Opportunities for all pupils: Listen to the drama in this village and think about all the assumptions that are being made by different characters – teacher Titus, Ezekiel, Sergeant Vitus, Madam Adjua and the lost boy – Ejike.

SCENE 1
EZEKIEL’S SHOP
INT
EVENING

EZEKIEL
Oga Titus, seeing me o. I have searching everywhere I know for Ejike, still I didn’t seeing him. Since two days now

TITUS
This is serious Mr Ezekiel. Ejike has never behaved like this before.

EZEKIEL
I don’t even knowing what to telling our Umueze people and that one that calling himself Linus has not even coming to help me look for him.

SFX
MAMA AJUA ARRIVES FRANTIC

MAMA ADJUA
Ezekiel how far? Ah Titus, you too you are here. Is there any latest news about Ejike?

EZEKIEL
Mba o, Mama Adjua. Ejike has disappear phiam into air

TITUS:
Em according to investigations by the police, Ejike was last seen with Major, and they have
asked him some questions.

MAMA ADJUA  So does Major know where he is?

TITUS:  Major said they just talked about the gifted children award and that he showed interest in participating.

MAMA ADJUA  Ejike ke? Gifted children’s award?

TITUS  The bright pupils in the school were asked to submit models which has been used for selecting the nominees

EZEKIEL  I asking again, how can block head like Ejike thinking he can following for gifted children?

MAMA ADJUA  I’m sure he was joking when he said it. But am really worried about Ejike because there is so much ritual killing this days.

EZEKIEL:  Ah Mama Adjua, don’t panicking us.

MAMA ADJUA  This is not panic o. just yesterday on my way home; there was a headless body by the road to my house.

EZEKIEL  Chineke meeh! Hey, they has killing my Ejike o!

SFX  SGT VITUS ARRIVES
SGT VITUS

Evening all

EZEKIEL/TITUS/ MAMA ADJUA

sergeant Vitus, Any news?

VITUS

Calm down, I’m sorry there is good and bad news.

TITUS

What does that mean?

VITUS

There was a fatal accident in the next community about 30 minutes after the time you reported he went out. There is every possibility that Ejike may be one of the victims.

ALL

JESUS! I AM DEAD O! GOOD GRACIOUS ETC

EZEKIEL

Ezekiel, devil have remembering you this time.

TITUS

Life is cruel. Ejike does not deserve to die even if he wasn’t such a bright kid.

VITUS

The most important thing is for one of you to follow me to the mortuary for proper identification of the corpse.

SFX

ALL LAMENT. EJIKE COMES IN.

EJIKE

Oga Easy good evens

SFX

THERE IS A LITTLE PANDEMONIUM. EJIKE IS
SURPRISED.

EJIKE     Why are you all runs like you have sees ghost?

EZEKIEL  Ejike be pinching yourself let me be seeing you.

MAMA ADJUA  I come against any contrary spirit.

VITUS     Young man where have you been, were you kidnapped?

EJIKE     Em...er...Nobody is kidnaps me. ...it is shames that make me runs away to hides.

VITUS     What do you mean by shame?

EJIKE     I create walkies talkies and submit for gifted pupils's award, but shame is catchs me that people will laughs at me.

TITUS     Ejike, did you just say walkie talkie?

EJIKE     Yes oga Titus. I did not puts my name on it so that peoples will not knows it’s me.

TITUS     My God! That walkie talkie has been nominated for the award. We have been looking for the owner.

EJIKE     My Jehovah Armaggedon!
ALL

Eh!! Ejike?!!

END

In the event described here what was the result of the assumptions? How were they challenged? How could you develop your knowledge and understanding of your pupils? This will enable you to make better judgements about how to help them learn and achieve their potential.