

# Strange 'Character' Cards for "Suitcase Kid"

How well can you remember a story you have read? How well can you explain about a story you have read to someone else? You might even want to persuade them to read it for themselves. This activity helps you to remember this story.

Everyone in the class is given a 'character' card. Inanimate characters in the story have come alive! Everyone should read the information on the card two or three times. You do not have to remember the card word for word, but have a good idea about the information on it.

Put the card in your pocket or out of sight and then find someone else in the room with the same coloured card as you.

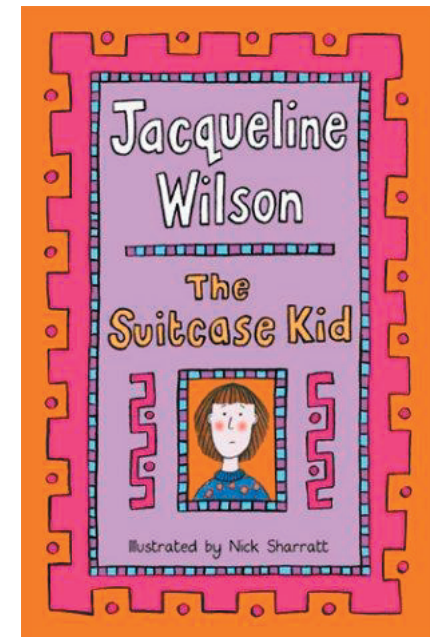
Pretend to be the character and introduce yourself to your new partner:

e.g. "Hello! I am a cottage .....".

Next your partner should do the same to you. Remember if either of you get stuck you can take out your card and look at it. But only if you are stuck. Listen carefully to each other.

Now go to find another two people with the same colour card as you. Now you are four, you have to introduce your partner to the others and they have to introduce each other to you

e.g. "Hello! Can I introduce you to my partner. His name is ....."



<p style="text-align: center;">Radish</p> <p>I am a rabbit. My owner, Andy, is very fond of me. I keep her cheerful. I love playing with water, and sailing in boats. I got lost but it all came right. I ended up in my own mulberry tree cottage with a sofa and a tiny welcome mat.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bathroom</p> <p>I am not the most comfortable room in the house but Andy likes it here best. She can get away from awful Katie and play with Radish. She stays locked in here for ages and the Baboon gets very cross.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mulberry Cottage</p> <p>I have a grey slate roof, a black chimney and a butter yellow front door. I have an old twisted mulberry tree in the front garden. Andy wanted to live here for ever but had to leave when her parents split up.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mulberry Tree Cottage</p> <p>I am a little house inside a hollow mulberry tree. Mr and Mrs Peters made me for their daughter to play in years ago. Then Andy dropped Radish through my window and I became special again.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Camera</p> <p>Dad bought me to take photos of the new baby when it arrived. He started to take photos of Andy and then Carrie dressed her up and put some make up on. Carrie thought she could become a fashion model and Graham thought she looked pretty. Andy was very happy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sailing Boat</p> <p>Graham made me for Andy. He did it because he liked the way she kept biffing selfish Katie. Andy put Radish in me and I took her for a big sail across the lake in the garden with the mulberry tree.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Illness</p> <p>I am not very nice. I am full of aches and shivering. I often visit Andy on Friday, changeover day, when she goes from mum to dad or dad to mum. Then Andy's parents argue a lot about where she should stay.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Garden</p> <p>I am in Larkspur Lane. I have a mulberry tree and a round lake with big goldfish. My owners, Mr and Mrs Peters are old so my grass is long and the flowers are tangled. Andy loves coming here to play with Radish.</p>