



MAGIC WORDS

Key idea

Giving and taking. Do words like 'please' and 'share' mean that you have to give things away?

Resources

- ✓ A few characters or puppets.
- ✓ Some possessions for the character. Pens etc.

Starter

“

There is a bear who has lots of pens. All the others want some of the pens and they are wondering how they can get them?

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Ask:

- ✓ What are they going to do to get the pens?

Give the children some time to generate some ideas. They may say things like:

- ✓ “They should take them”
- ✓ “They should say please”
- ✓ “They should tell them to share” Etc.

Main activity

Introduce the following scenarios (get children to act them out to make it more engaging)

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One of the characters comes up to bear and says:

“Please can I have one of your pens?”

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- ✓ Should bear give them a pen? Why/Why not?
- ✓ If they don't say please, should bear give them a pen?
- ✓ Do you have to do things if someone says please?

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Another says, “please can I have all of your pens?”

- ✓ Should bear give them all the pens? Why/Why not?
- ✓ If someone says please do you have to give it to them?
- ✓ Do you always have to say please?

Later another animal says, “You have to share the pens, give me one.”

- ✓ Should bear give them a pen?
- ✓ Do you always have to share?
- ✓ If the pens belong to the school, does bear have to share?
- ✓ If the pens belong to bear, does he/she have to share?

Another says “I really need a pen to do my learning?”

- ✓ Should bear give them a pen?
- ✓ If bear does give them a Pen, does they have to say thank you?

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

To problematize this you could give them the following sentences and ask, would you give it to them/do it? You could even get them to act it out, see what they do.

- ✓ Please can you put your finger on your nose?
- ✓ Please can I borrow your pen?
- ✓ Please can you close the door?
- ✓ Please can I have your shoe?
- ✓ Please can you take Mr Hoggins keys and give them to me?
- ✓ Please can you push (insert name) over?
- ✓ Ask a child, ‘please can you steal their pen?’
- ✓ Does it make a difference if your teacher says it?
- ✓ Do adults have to say please?
- ✓ Would you do (any of the things above) if I didn’t say please?