

Educational material

DRESS & PANTS

Kwatta



KWATTA

We are Theatergroep Kwatta, a professional youth theatre company since 2002.

We are from Holland and are based in Theater Het Badhuis in Nijmegen.



THE NETHERLANDS

Also known as Holland

PLAYING IN BATH



Nowadays everybody knows 'the Badhuis' as a theatre. But before, this building was the place where people went to take a shower or a bath. Those kind of 'bathrooms' were common when people didn't have their own bath or shower. In those days only rich people had their own sanitary. In the 'bathroom', also the poor people could wash themselves. 'The Badhuis' was build in 1927 by the town Nijmegen.

In 1985, the period of these 'bathrooms' was past. From 1988 to 2000, the youth theatre company Teneeter was established in the Badhuis. Since 2002, Kwatta is established in the Badhuis. The Badhuis is now a national monument. Children who come to see our plays are 4 to 12 years old. You start school here at 4. They come and see us in a theatre nearby or we visit them at school. We love to surprise children. Sometimes they don't know we're coming. Then suddenly two actors are in the middle of the classroom. Instantly they will keep you away from your math. Isn't that nice! Sometimes we let children on stage, or let them talk to actors. We even send actors to school to talk about their work. Is there a question that you would like to ask an actor?



KWATTAPOSTERS

Overall we play for about 35000 children each year.

For every play we make posters.

There is one lady who makes these especially for us. She is called Ceseli.

Do you have a favourite?



EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL DRESS & PANTS

Lady's and gentlemen!

You have been a wonderful audience at Kwatta's show Dress & Pants.

You have met Miss Flounder. In the home of Miss Flounder everything goes Flounders way. The vacuum cleaner is always sleeping, the washing machine is always hungry and the armchair does exactly what it wants to do itself. Stuff in Miss Flounders house have lives of their own. Is that also possible in your classroom? Bring your own classroom to life! The phone, the pants, the mailbox and the pincers will help you get started; they will let you talk, dance and invent things...



THE TELEPHONE

You are sitting with your bum on a chair. You eat a sandwich at the table. The door opens with a door handle. What do you think?

Does the chair like to wear your bum?

Does the table fancy crumbs? Does the door handle ever get tired? Ask them! Or maybe ask some-

thing else in the classroom: a pencil sharpener, the closet or trash can? Pick one out in class and give it a call.

Note: the teacher will 'pick up' the phone and will answer on behalf of the chosen item.

THE PANTS

In the play the pants dances with the dress. Can you also make the pants dance? Put some music on and jump, turn and swing with the pants!

Can you sit still for a while? Probably not! Look at the dancing pants and join them. Do the pants jump? Then you jump. Do the pants turn? Then you turn.

Not only a pair of pants but also a sweater, skirt or sock can dance.

Choose one piece of clothing and let it dance to the music.

Is it going well? Then find a dance mate and dance with another sweater, skirt or sock.

Note: as teacher you will make a pair of pants dance first. You can use elastics to make it jump up and down on the music. After this, several children can try.



THE MAILBOX

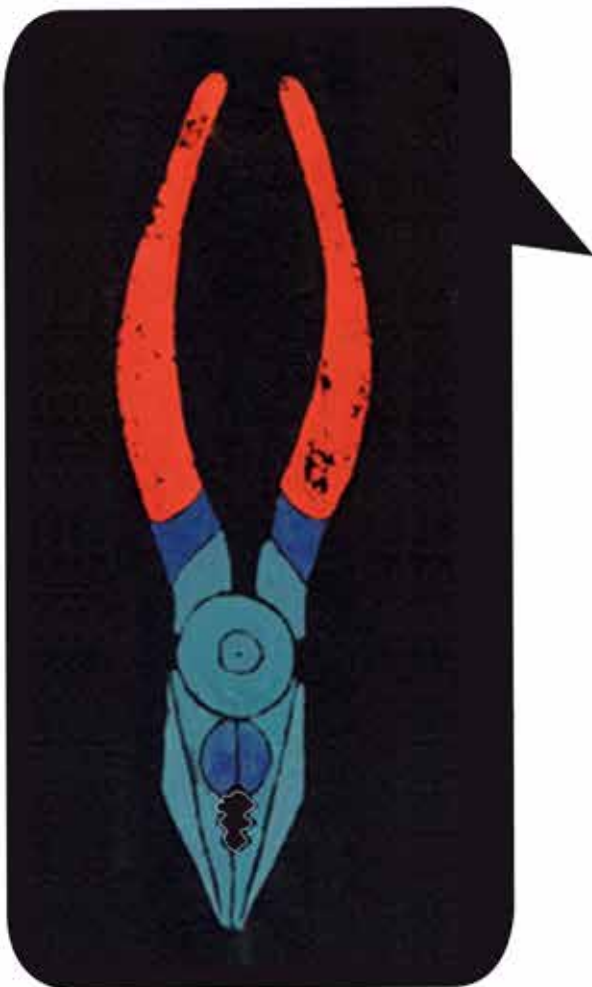
Miss Flounder looked through her mailbox and saw a pair of pants, but it was not just a pair of pants... it was a gentleman wearing pants.



If you only see a small part of something, you often don't know what it is. But if you cannot see anything at all, how do you know what it is? Then you can only guess.

Note: the teacher first chooses an item. Let the children guess what you are by asking questions. Later the children can try.

**Can they sit on you? Are you big or small?
What color do you have?
Would they guess?**



THE PINCERS

Miss Flounder does not use her phone to call, but as a watering can and coffee machine. She uses her bike as a motor for her dry mill.

Miss Flounder seems a bit of an inventor. Could you also invent something?

In your classroom you find a lot of items. You know what most items are used for. A chair is to sit on and a table to work at. But with a chair and a table you can also build cabins. It can be a train or a bus... Do you know more to make out of a chair and a table?

Now choose something different from the classroom and think about new things. Make a drawing on paper and finish your new invention!

The end

