

PLAYING WITH SHADOWS



You might have observed your shadow when you are out in the sun. It always imitates you, doesn't it? It goes wherever you go. It appears to be doing whatever you do.

So why don't we do some tricks with the shadows of our hands? Not only will you find this activity enjoyable, you can also entertain your friends.



In this game you have to create different kinds of shadows with your hands on a flat surface? You can create the shapes of various animals by holding up your hands in particular positions. To make it more interesting, you can also produce the sounds of these animals as you make their shape.



But remember that the shadow will appear clearer and look better if it falls on a white wall or a curtain. Also, this shadow play can be more fun if performed in a dark room with light from a candle, an earthen lamp or a table lamp.



The pictures here show the positions of hands and the shape of the shadows they produce. Position your hands as shown in the pictures and create these shapes. See if your friends can identify the animals from the shapes you make.



Try to make some shapes other than those shown here.

