

INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE TRACKS

"P-P-Platypus" 4 min.

FOR USE WITH THE AXTELL "PLATYPUS PUPPET."

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SOUND ADVICE: You can perform this routine by playing the mp3 on a quality "boom box" portable stereo player in small areas, or over a professional sound system in large areas such as an auditorium or outside. Do not play on a small inexpensive player because the sound will distort when you try to play it loudly.

The mp3 should be played with plenty of volume. Kids will be laughing hard and will miss the routine if it is too quiet, and adults may keep laughter to a minimum for fear of missing parts of the program. The volume should be set about the same as if you were speaking over a microphone to be heard by the group, or louder. It is best to have the track played over a public address system and have the soundman preset the volume level to be compatible with your microphone level.

You may want to actively pause the mp3 during your performance in case you get a large audience laugh (we hope you do) after one of the jokes.

OPENING MUSIC

(During the music you may introduce the routine. Timing is critical so practice carefully).

You: Oh, I've got something really exciting to show you...a very unusual animal. I'll be right back.

(You go offstage and bring out the Platypus. Begin the dialog after the music stops)

- You: This is a **Platypus**.
- Plat: (shaking his head "no") Hummmm Umm...no I'm not, no I'm not.

- Y: It's a semi-aquatic mammal, endemic to eastern Australia, including Tasmania, and...
- P: (shaking head no) ...HummmUmm, hummmUmm...mmmm
- Y: The Platypus, as you can see, is a very unusual looking.....
- P: (shaking head no) Hmmmm Umm....(No)
- Y: What are you doing?
- P: No I'm not...hmmmum... nope, not me.
- Y: Wait... you're not a Platypus?
- P: You keep saying that I am but...No I'm not...HummUmm.
- Y: I beg your pardon, but I happen to know that you are a...
- Y: So, I'm confused...you are not a Platypus....?
- P: You are so smart!
- Y: So you're actually a "p-p-Platypus"?
- P: P-p-Perfect!
- Y: P-p-Perfect?
- P: P-p-Perfect!
- Y: I take it you like the letter P?
- P: I have a p-p-Passion for p-p-P's...
- Y: A passion for P's?
- P: P-p-Precicely, it was P-p-passed down from ...
- Y: ...from your Mom?
- P: From my p-p-Pappa.
- Y: You're p-p-Pappa.
- P: My p-p-Pappa p-p-Platypus.
- Y: So why do you like P's?
- P: If we used more p-p-p's, the p-p-planet would be a better p-p-place.
- Y: What?

- P: Everything would be more p-p-precious with more p-p-p's.
- Y: That's just silly.
- P: Would you rather have a Pineapple or a p-p-Pineapple?
- Y: Huh?
- P: Would you rather p-p-play with a Playstation or a P-P-Playstation? Or would you rather eat a pizza or p-p-pizza? I ask you!
- Y: I guess a p-p-pizza.
- P: Oh yes...a p-p-pizza with p-p-pepperoni...Ummm.
- Y: Yes, I see...well okay then. Anyway, as I was saying, the Platypus has a duck bill...
- P: (Interrupting) Boring...
- Y: What?
- P: You're loosing them...More P's!
- Y: More P's?
- P: More P's, p-p-please.
- Y: I was just explaining that a Platypus has a duck-like bill that...

(SONG)

- P: Well I'm a duck-billed P-p-p-P-p-p-P-p-p-Platypus, I'm a web-footed P-p-p-P-p-p-P-p-p-Platypus, I'm a duck-billed, web footed, funny-looking, fast swimming Warm-blooded, puddle-jumping, bottom-feedin', burrow-digging P-p-p-P-p-p-P-p-P-p-Platypus.
- Y: Yes, well okay, uh, thank you for that. The Platypus or P-P-Platypus is also a unique mammal that lays eggs...and

(SONG)

P: I'm a egg-laying P-p-p-P-p-p-P-p-p-Platypus, I'm a flat-tailed P-p-p-P-p-p-P-p-p-Platypus, I'm a egg-laying, flat-tailed, funny-looking, fast swimming Warm-blooded, duck-billed, web-footed, burrow-digging P-p-p-P-p-p-P-p-P-p-Platypus.

(Music continues under dialog)

Y: Okay...great. Now that we all know that you're a...

(Song)

P: I'm a P-p-p-P-p-p-P-p-p-p-p-p-platypus, I'm a P-p-p-P-p-p-P-p-p-p-p-platypus,

- Y I give up... give him a hand!
- P: Thank you...thank you. I ap-p-preciate the ap-p-plause. (*Start to put the Platypus away after his thank-you's*)

(He continues dialog with you as you put him away under **CLOSING MUSIC**)

P: ...You know, we make a great p-p-pair, but you need to p-p-practice...Heh, heh, heh...

THE END