

# CHARACTERS COME TO LIFE

Prompt: Depict a character from your favourite book  
Use the materials you have on hand. It can be as simple as a paper and pencil or as complicated as sculpting with Fimo.

Note: Parents - adapt your vocabulary to fit your child's age.

## Questions to ask during the process

- How do you picture the character in your minds eye?
- Will you draw the character from the description in the book or from how you remember them?
- What's around them to interact with?
- How does they're clothing fit?
- What are they doing with they're arms, neck, legs, feet, hands and torso?
- What colours are you seeing in your mind?
- How are you going to recreate that colour in your depiction?
- What emotion is the character feeling? How can you show that emotion in your depiction?
- What is their next action, where is the character going after your drawing?

This activity is great for kids to develop their ability to draw from the minds eye. When we read, we imagine the story so there is already a visual to work with. Asking these questions can help to encourage awareness of those visuals and strengthen the ability to draw from memory. Asking these questions will not only engage their memory of what came next in the book, but it will help them understand that even in drawing, we are creating a type of story. A drawing can be more than a static image. We can recreate the character again and again in different situations and before you know it, they will have made a graphic novel.