

## Puppet Play

**Outcome:** When you introduce words and sounds to children, they begin to develop language use by mimicking sounds and creating word formations.

**Materials Needed:** Animal puppet, stuffed animals or a sock.

**Optional Extension Materials:** Glue, markers, googly eyes and any other materials you want to create your own puppets.

### How:

Use an animal puppet, stuffed animal, or sock puppet, describe to your child different noises that animals make. **For example:**

- Cow says, "MOO."
- Dog says, "WOOF WOOF."
- Frog says, "RIBBIT RIBBIT."

Provide a reasonable response time to encourage your child to use more complex language and vocabulary.

**Extension:** You can extend this activity by making more detailed statements like,

- Cows eat grass, "MUNCH MUNCH."
- Dogs eat treats, "CRACK CRACK."
- Frogs eat bugs, "CRUNCH CRUNCH."