

Disagreeing Well - Drama

Aims:

- To use your imagination and vocabulary to better understand conflict
- To understand differing beliefs
- To learn how to disagree but still have a positive outcome

Activity description

Pupils will use the audio clips of Our Place to explore ways in which the characters might learn how to disagree well. They will produce letters of advice that set out some of the key elements of disagreeing well.

Starter activity:

Ask the pupils to listen to, or if you are on your own, listen to the three monologues from the audio play. Pick a character from the audio play and listen to their monologue carefully. Now write about that character's disagreement and how it could be improved or resolved, using the starter, sentences below if needed:

Josh's disagreement was with.....

Josh's disagreement was about...

It made him feel.....

It made the other character feel...

Things could have gone better if...

If it were to happen again I would advise Josh to ...

This would make me feel....



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Main activity:

Write a letter to the same character from the audio play. The letter should help the character think about how they could deal with their disagreements with their family in a more positive way.

Here is a simple format on how to present a letter:

Your address

Date

Dear...

I understand that you are feeling...

I realise that you might find this a challenge because...

You must be feeling...

Your Mum/ Dad/ Grandma believe...

You could try...

From...

Example:

123 High Street

Boston

PE43 2EP

20th November 2020

Dear Beth,

You must be feeling really sad that your Grandad doesn't want to be buried in the churchyard with your Mum. I understand that your Grandma believes that your grandad should be buried in the woodland, not next to your Mum in the churchyard. This is because they don't believe in Christianity. You could try and learn about what they believe in, to get a better understanding of their decisions. Talking to your Grandma more about it will help, as she could explain why she believes this. I realise this is really hard for you. I think it is really important to remember that it is possible for people to hold different beliefs but still love each other very much. I hope you find that talking with your Grandma helps.

From Lucy

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Read your letters to each other, or even record it on a phone or tablet. If you are on your own, read your letter out and record yourself reading it. Work with a friend, parent or sibling and ask them how they think your letter would help the character. Then swap around if in a group

Time required

30 minutes

Materials required

Audio play, pen, paper, phone/tablet (optional).

