

A Garden of Different Blooms

Learning objective: To understand the value of diversity and inclusion within a community.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below to show your understanding of why being different makes our community stronger.

In the heart of the Great Meadow, Nova the owl and Zara the zebra decided to host a community talent show. They wanted everyone to join in, no matter who they were. Some animals were fast, some were slow, some were loud, and others were quiet. At first, Kit the fox worried that the show would be too chaotic because everyone had such different skills. However, when the event began, the magic happened. Ellie the elephant used her memory to host, sharing wonderful stories. Bea the bee brought her knowledge of nature, while Leo the lion recited beautiful poems. Because every animal brought a different strength, the show was a huge success. Nova realised that a community is like a garden; if every flower were the same colour, the meadow would be quite dull. By inviting everyone to share their unique talents, the animals learned that inclusion isn't just about letting people join in—it is about celebrating what makes each of us special. When we embrace our differences, our whole community grows stronger and brighter together.

Word bank: diversity · inclusion · community · unique · perspective · talents

1. Who helped Nova the owl to organise the talent show? (1 mark)

2. What does Nova compare the community to in the passage? (1 mark)

3. Why was Kit the fox worried at the start of the talent show? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the animals were able to put on a better show because they were all different? (2 marks)

5. Do you agree that it is better to have a diverse group of friends than friends who are all exactly the same? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the Great Meadow talent show, showing at least three different animals using their unique talents to contribute to the group.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a paragraph about a 'hidden talent' you have that you could share to help your own school community.