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4.2 Put on a show

Any time

Keeping safe



Only use face paints if you know you are not allergic to them. If you are not sure, then check by applying a little bit of face paint then waiting a few minutes. If there is any rash or itching wash the paint off and don't use it.

- Think about props. These are things which you use in your performance.
- Think about how to light your performance. If you can use one or two different lamps, then this can be very effective. You don't need any special equipment. A desk lamp, or a standard lamp, can be used to good effect.
- Think about sound effects and music. These can very much enhance a performance.
- You will need time to rehearse. Decide when you can do this in advance.
- Think about refreshments for your audience after the performance. You could give them an eco-friendly snack such as an organic biscuit or piece of fruit.

What it's about

Getting up in front of an audience to tell them about wildlife and, perhaps, the problems it faces. It's up to you to decide what kind of show. Think about what would best use the skills of the people taking part. You could tell an acted-out story, perform a play, read poems or prose, sing songs, give a talk, or combine several of these together.

What to send us

Tell us what you did, when and where, and who was your audience.

What do I do?

- Decide who you are going to invite to be your audience. It might be family and friends, or it might be your class or your school assembly (ask your teacher).
- Decide where you are going to do your performance. Think about where the audience will sit, and where you will enter and exit the performing area.
- Decide what the performance is going to be about. You might get some ideas from the latest issues of the RSPB Wildlife Explorer's *Bird Life* and *Wild Times* magazines, or other wildlife publications.
- Decide what kind of performance. Keep it simple.
- Make some costumes. Masks or face paints (see safety note above), plus dark long-sleeved T-shirts and trousers are a simple and effective way of dressing up.

