



Slow Motion Storytelling

An Amazing
Fact a Day

The mantis shrimp has a pair of hinged arms that it uses to punch at the speed of a bullet leaving a gun. When seen in slow motion, the speed of the punch creates a flash of light as it causes the water around it to boil.

You could try to find out:

- what it looks like in slow motion;
- what these shrimps look like and where they are found;
- how slow motion photography works;
- how to make a slow motion flick book.

Activity

We can create slow motion for ourselves by creating a flip book. Flipbooks are such fun! They're like having your own personal movie or slideshow. They're also a great way to have learn how animation works!

You will need:

- sticky notes
- a clip to hold them together
- a pencil

Follow these simple steps to create your own slow motion flip book.

- Think about a simple story (e.g. your journey to or from school).
- Locate the very bottom sheet of the pad. Draw the figure or object here first.
- Turn to the next 'frame' (the next sheet from the bottom). You should be able to see your original drawing through the sheet. Draw it in a slightly different location this time.
- Repeat the process. Each time, make slight adjustments so that the character or object is starting to change position or move.
- Try it out!