

Teachers' Resource Pack for

Wake up and Read

As many magic tricks and illusions are performed in the show, why not show your class that you, know and can perform a few magic tricks. The Rubber Band Trick, number 3, is by far the easiest, but none of the four are hard to master.

<http://www.schoolperformancetours.com.au/spt/tnpdfs/Ventriloquist.pdf>

Suggest Pre or Post Performance discussions

1. - Frank is the son of an Italian migrant. Show the class on a map of the world where Italy is. Was anyone in the class born in another country? Which students were born in another town or city in Australia? How old were they when they moved to this town? Was it sad leaving their friends? Was it easy or hard to make new friends? Frank's parents spoke Italian at home not English, do any of the students' parents speak a different language?
2. - Frank is a performer. His job is to entertain people. Have the students create a list of jobs performed by people they know in the community. Explore the degrees of separation between the person doing the job and the students. i.e. The truck driver probably delivered the bicycle that they got for their birthday to the store their parents bought it from. A mechanic will fix, the car that their parents drive them to school in or the bus they catch to school. Also explore the relationships between each of the workers.
3. - Create a circle of co-operation, i.e. the baker bakes bread for the mechanic to eat, the mechanic fixes the tractor that the farmer uses to plough his field to grow wheat. The farmer sells his wheat to the mill where it is ground into flour. The mill sells the flour to the baker who bakes bread that he sells to the mechanic.
4. - Many people use many skills in order to do their job. Get the class to list all the skills Frank used to entertain them.
- - - magician, puppeteer, musician, storyteller, singer, clown, actor, and remember he had to be a driver in order to get to the school and he wrote the show so, writer. He also built the set.
5. - Take another occupation and get the class to list the skills needed for the occupation.