

SQUASH A POP CAN - CREATE A CHARACTER

Your imagination is a wonderful thing. It opens up endless possibilities. When you are creating something from your imagination your brain looks for patterns and starts putting things together. You make connections among the many things you have observed and experienced. Your imagination lets you put unlikely things together to see what happens. See what your imagination finds in a squashed pop can. Have fun with it.



CREATE an imaginary character using a squashed pop can. First flatten the can with your foot. Then view it from different angles until you can imagine a character.

Once your character is complete write a description of some of the person's character traits and interests. Use them to introduce your character to others. **Just who is this character you created?**



PRESENT your characters in a small group. Take turns introducing your characters using your descriptions as starting points. Imagine the characters are at a gathering and begin to chat among themselves. Role play their conversation. Where are they? What do they have in common? Are they all strangers, or do some know each other?



RESPOND to your classmates' characters and conversations. What did they do that brought the character to life? How did the way the character looked connect with its personality? What details would you have done differently? How difficult was it to let your imagination go and get into role? How did it feel to let your imagination flow? What surprised you?



CONNECT the different parts of this activity. When you were looking at your pop can what inspired you to see what you saw? Where have you seen those details before? When you were deciding on the character traits where did the ideas come from? What details in your design made you think of that? When you were having a conversation as your character where did you get those ideas? How was imagining on your own different than imagining with others?



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