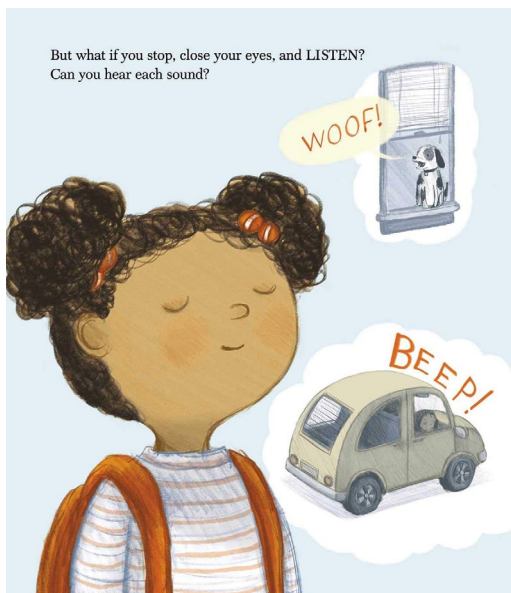




Take a Listening Walk

(Activity for elementary and middle school students)

- Take your own listening walk!
- Bring a pad and pencil to write down or draw what you hear.
- Whether you're walking inside or outside, take a moment to stop, close your eyes and listen.
- What individual sounds do you hear? Do you hear any unusual sounds?



But what if you stop, close your eyes, and LISTEN?
Can you hear each sound?

What natural sounds (like birdsongs, wind, and rain) do you hear? Can you use sounds words (onomatopoeia) like “caw” and “hush” to describe what you hear? Jot them down and/or sketch them.

What human-made sounds (like washing machines, cars, and bicycles) can you hear? Jot them down and/or sketch them.

OPTIONAL – Consider writing your own story using the sounds you gathered on your walk. Make the sounds come alive by using onomatopoeia (words like “beep” and “tippy-tap-tap,” that imitate a natural sound) such as those I use in my picture book, *LISTEN*, illustrated by Stephanie Graegin.

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