

This is Geppetto. Can you see what he's making?



You're right, it is a puppet! Geppetto has called him, Pinocchio. But what he doesn't know yet . . .

. . . is that Pinocchio can talk, walk and dance – all by himself.
Pinocchio wants to say hello to you.

Pointy hat
he thinks it looks
great on him

Can you say hello
back?

Cape
makes him feel
like a superhero

Feet
like to tippity-tap
dance moves

Hello!

Nose
sometimes grows
longer

Pockets
full of interesting
objects

Stomach
always hungry

Great, now you've been introduced,
he's ready to get his story started.
Can you help him?

Yes? Great, thanks so much!



Let's begin!

Once upon a time, there was a poor wood carver called Geppetto who made a wooden puppet called Pinocchio. As soon as Pinocchio was finished, he opened his eyes.

What was the first thing he did?



Geppetto was not pleased.
“Naughty puppets like you need to go to school
and learn to read and write,” he said.

This one's
going to get
himself into
trouble



“Read and write?” said Pinocchio.
“Ha! Not me! Look at how I can dance and leap.
I was made to play, not to work!”

“Catch me if you can!” he called and he ran away and hid.
Where did he hide?



When Gepetto found Pinocchio
(and it took a long time), he sighed.
“You’re going to need an ABC book for school,
but I have no money. We’ll have to sell something to buy it.”

What did Gepetto sell?

Can you find: a friendly cricket; a fairy’s wand; a parrot?

As soon as Pinocchio had his book, he was ready for school. He had promised Geppetto he'd go straight there, but there were so many things to see!

Which way did he walk through town?

He was nearly at the school gates when he saw the most wonderful thing of all. A puppet theatre!
He didn't have money, but he sold his school book for a ticket.





As soon as he entered
the theatre, the other puppets
asked him to join them
on stage.

What sort of show
was it?



Pinocchio was the **star** of she show!
The director gave him five gold coins and asked him to stay on.



"No, thanks," said Pinocchio. "I must take this money to my father.
I was naughty and sold my book for a ticket to the theatre!
I'm going straight home and I'll never miss school again."