

SOMETHING ELSE

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A lonely creature called *Something Else* is excluded from everything because he looks and behaves differently. But when an even stranger creature tries to make friends with him, *Something Else* doesn't want to know - until he realises that the stranger is perhaps not so different after all.

Kathryn Cave was born in Aldershot in Hampshire. In 1997, Kathryn was awarded the very first international UNESCO prize for Children's and Young People's Literature in the Service of Tolerance for SOMETHING ELSE. SOMETHING ELSE was illustrated by Chris Riddell.

The following lesson provides an opportunity for pupils to reflect upon and personally relate to a teacher-read narrative story. SOMETHING ELSE allows for a personal connection by having pupils reflect on similar situations or emotions in their own lives. Acceptable behaviours and ways to prevent bullying or exclusion in the classroom and school can also be discussed.

1. Get your own copy or copies of SOMETHING ELSE by Kathryn Cave.
2. Divide pupils into response groups ensuring a gender and ability mix.
3. Explain that in the story you are going to read *Something Else* is seen as different from everyone else because of the way he looks and behaves.
4. Read aloud the book SOMETHING ELSE. During preselected points of the reading, you wish to stop and use think-aloud questions.
5. Following the read-aloud session and using the **Character Emotions** sheet on the following page ask pupils to identify two emotions that they think reflect how the main characters in the book were feeling e.g. *Something Else*, *The Other*, *The Creature*.
6. Ask each pupil to write about a situation in which they have experienced one of those emotions or a similar situation as a character in the story.
7. In their groups ask pupils to share one or both of their experiences, reminding pupils to respect their group members by listening carefully and not making hurtful comments.

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Character Emotions

in SOMETHING ELSE by Kathryn Cave

Think about the different characters in the story SOMETHING ELSE. List two emotions that you think each character was feeling and write a short sentence explaining why.

	<i>Something Else</i>	<i>The Others</i>	<i>The Creature</i>
Emotions			
Sentence			