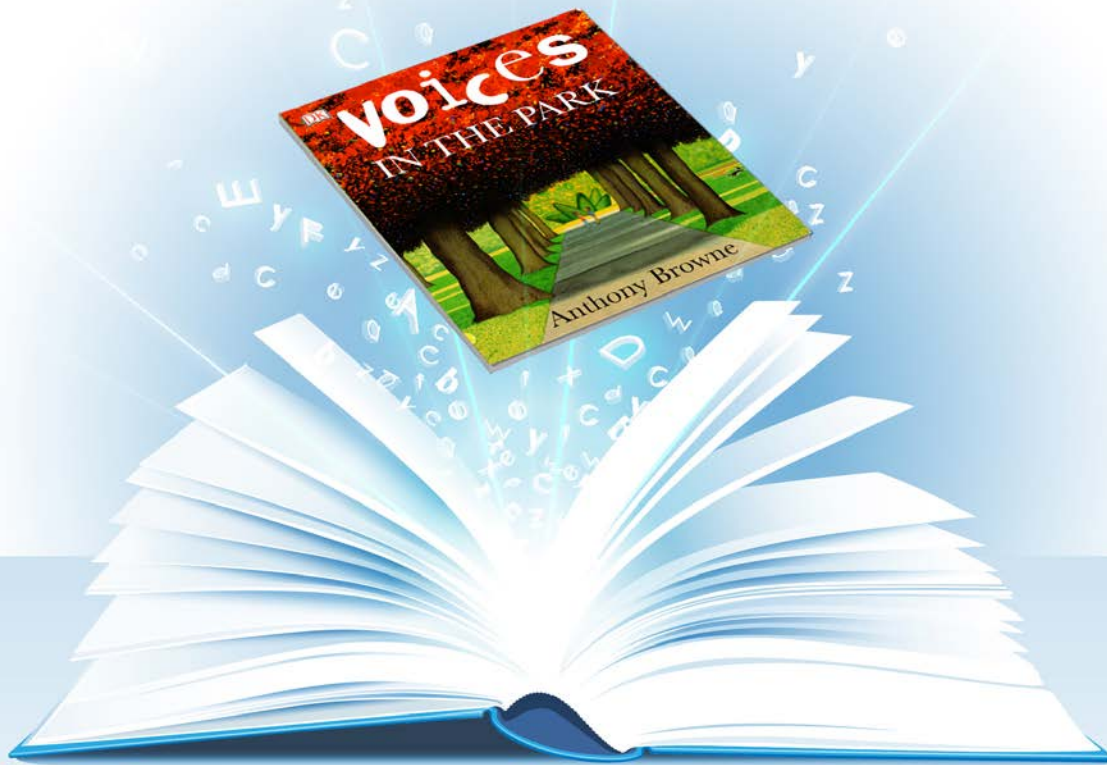


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Four characters go into the same park, each  
experience is different.

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### What is a story book activity?

*Story books anchor an idea into our brains. Reading a story to your students helps to develop their brains with a narrative and a visual.*

The story book activities help your students to develop an idea and explore it further.

### Instructions Guide

Voices in the Park tells the story of four characters visiting the same park. Each character has a very different personality and a very different experience in the park. Each character tells their own story in 'first person'. How do their personality traits affect their perspective and experiences.

This book is a good introduction to exploring how a personality trait can alter our perspective and experiences. What is a personality trait? What is perspective? What are experiences? What character would you prefer to be and why? What can we learn from the characters in this story? This story is a great way to look at how our day is directly related to how we participate and interact in it. Everyone can see the situation from a different perspective and can have a positive,

negative, or misinterpreted experience.

We talk about a personality trait being how a person behaves. Can we tell a person's personality by how they look, how they dress, how they speak? We talk about our own experiences with people, friends, family, strangers, and how some are friendly, bossy, shy, rude, etc. We also discuss how we can't always tell what someone is going to be like by how they look. We discuss how some people have surprised us by being very different to how we expected them to be. We discuss the phrase, "You can't judge a book by its cover!"

Then I read them the book, Voices in the Park, and we discuss the story and the characters. Four very different characters, four very different stories, all taking place in the same place.

This opens up conversations with your students about how their perspective of their daily experiences can be impacted by how they are feeling and behaving. They can change their perspective to see the big picture, empathize with others, look on the bright side, be irritated by what they think is going on, or stay open and explore with an open mind. We discuss how it is sometimes really hard to change our mood if we're very upset, or angry, but this story shows us how each character's perspective is affected by their personality.

You can explore personality traits, experiences, perspective, and predict what might happen to each of the characters in the future.

### Story books

These are other story books exploring characters and their perspective.

### Suggested Story Books

- Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young
- They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel
- The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywait
- Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang & Max Lang

# Voices in the Park

Character #1

Personality Traits -  
how do they look  
and behave?

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Perspective - what  
was their visit to  
the Park like?

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Character #2

Personality Traits - how  
do they look and behave?

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Perspective - what was  
their visit to the Park  
like?

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CHARACTER #3

**PERSONALITY  
TRAITS - HOW DO  
THEY LOOK AND  
BEHAVE?**

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**PERSPECTIVE -  
WHAT WAS THEIR  
VISIT TO THE PARK  
LIKE?**

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Character #4

Personality Traits - how  
do they look and behave?

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Perspective - what was  
their visit to the Park  
like?

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