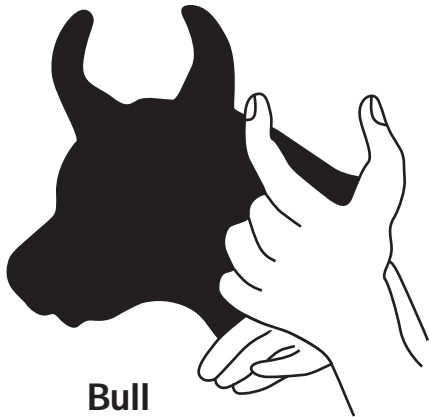


Shadow Puppets

Long before computers, television or even radio, people had to find their own ways of amusing themselves during the long, dark nights. The Victorians were fond of putting on shadow puppet shows, and all they needed was a light source and a white wall, screen or piece of paper.

Here are some shadow puppets you can try out for yourself. This isn't just a bit of fun - there's some science hidden in here!



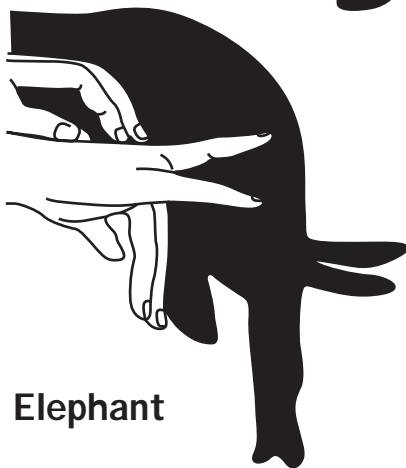
Bull



Wolf



Rabbit



Elephant



Fox

Watch what happens to the shadow if you move your hands closer to the light, then closer to the wall or screen.

Can you explain what is happening?



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