

Class VI-VIII

Puppet Show

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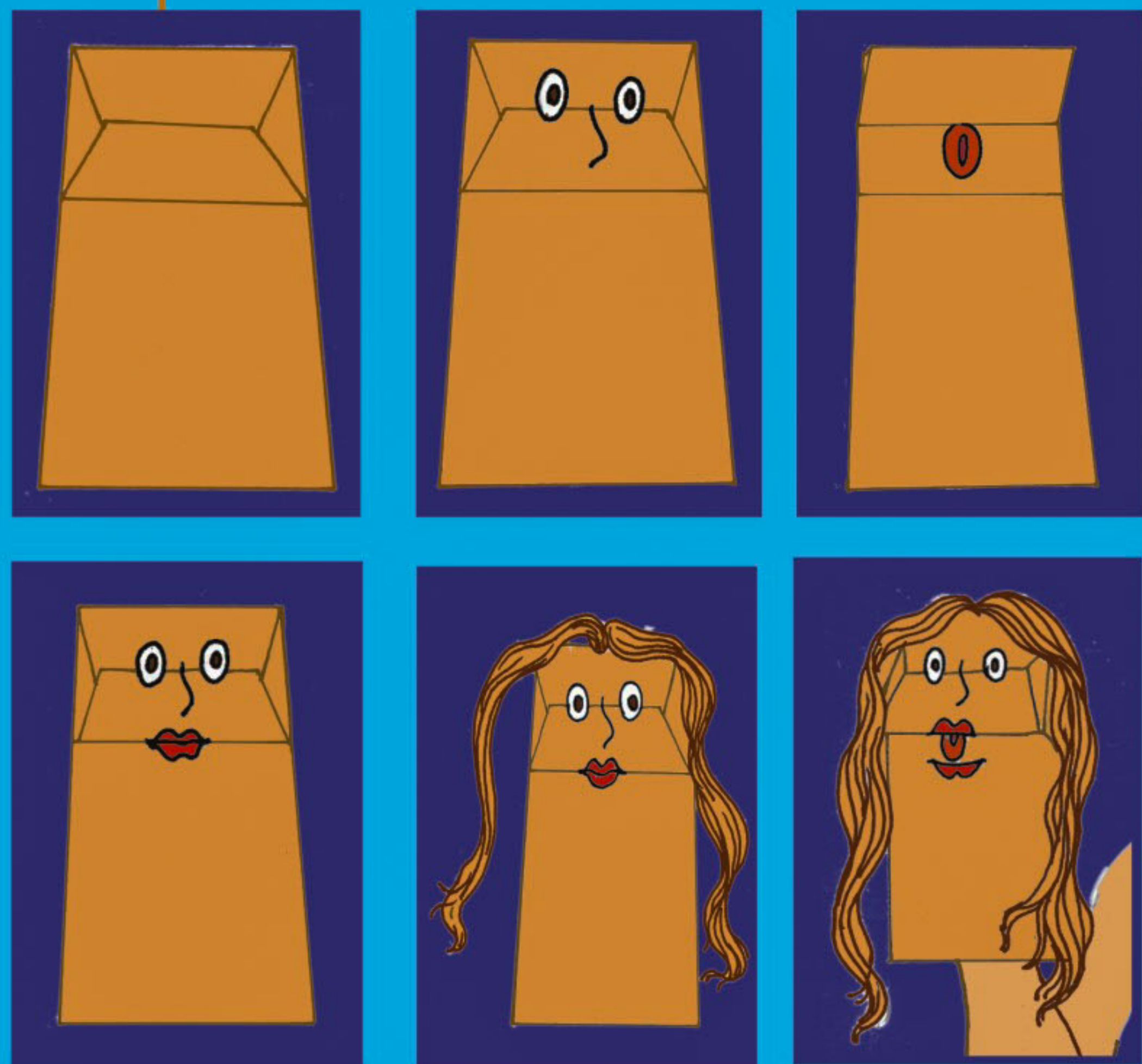
A. Have you ever seen a puppet show? Read the following text to get an idea about puppet shows and try to identify the prepositions:

A puppet show, commonly known as "Putul Nach," is a significant part of Bangladeshi folklore tradition. It is also a popular form of art around the world. The puppeteer pulls strings attached to the puppets and the puppets start moving. At the same time some singers sing songs or read out dialogues behind the scene. The audience thinks that the puppets themselves are moving and talking. In Bangladesh, we have to mention the names of two persons who have done a lot to bring puppet shows into the limelight. Mustafa Monwar, known as "the puppet man", arranges shows using puppets made of wood, clay and cloth. Dhan Mia made it popular in the rural areas. He was against mixing this rich tradition with the modern puppeting techniques.

Puppet shows can be an effective way to convey social messages and religious teachings. The shows are very useful in education, especially for children, as they present lessons through entertainment.

C. Do you know how to make a puppet? You can follow the instructions below and make a puppet.

Materials: Paper bag, glue, hard coloured paper, buttons, chalk, scissors and ribbons.



1. Keep your paper bag flat so that the flap is facing you.
2. Use paint or colour pencils to draw a face on the flap. For eyes, you can stick buttons with glue.
3. Draw a tongue using the hard coloured paper and stick it under the flap.
4. Draw both the lips on the two parts of the flap. Now you will have the face of your puppet.
5. Cut some ribbons to use as hair and glue them onto the top edge.
6. Put your hand into the bag and place your fingers in the flap. Move your fingers up and down to make it "talk."

E. Imagine that you have visited a nearby fair and met someone like a snake charmer, a puppeteer or a toy-maker. Write some questions to know about his profession.

For example:
Why have you chosen puppetry as a profession?

Then ask those questions to your friend who is pretending to be a puppeteer. Then again your friend will ask you the questions and you will answer them.

B. Read the following paragraphs on puppets of different regions. Use appropriate prepositions from the options to make the text meaningful.

Vietnamese farmers have been practising a form of of/in/at entertainment known as water puppets since the tenth century. This is a very unique folk art which is famous around/over/through the world. Puppeteers use a pool full of water as a stage and control the puppets from behind a screen. A group of singers sing songs that tell the stories of daily life and traditions in/at/of Vietnam.



Puppetry is a source of entertainment to/for/of the rural people of Rajasthan, India. These puppets are generally known as "kathputlis" made by/of/at the Bhatt community in Jaipur and Jodhpur. They are usually two feet high with/by/from big noses and eyes but they don't have any legs. The body is covered with a long colourful dress. Each of the puppet shows has a different theme and is shown in/at/to the winter with the sounds of dholaks, a kind of drum. This puppet show shares the rich traditions of the region and entertains people of all ages.



Since the Han Dynasty of 100 BC, shadow puppetry has been another popular art form in China. This form of art is also popular at/over/in France, Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia. The puppeteers focus colourful lights on the puppets from different angles. It creates a moving effect on the screen. The puppets for/by/in shadow puppetries are made from separate pieces and joined together with wire or string and controlled by/with/at long rods moving from behind. In shadow puppetry, the puppeteers usually tell religious epics, folktales, legends of the past or the stories of everyday life.



Now answer the following questions:

1. What are the differences between water puppets and shadow puppets?
2. What are the similarities between "kathputlis" and puppets of your country?
3. Which types of puppets mentioned above seem most interesting to you? Write three reasons to support your choice.

- Language focus:**
1. Preposition
 2. Following Instructions
 3. Writing Questions

- Answer key:**
- A. of, around, with, out, behind, in, to, for, through
 - B. of, around, in, for, by, with, in, in, in, by

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