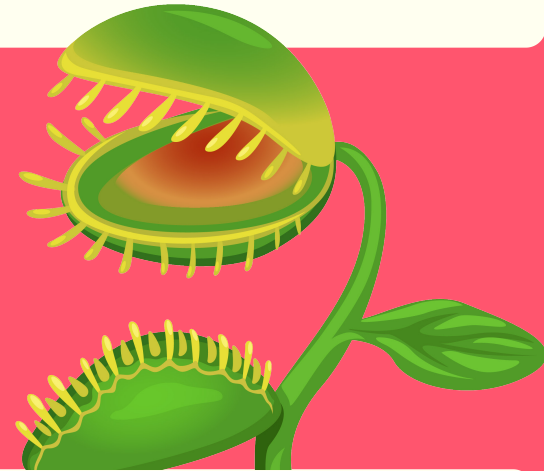


Venus Flytrap Puppets

The Venus flytrap snaps closed to trap insects inside which it then digests as food. This is triggered by insects landing on tiny hairs. This activity helps children to model this process by making their own Venus flytrap paper plate puppets

Equipment:

Paper plates - 1 per child
Colouring pens/pencils
Pom poms - 1 per pair
Googly eyes - 2 per child (optional)



Instructions:

1. Colour one side of the paper plate green and the other side red or pink.
2. Fold the paper plate in half so that the green side is on the **outside**.
3. With the help of an adult, cut teeth (triangles) around the edge of the plate so that the bottom teeth line up opposite the top teeth, and cut a circular hole on the top of the plate for your finger.
4. Glue some googly eyes (or you can draw eyes on white paper and stick them on) in front of the hole for your finger.



5. Hold the Venus flytrap as shown in the picture above. Take turns throwing a pom-pom (representing an insect) to catch.

Your finger acts like the tiny hairs on the inside of a Venus flytrap. When they sense an insect they trigger it to snap closed to trap it.