

Forever Friendship- Act it Out

Learning how to interact and be a good friend is an important part of growing up. Students must learn to play, share, forgive and help each other. The books in this exhibition show many examples of good friends and how they interact with each other. In this activity, students will read the books and then chose a scene from one of the books to act out. This scene should contain an example on how the character/characters are good friends and show the interaction between the friends.

Recommended Books and Languages:

Friends from the Other Side = Amigos del Otro Lado

English and Spanish

Link: http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SaveBook?bookid=anzfrnd_00030001&lang=English

Never Lonely Again

Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, and Swedish

Link: http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SaveBook?bookid=wilneve_00940051&lang=English

The Bremen Town Musicians

German and French

Link: http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SaveBook?bookid=wilbrem_00940092&lang=English

Aliou and Jean

French

Link: http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SaveBook?bookid=aliouet_00570001&lang=English

Finbo

English

Link: http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SaveBook?bookid=soofinb_00840006&lang=English

I Wouldn't Tell a Lie

Danish, English, Finnish, and French

Link: http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SaveBook?bookid=wiliwou_00940042&lang=English

Materials: Exhibition books
Props if needed

Suggestions for older readers: Students can act out a whole story instead of just one scene. Students can create their own props and scenery for their scene or play.

Suggestions for younger readers: If the exhibition books are above the students' reading level read the story/stories to the class. Discuss the story/stories with the students. As a class, chose a few scenes to act out, allow all students to have a small part in the scenes.

Procedure:

1. Have students read and/or listen to the exhibition books.
2. Break students into small groups (two or three students) or work together as a class.
3. Groups or the class will choose scenes from the books to act out.
4. Explain to students that each scene must show an example of how the characters demonstrated good friendship and/or how they overcame obstacles to become good friends.

5. Have students prepare and practice their chosen scenes.
6. Have students take turn acting out their scenes.