**Literacy lesson #4**

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| Topic | Developing a Character |
| Curricular Connection | Storytelling and texts: character development, emotions, moods, and feelings |
| Video Activity | Rylee, Abby and Marley present a simple dance phrase for students to learn. They perform it once as themselves and then they come up with popular storybook characters that they could act as while performing the dance phrase. They begin with dancing as Tigger and showing how the dance becomes higher energy and bouncy, they then switch to Carl from the Pixar movie Up, where the dance is calm, low, and the emotions we portray are very different from Tigger. Finally, we perform the dance as the famous ice princess, Elsa and see the dynamics once again change.  |
| Activity | Students take a character of a story that they are very comfortable with, after brainstorming describing words for the character (see list below for help with vocabulary), students will perform the video provided dance phrase as the character. Consider describing words such as sluggish and slouchy like Eeyore or energetic and bouncy like Tigger.  |
| Supplementary and extension information  | Once students get the hang of the activity, partners can challenge each other to complete the dance as different characters with only moments to prepare (as Batman, go, as Curious George, go). Individuals, or small groups can also challenge themselves to create their own dance phrase that they think the character would do. Consider the difference in moves and actions between a minion or Spiderman.  |

**Character Traits List: Synonyms**

**Synonyms for Nice**
helpful
friendly
kindhearted
compassionate
pleasant
thoughtful
agreeable
courteous

**Synonyms for Mean**
wicked
rude
thoughtless
impolite
cruel
hateful
unfriendly
unkind

**Synonyms for Happy**
cheerful
joyful
excited
satisfied
content
delighted
pleased
glad

**Synonyms for Sad**
depressed
serious
gloomy
miserable
unhappy
discouraged
sorrowful
mournful

**Synonyms for Scared**
terrified
panicked
nervous
afraid
alarmed
frightened
fearful
petrified

**Synonyms for Mad**
exasperated
annoyed
outraged
furious
frustrated
angry
displeased
irritated

**Synonyms for Smart**
intelligent
brilliant
clever
bright
skillful
wise
brainy

**Synonyms for Brave**
daring
courageous
adventurous
fearless
heroic

**Synonyms for Tricky**
dishonest
deceitful
sneaky
secretive
sly
untrustworthy

**Synonyms for Funny**
amusing
hysterical
humorous
comical
hilarious
silly

**Synonyms for Thankful**
appreciative
grateful

**Synonyms for Active**
athletic
energetic

**Synonyms for Talkative**
chatty
communicative

**Synonyms for Shy**
bashful
quiet