



Dear teacher,

We are an Anglo-Catalan puppet company from Barcelona and are happy to present “Gwendolyn”, a show about relationships, sharing and friendship. All the puppets and scenography have been handcrafted by us, using wood collected in the countryside. The traditional Irish tunes that accompany the show have been carefully selected and adapted by the violinist Lisa Bause. “Gwendolyn” is also a picture book published in Catalan, Spanish and French, using photography to illustrate the story. Although it’s not in English, the book may be used as a visual support for a storytelling presentation to the children. If you would like to purchase the book for your school, just drop us an email: info@peagreenboat.es and we will send it to you.

The characters are a gnome, a bird and a fox. We hope you are able to spend some time on these activities. It will make the show more meaningful for the children. Flashcards are provided to teach the vocabulary that appears in the show. We hope you enjoy using the materials,

Story resume

Gwendolyn the gnome and Matilda the bird are two friends. They decide to build a house to live in. But sharing a house is not easy. Matilda is irritated by her intolerant neighbour and Gwendolyn doesn’t accept the bird’s playful nature. One day, Gwendolyn receives a birthday party invitation from her sister Gwyneth, so she sets off to celebrate. On the way back though, she encounters a hungry fox who tries to eat her up. The gnome manages to trick him but ends up trapped in a cliff. Fortunately, Matilda saves her. Gwendolyn realises Matilda is a very good friend after all. They are now able to erase their differences, and get along as friendly neighbours.

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Script, puppet design and construction and performance: Emilia Esteban Langstaff

Music: traditional Irish interpreted by Lisa Bause. **Special thanks to:** Rene Baker **Costume:** Patricia Viossà

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Key vocabulary

Gwendolyn (the gnome) **Matilda** (the bird) **Gwyneth** (sister)

House Together Sticks Door Nest **Window** New chimney
helpers Fire **Worm** Carrot soup **Food** Clothes line
Clothes Saw Letter Postman **sister** Birthday party

Fox Help! Home family Egg

Before the show

Draw a gnome (page 3). Make yourself a gnome hat (page 4). Decorate it!

Ideas for flashcards:

- Photocopy flashcards twice. Flash the cards at the children saying the word, when they see two same consecutive cards they cry out "SNAP" or better still, the word.
- Stick flashcards in different parts of the room. For eg.- say: "*I spy with my little eye... a nest!*".
- Play "memory".
- Sit in a circle. Hand out a flashcard to each child. They shouldn't let anybody see it. Ask: "*Who has got the 'gnome'?*"

After the show

Did you enjoy the show? What was your favourite character, the gnome, the bird, the sister or the fox? What was the Gnome/bird wearing? What was the house made of? What colour was the gnome's hat?

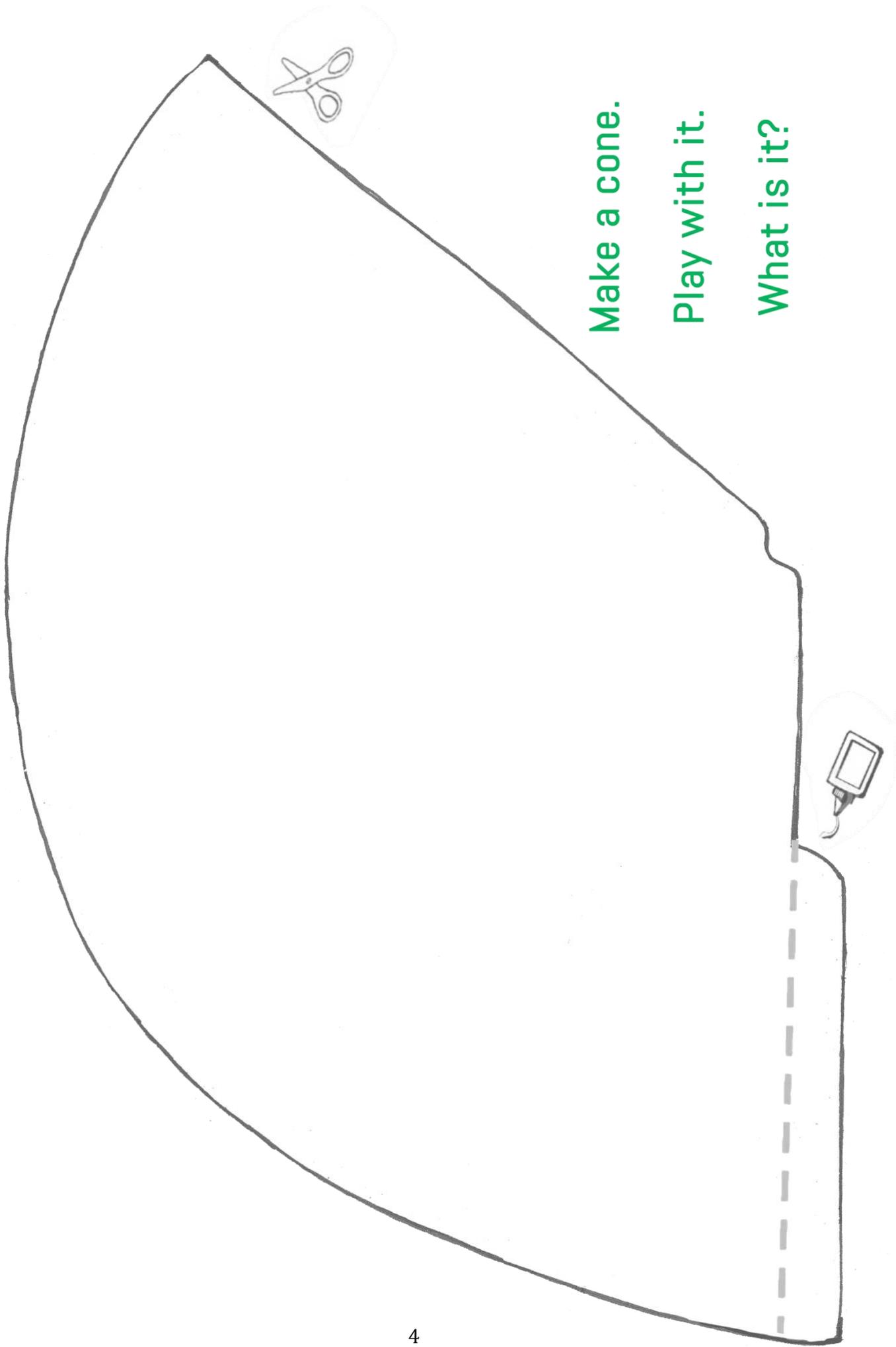
Illustrate the "Gnome" story as in a comic strip.

1. Gwendolyn and Matilda are friends.
2. They build a stick house together to live in.
3. But they don't get on well.
4. Gwendolyn receives a birthday party invitation from her sister.
5. The two gnome sisters have a birthday celebration.
6. The fox wants to eat the gnome up.
7. Matilda rescues the Gwendolyn.
8. Back home, they are friends again.

Alternatively, draw your favourite scene.

draw a gnome





Make a cone.

Play with it.

What is it?

