



## Virtual Hooked on Books Points of View!



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One of the great things about books is that they allow you to experience situations that you might not normally experience. Books also allow you to see situations from someone else's point of view. Looking at a situation through someone else's eyes can help develop **empathy**.

***Empathy:** the ability to share and understand the feelings of another*

### Points of View Activity:

In this activity, there are several pairs who are experiencing the same event, but from very different points of view. Try to write down all the feelings and emotions you think each person might be feeling. Remember, people can sometimes feel many emotions at once.

<b>Scene #1: It is the Olympics. It is the Ladies Figure Skating Event.</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Character #1:</p> <p>This skater is 24 years old. It is her last Olympics. She was 16<sup>th</sup> at her first one, 4<sup>th</sup> at the last one. This time, she is the reigning world champion and one of the favourites to win. Winning would mean everything! It would be the ultimate prize after years of hard work! But, one bad fall near the end of her program and now she is third, with the bronze medal while a young upstart skated away with the gold.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What is this skater feeling:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Character #2:</p> <p>This skater is 16. It is her first Olympics. She was hoping to place in the top ten, and get some experience, and was really hoping to be a medal contender four years later at the next Olympics. But, she had the skate of her life, some of the top contenders faltered, and now she is suddenly Olympic Champion!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What is this skater feeling:</p>
<b>Scene #2: It is October and a new kid has just started school</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Character #1:</p> <p>Wow! School is going so well this year! I finally feel like I'm almost one of the popular kids! But I have to be careful and not do anything crazy. I can't jeopardize my new standing because it took me so long to get it.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Character #2:</p> <p>I can't believe I have to be the new kid. Again. It is always so hard. Everyone stares at me. I feel like I can't breathe. Maybe this time it will be different. I will try not to say the wrong things and try to fit in. If only I had</p>

<p>Who's that new kid? Oh, no, I know them! It's that really shy, weird kid I know from summer camp! Oh, no, now they are looking at me. Now what?</p> <p>What is this student feeling:</p>	<p>someone to talk to. Hey, I know that kid! They were at camp with me last summer. They seemed nice enough. Should I say hello?</p> <p>What is this student feeling:</p>
<p><b>Scene #3: Auditions for the school play are today:</b></p>	
<p>Character #1: I wanted to be in the school play more than anything! Being an actor is what I want for my career. It's all I ever wanted. I can't believe I bombed my audition. Now I'm stuck in the chorus and I don't even have a speaking part. My best friend just came to the auditions just to support me! They just did the audition at the last second on whim. And now they have one of the best parts in the play!</p> <p>What is this student feeling?</p>	<p>Character #2: Wow! I can't believe I got such a big part in the school play! I wasn't even planning to audition. I just came to hang out with my best friend. But then I thought, why not? What do I have to lose? And now I have this great part. I wasn't really planning on it, but why not? It might be fun. But, do I have time for this? Can I actually play this part?</p> <p>What is this student feeling?</p>
<p>Now you can choose one of these pairs and try to write a story about the scene. Try to show the feelings and point of view of both characters.</p> <p>Or you can also try writing your own original scene!</p>	