

Making a Clown Piñata

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Level 19

Running Words 387 Text Type Procedure (Informative)

Curriculum Area The Arts

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the steps in the correct order in his or her own words. Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

- 1 Why is the end of the balloon tied tightly?
- 2 What are the streamers used for?
- 3 How do players open the piñata?

Inferential

- 4 Why is a balloon used for the piñata?
- 5 Why is a clown face painted on the piñata?
- 6 Why is the piñata hung up high?
- 7 Why do the children at the party line up, then take turns?
- 8 Why does the player wear a blindfold?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why is the piñata game played at parties?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

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| Level 19 | Card | Description | <i>The Vanilla Festival</i> |
| Level 19 | Book | Procedure | <i>Making a Model Sports Stadium</i> |
| Level 20 | Card | Procedure | <i>How to Make and Play Castanets</i> |

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Goals

To make a clown **piñata** and play the **piñata game** at a party

Materials

To make the clown piñata, you will need:



- a balloon



- glue for the newspaper



- newspaper



- scissors



- a bowl



- paints



- paintbrushes



- some string, 60 cm long



- lollies



- tape



- yellow **streamers**



- glue for the streamers.

To play the piñata game, you will need:



- a **blindfold**



- a stick.

How to Make a Clown Piñata

1. Blow up the balloon and tie the end tightly so the air does not come out.
An adult can help tie the balloon.



2. Cut the newspaper into lots of strips, about 10 cm long.



- Put some glue into the bowl.
- Put some newspaper strips into the glue.



- Cover the balloon with the newspaper strips. Do not cover the space near the end of the balloon. You will need to put lollies into the end later. Let the newspaper dry.

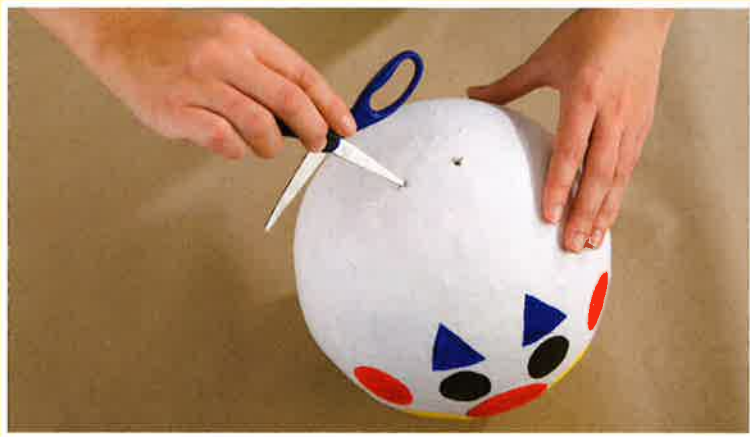
- When the newspaper is dry, glue some more strips onto the balloon. Repeat this one more time.



7. Paint the newspaper with white paint and let it dry.
8. Paint a clown face onto the piñata.



9. Pop the balloon and carefully take it out of the piñata.
10. Ask an adult to help make two little holes in the top of the piñata with the scissors.



11. Push the string through the holes and tie it together. The string will make it easy to hang the piñata up later.

