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Wahanga Tū Kōrero
Assistive Technology Services

Follow up activity ideas for Art..*ish*

You can watch the story again here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxVSEUZiNWE

Or watch the story in our recording of the session on our website here:
https://talklink.org.nz/virtual-kiwichat-groups

You can find Ish Song video with the actions here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DObm-UOP1Vc

Talk about the story:

Use these suggestions as points to talk about using your communication system. (**Adults:** remember to use the communication device, too, to model vocabulary. This will really help your student/child. If you don't know where words, that's great, you can work together to find them!).

Watch the story again and talk about...

1. Ross Kinnaird, who drew the pictures for the book, is very good at drawing expressions to show how the characters are feeling. Look at the faces of the characters in the story. How do you think each character is feeling? How do you know?
    Did you find the following feelings?

Happy	Relaxed	Worried	Confused
Embarrassed	Wonder	Sad/Miserable	Excited
Angry	Shocked	Proud	Surprised

2. What did you think of Ramon's drawings? What do you like to draw/make?

3. Why did Ramon not like his drawings after his brother laughed?

4. Can you describe what 'ish' means? What do you do 'ish-ly'?

Other books to read:

"The Dot" also by Peter H Reynolds https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sg-aGFsOk1I

Song for "The Dot": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_I43cxDQ-o

KiwiChat day session for "The Dot" (5th video down): https://talklink.org.nz/virtual-kiwichat-groups

If you read "The Dot", you might like to do a compare and contrast activity looking at the similarities between Vashti (the main character in "The Dot")and Ramon.

Tarheel Reader stories about art:
These are simple non-fiction stories that talk about art. These can be read online or downloaded as a PowerPoint and printed off for a physical book.

https://tarheelreader.org/2014/10/08/art-is-fun/

https://tarheelreader.org/2013/04/13/making-art/

Art…ish activities

Personalised Fuzzy Felt Pictures

If you want to make your own Fuzzy Felt Pictures we have a whole Tip of the Month about how to get started. We have included it in our resources or you can find it online https://talklink.org.nz/resources/tip-of-the-month---april-2021---fuzzy-felts

Crumpled paper art - https://buggyandbuddy.com/crumpled-paper-art-for-kids-inspired-by-ish/

Try making 'ish' sculptures out of blocks or Lego - https://www.theottoolbox.com/ish-book-activity-block-sculptures

Make some crayon art! Glue some crayons to the top of a canvas, then use a hairdryer to melt the wax. If you have a PowerLink you can plug the hair drier into it so your student/child can control the hairdryer using a switch.

Do ping pong panting! Dip ping pong balls into paint, then place them on a piece of paper and blow them with a hairdryer. You can use a Powerlink for this as well. Alternatively, put you paper and ping pong balls into a box and shake! https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/57685/ping-pong-ball-painting/

Art..ish activities – online

Here are some different free online art tools for you to explore and talk about. If you student/child has difficulty accessing a computer, they can tell you what to do using their communication system. There are some suggested words that you could model.

https://onlinesandtray.com/ - You can add in your own characters and make a scene. It is like fuzzy felts. **Core words** you could model – **who, what, where, put, there/here, make, big, small, move, up, down, like**

https://thisissand.com/ - You can use coloured sand to make pictures. **Core words** you could model – **more** (sand or colour), **different** (colour), **go** (to move mouse), **stop, move, up, big** (amount of sand), **little** (amount of sand), **names of colours**.

https://bomomo.com/ Simple and fun drawing site with 20 unnamed tools creating different effects and patterns. **Core words** you could model – **more, different, like, don't like, go** (to move mouse around), **stop** (stop moving mouse)

http://jacksonpollock.org/ A super easy digital canvas that lets users immediately start painting like Jackson Pollack. There are no instructions so you can experiment to discover the rules of painting with a mouse or trackpad. **Core words** you could model – **up, down** (for mouse directions), **stop, go** (mouse movements), **different** (when changing colour)

https://makebeliefscomix.com/Comix/ A comic creation site where you can create your own comic strips. Similar to fuzzy felts. **Core words** you could model – **who, what, where put, there/here, make, big, small, move, up, down, like**

https://toytheater.com/category/art/ multiple simple art activities to explore.

https://drawastickman.com/ A cool site where you can draw a stick man and watch the stick man come to life in an interactive episode you choose. **Core words** you could model - **uh oh/problem, help, make, big, little, go** (to make the next part happen).