

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Listen to a story

Listen to Voices in the Park again. <https://youtu.be/58kla7Ghxas>

- What do you notice about the story this time? Answer the questions about the story.

2. Using Paragraphs

- Read *No Paragraphs*. This is Smudge and Charles' voices, but there are no paragraphs.
- Make marks on the text to show where you would start a new paragraph to make the writing clearer.

3. Now for some writing

- Imagine all four characters go to the park the next day. What would they each do? Write notes on *The Next Day*.
- Pick one of the characters and write how they would tell about what happened the next day. Try to make your writing sound like them. Organise your writing in paragraphs.

*Well done. Show your writing to a grown-up. Show them how you have made your writing sound like the character that you picked. You can check your answers to *No Paragraphs* at the end of this pack.*

Try the Fun-Time Extra

Challenge yourself to write about the next day from the point of view of one of the other characters.

Can you make an illustration to go with your writing?

Questions about Voices in the Park

- Which character do you think is most hopeful?
- Which is character do you feel is the saddest?
- Who is the most angry?
- Who is the most frightened?
- Which character would you most like to meet?
- Which person is most like you?

No Paragraphs

Make marks to show where you would put a new paragraph.

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Dad had been really fed up, so I was pleased when he said we could take Albert to the park. Albert's always in such a hurry to be let off his lead. He went straight up to this lovely dog and sniffed its bum (he always does that). Of course, the other dog didn't mind, but its owner was really angry, the silly twit. I got talking to this boy. I thought he was a bit of a wimp at first, but he's okay. We played on the see-saw and he didn't say much, but later on he was a bit more friendly. We both burst out laughing when we saw Albert having a swim. Then we all played on the bandstand, and I felt really, really happy. Charlie picked a flower and gave it to me. Then his mum called him and he had to go. He looked sad. When I got home, I put the flower in some water, and made Dad a nice cup of tea.

The Next Day

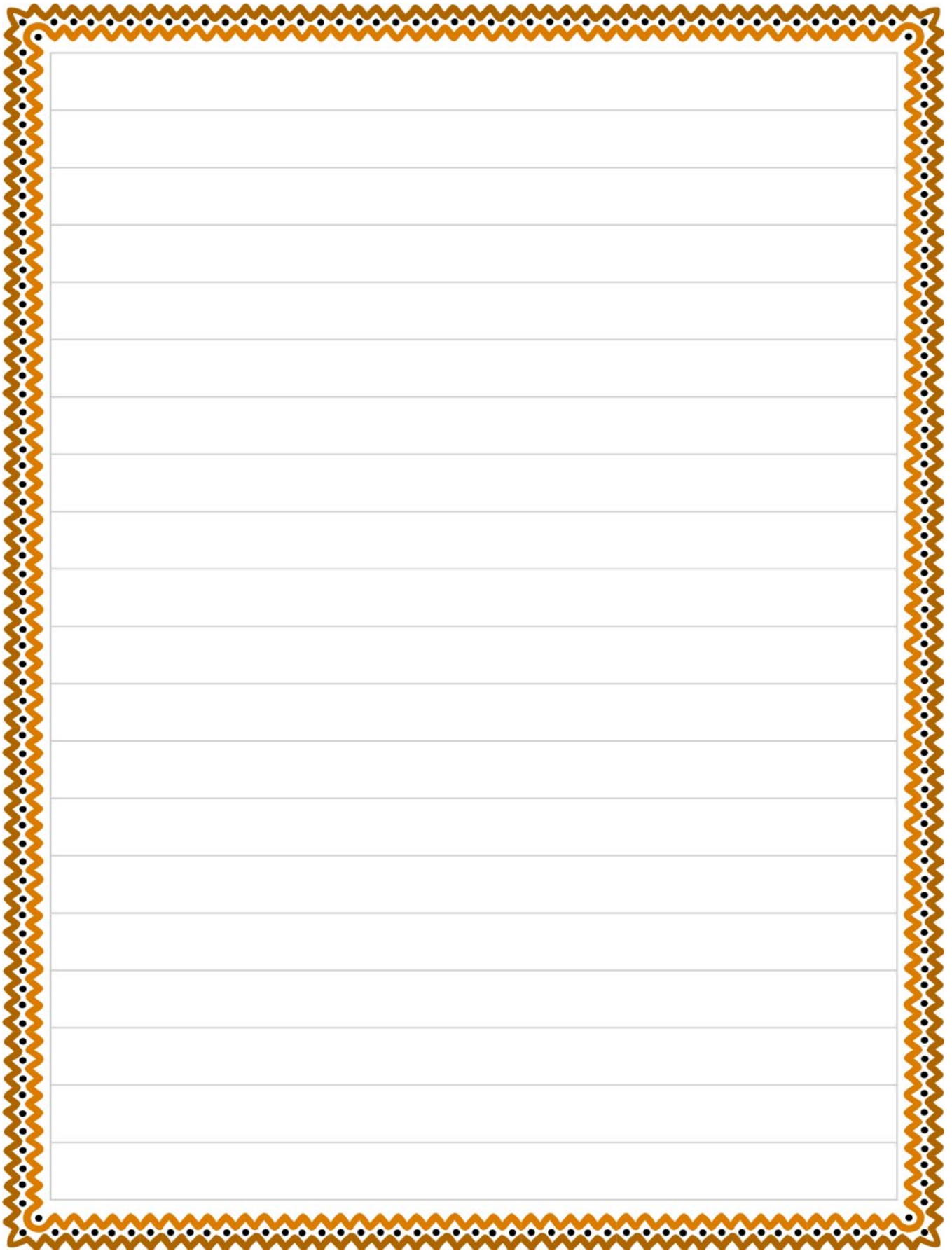


Back to the park

Choose one of the characters and write in their voice to tell what happened when they went back to the park the next day.



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With Paragraphs - Possible ANSWER

This is one possible version. You may have made different decisions.

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