



Drawn Together

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Drawn Together is a touching story about a grandpa and his grandson who do not share a common language. They find their connection through their shared love of drawing and painting. This allows them to communicate and build a special relationship words can't even describe.

READ

Before: Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *what do you think this story is about?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

I wonder who those people are?

During: Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words

- sketch – a rough or unfinished drawing
- revealing – making interesting information known
- beyond – happening after a specific time or event
- speechless – unable to speak, usually due to shock or strong emotion

After: Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- How are the little boy and his grandfather different?
- What are their expressions when they are eating and watching TV together?
- How did they speak through their artwork?
- What kind of images did they create together?
- How did they feel about each other after they draw together?
- Do you need words to tell a story?



DO

Make your own comic

Materials: Paper, markers, crayons and or pencils

Manila or drawing paper (Larger paper works best)

Divide your paper into shapes similar to a comic strip

Using your markers, draw boxes on the paper to make a blank comic strip. Partner up and, without talking, create art that tells a story. Take turns drawing in the squares and have your partner complete the drawing. When you finish, talk about what you were “saying” with your pictures.

