

THE OPEN DAY DRAMA

Active learning: Like most teachers, you probably have a lot of children in your class. Often it probably seems like your class is far too big for you to teach properly. How does working in groups help pupils to learn? Think about what the pupils are learning in this incident at the school open day.

SCENE 1:

KABIR'S HOUSE

SFX: DISTANT TRAFFIC, CHILDREN PLAYING

EFE: Me I want to be tortoise, if not I will not do.

MAJOR: No, Efe, let Kevwe play tortoise, for our next drama you go do lion.

EFE: Okay Major, but let Kabir do elephant.

KABIR: Me I will not do elephant, o, is he not the one that fell into a pit, I cannot fall inside pit. I cannot suffer

KEVWE: Kabir, but elephant fit you.

KABIR: Shut up Kewve, is it because they say you should do tortoise, me I'm going home.

EFE: Come back Kabir, if you go, me too I will go.

KEVWE: Then what will we present in school at the open day tomorrow?

MAJOR: Wait Kabir and Efe, you know what Aunty Florence tell me?

EFE: (with interest) Aunty Florence? What did she say?

MAJOR: Kabir, come closer now make I tell you.

KABIR: Okay, what did aunty Florence say?

MAJOR: She tell me that we are special group and that is why she put us together for this drama. If you go away, they will think that we are empty brains and Aunty Florence go dey disappoint for us.

KABIR: Major, me I not empty brain o...and I no want disappoint Teacher Florence

MAJOR: Then let us do the drama and show them we are not empty.

ALL: Okay.

MUSIC BRIDGE

SCENE TWO: ASSEMBLY GROUND

SFX: MICROPHONE CRACKLE, CHILDREN'S VOICES

- KABIR: Kevwe, where is Efe, where is Major? They will soon call us.
- SFX: FOOTSTEPS AS MAJOR RUNS IN
- KEVWE: Look at Major coming, but I can't see Efe.
- MAJOR: (panting) dem just told me that Efe sick and cannot come. Wetin we go do?
- KABIR: Why did she decide to fall sick today, how does she want us to do this drama now without her?
- KEVWE: Wait, I have an idea. Since she is acting as cat, what if we share here role between us, I know some part.
- KABIR: I think I also know some part, but since I'm acting Elephant, I cannot do it.
- MAJOR: Don't worry, me and Kevwe go share it between us. Kevwe, please remind me if I forget some things.
- KEVWE: Okay!
- VOICE ON MIC: Parents, Teachers and pupils...I hope you are enjoying the open day...Let us now put our hands together for Major, Kevwe, Kabir and Efe as they come to present their drama.

SFX: APPLAUSE

MAJOR: Okay, let's go. Together we....

ALL: stand!!!

END

In this drama Major encouraged his fellow pupils to think that they were special and that their teacher had high expectations for their group. What other ways could you use to encourage pupils to work together effectively in small groups?

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