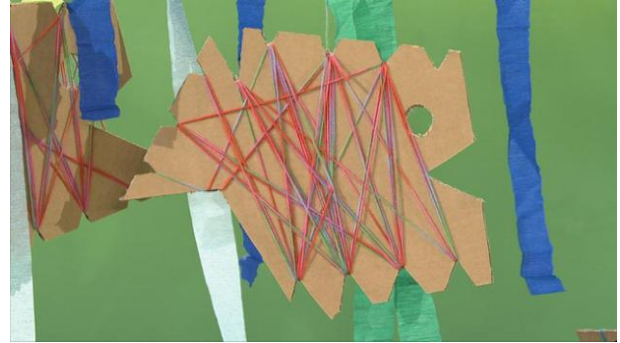
Make a craft horse, seagull, bike rider, dog and dog owner. Make these from any materials for example drawings, pipe cleaners, ice cream sticks, cardboard cylinders and paper.

Make a play dough seaside. Green dough will be the grassy park at the seaside. A brown path can be made by winding the brown dough over the green dough. This is for the bike rider, dog owner and the dog to walk on.

Yellow dough will be placed next to green play dough grass for the sand.

Next, a blue sea will be made with the blue play dough.

Put as many characters at the play dough seaside as you wish. A horse galloping, seagulls resting, a dog and owner walking.



How to Make a Woolly Rainbow Fish

You will need:

- 4 thick cardboard fish shapes with slits cut around the edge of the fish.
- Long strands of different coloured wool.

Drawn an eye on fish shape.

Take a coloured piece of wool and wrap it around and around the fish so that it slips into the slit to stop wool from slipping off.

Use many colours to make a colourful woolly rainbow fish.

Episode 4



PRESENTERS

Leah Vandenberg and Alex Papps

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

TOLD STORY

Better In No Time

(A story told by the Play School team)

FILM

Visiting The Doctor

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Play doctors with a friend
- Make some animal puppets from socks
- Make a zoo animal book with drawings or pictures

SONGS

The Mixing Song

Composer: Peter Dasent & Arthur Baysting

Publisher: Origin

Rig A Jig Jig

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

Giraffes and Mice

Composer: Peter Mapleson & Robyn Mapleson

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

It's Fun To Pretend

Composer: Peter Dasent & Judith Keyzer

Publisher: Origin/Control /ABC Music Publishing

When I Grow Up

Composer: Vanessa Johnston & Karina Johnston

Publisher: Jingle Jam Pty. Ltd.

Bags

Composer: Don Spencer

Publisher: Unpublished

Miss Polly Had A Dolly

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

I Feel Sick

Composer: Ann North & Martin Wesley-Smith

Publisher: Unpublished

Jelly On A Plate

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

MAKE AND DO



How to Make Peg Puppets

You will need:

- Cardboard
- Texta
- Scissors
- Pegs

Draw some animal heads and body shapes on cardboard.

Cut the animal bodies out.

Decorate bodies with crayons or textas.

Now add peg legs to the bodies.

A girl or boy shape can be drawn and cut out.

Add pegs for the legs and arms.



How to Make a Box Office Tower

You will need:

- 4 large boxes
- Smaller box
- Bottle people

Stack the boxes on top of each other so that they are stable. Each box represents a separate floor in an office block.

Put some bottle people in the small box lift at the side of office block.

Pretend to take the lift up and down with people getting in and out of the lift.

Episode 5



PRESENTERS

Michelle Lim Davidson and Alex Papps

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

Good Night, Sleep Tight

Author: Mem Fox

Illustrator: Judy Horacek

Publisher: Scholastic Australia Pty. Ltd.

FILM

Rainy Day

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Make a space rocket with a shoe box and land it in outer space. Use cushions, pillows and material to make an outer space world.
- Make a big rocket using a long laundry basket or large long box
- Cut out and hang some stars and the moon from a window.

SONGS

Have You Ever Ever Ever...?

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

When The Rain Is Falling Down

Composer: Zoe McHenry

Publisher: Orient Pacific Music

Moon, Moon

Composer: Traditional (German Folk Tune)

Publisher: Allans Music (Australia) Pty. Ltd

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Star Light, Star Bright

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

It's Fun To Pretend

Composer: Peter Dasent & Judith Keyzer

Publisher: Origin / Control

(Going On A) Big Adventure

Composer: Peter Dasent & Arthur Baysting

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

Cuddle Up

Composer: Peter Dasent & Sophie Emtage

Publisher: Origin / Control/ ABC Music

Publishing

MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Heads and Tail Shop

You will need:

- A collection of silly hats, craft ears, craft wigs, craft noses and craft tails.

Get a cardboard box counter. Set up a selection of things to wear on your head and various kinds of tails.

Selection may include a woolly horse tail, big ears, point paper nose, a spiky dragon tail and a large straw hat.



How to Make a Rainy Day Picture

You will need:

- Crayons
- Spoon
- Paint
- Paper

Colour a piece of paper all over using crayons.

Cover with paint in one colour. Scratch out a rainy day painting by using the spoon handle. Try scratching out raindrops and an umbrella. Hang to dry.



How to Make a Rocket Sandwich

You will need:

- Bread board
- Two slices of bread
- Yellow capsicum
- Hummus
- Avocado
- Carrot slices
- Cherry tomatoes
- Plastic knife
- Pea sprouts

Cut bread in rocket shape with two triangle shaped pieces as rocket fins.

Spread hummus onto the bread, that is the main part of rocket, and add avocado stripes.

Add two carrot strips for rocket boosters on the bottom of the rocket. Add cherry tomato windows and sprouts for the blast off smoke.