

Friendship stop

A friendship stop is like a bus stop in a school playground. Children can wait there to make new friends.

[Smiles] Oh dear... [Smiles]

I thought if I just sat here then someone would come over. I mean, that's what it's for isn't it? It's not supposed to be just any old bench. When they told us about it in assembly, they called it a Friendship Stop, for people who are on their own. More like a friendship start really! I'd like to join that group, over there by the trees. They're from our year. Harley said he'd lend me his multicolour pen in science today. It's got six colours. He's got lots of friends. I wonder if he's ever sat here? I suppose not.

[Someone runs into you] Hey! Watch it! Sam and his gang, they are too rough. They knock you over. They dropped that paint on purpose this morning. That's why we all got in trouble and why we were all late for lunch. The children here are not really that unfriendly. It's because I'm new. In Peterborough I knew lots of people and they came round to my house all the time. I think these kids are not as good; I mean, in Peterborough everyone was just friendly and right.

I told my mum and she says it will get easier. Then she went and invited that complete and utter geek Craig Barret round for tea. I mean how could she do that? I did a really good job of ignoring him. I don't think he'll be back in a hurry – not after that accident with the black pepper! No, it's no good, I might as well just...

Hey... [Waves]

Yeah me?

Yeah, alright... Coming! [Runs off]



Performance tips

- The key thing is to sound lonely and flat. Try leaving pauses in your performance and look out sadly at the audience.
- Speed up at the end to show your excitement.

Over to you!

What other stops should we have in a playground? How about a snack stop or a stop for sneezing? Make up lots of new stops. Make some of them really unusual. How about a stop for people whose shoes are blue or a pet stop or an 'in a bad mood' stop? Act out a 'stop' and get the rest of your class to guess what it is.