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Pip's Big Secret

Teaching and Learning Resources

About this Resource

This resource can be used by parents, teachers, carers and young readers.
It is designed to provide fun, engaging and creative ideas to explore Pip's Big Secret.

The resources are suitable to use in and out of the classroom, allowing young readers to get even more out of the book!

Summary

Pip lives in Happy Hills Orchard and loves to talk. Pip is always chatting to everybody but one day they have to keep a secret. It is Ant's birthday and Pip is not allowed to tell them about the surprise party that is planned. But when Pip can't keep the secret, they find out that they have helped Ant because they don't like surprises!

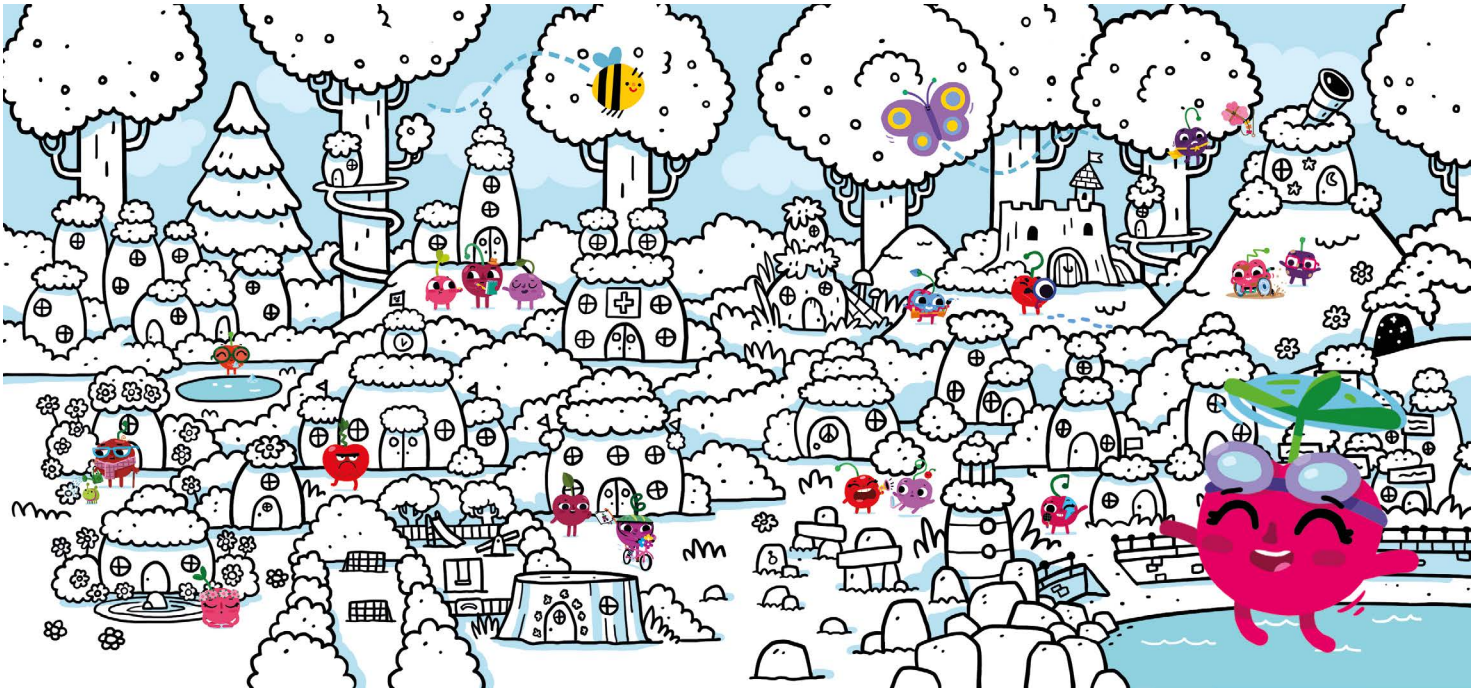
Happy Hills Orchard

Happy Hills Orchard is a happy little orchard where the little cherries live, learn and have fun! There are lots of little cherries in the orchard and each little cherry is different. Find out about all the little cherries in each book.

But What is an Orchard?

An Orchard is an area of land where fruit trees are grown. The Happy Hills Orchard grows cherry trees but an orchard can grow lots of different fruit trees. Fruit trees can also grow in a garden, a park or woodlands. But it is only an orchard when there are lots of fruit trees growing together.

Activity: *Can you find out what other fruit trees can grow in an orchard? Write a list of the different fruit trees or draw a picture of each fruit tree.*



Introducing Pip

This is Pip. They are the main character in Pip's Big Secret.

- *Pip is a red cherry with a green stalk. They have big round eyes with black eyelashes. They have a megaphone so that everybody can hear them talking.*
- *Pip loves to talk and make people happy. They are very confident and talk all the time.*
- *Pip finds it tricky to keep a secret and tell people the secret by accident.*
- *Pip accidently tells Ant about the party and then feels sad about this. But Ant is happy because they do not like surprises. Pip realises that sometimes talking a lot can be helpful.*

Activity 1: Mighty Megaphone!

Pip has a megaphone. A megaphone is cone shape which makes your voice sound louder.

Can you make your own megaphone and decorate it?

You will need:

- *Card of any colour*
- *Sellotape or glue*
- *Felt tips or pencil crayons*
- *Any extra fabulous decorations you can find!*

First start by decorating your card with any drawings or words you would like. You might like to make it a Happy Hills Orchard Megaphone with cherries on it, Pip could even make an appearance!

Then roll up your card into a megaphone shape with one end tighter and glue or tape it in place.

After that add on any extra decorations such as sparkles, feathers, be as creative as you wish.

Finally, it is time to test your megaphone!

Activity 2: How Loud?!

Using the megaphone you have made you are going to test how well it works.
Find a large open space such as your garden or a playground.

One person will use the megaphone and another person (or group of people) will be the super listeners.

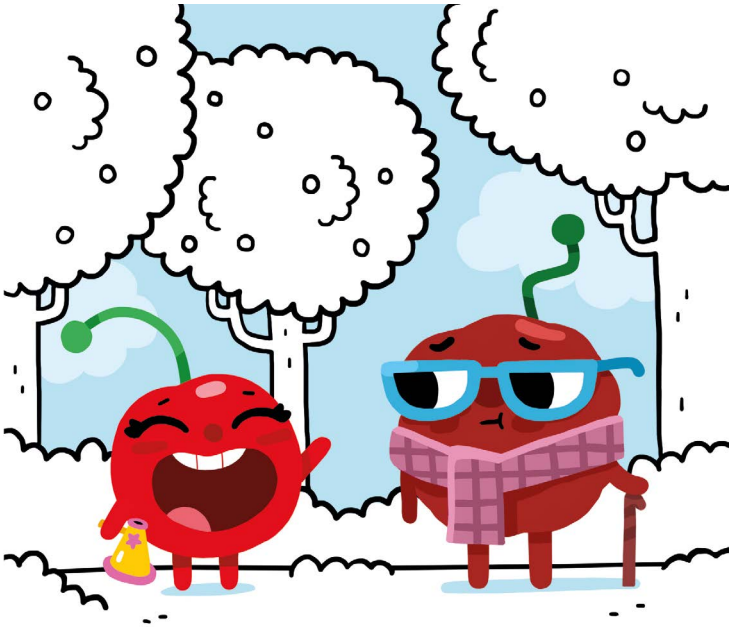
With your friends standing a few steps away from you say the following sentence without your megaphone:

Pip has a secret.

Then try it again with the megaphone.

Pip has a secret.

Ask your friends which one was louder.
Take it in turns to test the megaphone and see how it works. You could even see how far away you can stand whilst still being able to hear it!



Activity 3: What is a Good Secret?

Keeping secrets can be fun and exciting and make you happy when you find out what the secret was.

But it is important to remember that some secrets are not good secrets to keep. If a secret makes you feel sad, scared or worried you should always talk to a grown up that you trust, even if it is your friend or another grown up that asked you to keep the secret. If a secret upsets you, you won't get in trouble for talking to somebody about it.

Let's think of some happy secrets. Can you think of a time when you have kept a secret or a secret was kept from you and it made you feel happy? Draw, paint, colour or write about your favourite secret.

Activity 4: Party Time!

It is always fun having a party and we normally wait until it is somebody's birthday. Well today it is! Throw a party for your favourite teddy or doll.

There are lots of exciting things to think do:

- *Make a party invite*
- *Get crafting and make some birthday bunting*
- *Get your favourite party outfit on or make party hats for everybody*
- *Play party games*
- *Dance and sing*
- *Make your party food*
- *Bake a birthday cake*

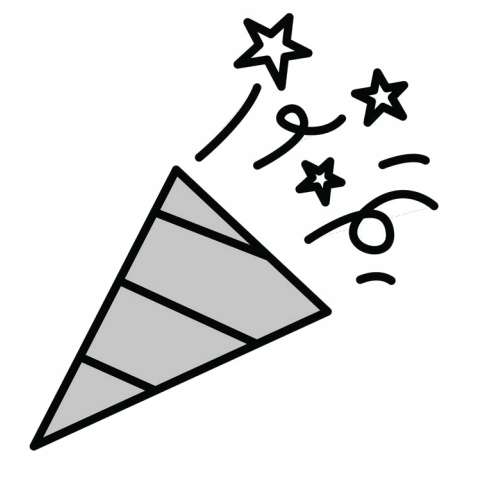
The options are endless!

But most of all, have lots of party fun!

- *Why were the little cherries planning a surprise party?*
- *What did Pip do to try and stop themselves telling the secret to Ant?*
- *Have you ever had to keep a secret and found it tricky?*
- *Why was Ant happy that Pip told them about the surprise party?*
- *What did Pip learn in the end?*

Extra Fun Challenges!

- *Make your own finger puppets to retell the story.*
- *Can you change the end of the story and create one where Pip doesn't tell Ant the secret?*



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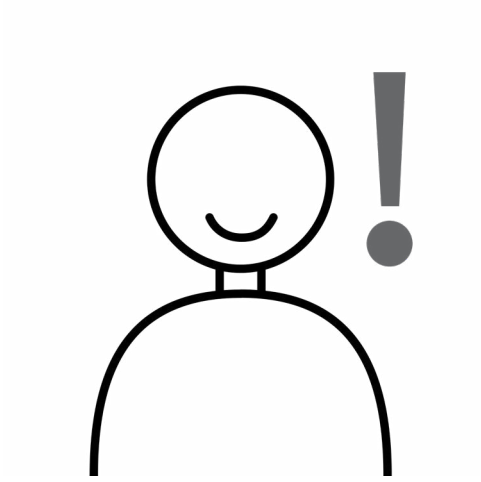

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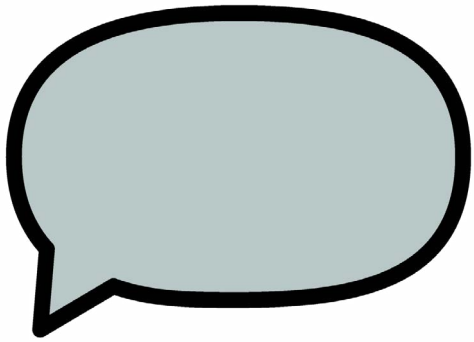

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