

# Create a Play

## What is a play?

A play is a performance of a story told by people pretending to be different characters. They are called actors. The story is told through the actors talking to each other. This form of speaking is called dialogue. A play often takes place on a stage but it can occur anywhere!

## After you read one of your new books turn it into a play with your family members or friends.

- Decide who will be which characters from the story.
- Retell the story in your own words making sure you tell the beginning, middle and end.
- Speak the words that the characters say. These are often in quotations “ ”.
- Show the action of the story. When the book tells about how a character arrives or feels show that with your body and face instead of saying it out loud.
- For example, when Ringdove calls all the birds to the festival in the forest, all the people who are pretending to be birds can fly to the person playing Ringdove. You don't need to say “all the birds came” because you are showing it with your bodies.



- Practice or rehearse your new play a few times so that it feels familiar. You might do something different each time and that is okay!
- If you want, you can find props or costumes to make your performance more colorful. Maybe use the Show Claws you made if you are pretending to be a bird.
- If you want, find an audience of people to watch your play! You could also film your performance and show it to others.