





Wildlife Soliloquies





An activity of several wildlife stories in What's Up September 2024

How good are you at imagining what it is like to be someone else? When you try to look at the world through their eyes and guess what they feel, then you are practicing empathy.

This activity encourages you to have empathy for all living things. In the process, you would also practice working as a team to construct an engaging soliloquy. Soliloquies (say "soh-li-le-kees") are oral presentations where the speakers speak as if to themselves.

1. Divide your class into eight groups. Pick one of the following for each group, with no two groups getting the same one.

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2. Read the story that your group's animal appears in. The stories are all in the September 2024 issue of *What's Up*. Use your imagination to prepare a five-minute oral presentation as if it were your group's animal speaking. Use your imagination and also do some clever guesswork!
3. Select one member to present the soliloquy. Have all the groups' speakers take turns to present their soliloquies.
4. As a whole class, spend a few minutes sharing what this experience meant to you. Better still, write to *What's Up* about it by emailing letters@whatsup.sg. Remember to include your full name(s), class, and school in your email.