

4 DIALOGUE ACTIVITIES

to recognize & practice writing dialogue

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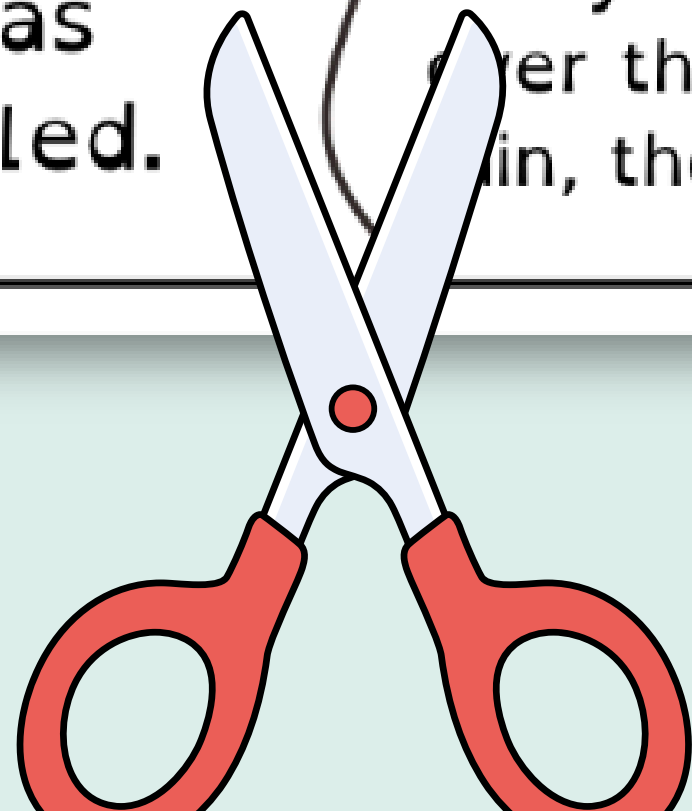
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SUMMARY VS. SCENE MATCH UP

When you ask your students to write dialogue, do they write a summary of a conversation instead of actual lines of dialogue? In this activity, students can sort the cards by summary versus scene, then match up each conversation summary to its actual dialogue scene.

The principal announced that the field trip was unfortunately canceled.

"I have some bad news, everyone," Principal Vane said over the intercom. "Due to the rain, the zoo trip is off."



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Students first identify the dialogue/speech tags, the actual lines of dialogue, and the action or narration tags, punctuating as they go.

Teacher Tip!
**Laminate and use
whiteboard markers**

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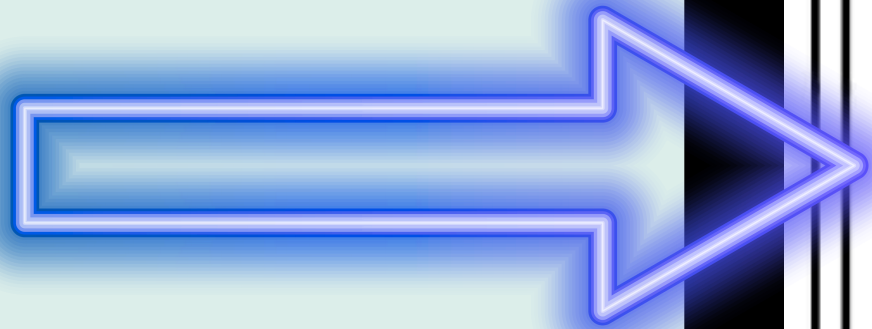
I can't find my history report Sam
whispered while digging through his messy
backpack.

Did you look in your blue folder Mrs. Gable
asked as she walked over to his desk.

I checked everywhere Sam replied he
slumped his shoulders in defeat and stared at
the floor I think I left it on the kitchen table.

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TEACHER SLIDESHOW



Use your interactive
board annotation tools
to model the activity

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The volcano is leaking all over the desk Ben yelled while jumping back to save his shoes.

Sarah frantically searched the tray for the roll of masking tape.

It is making a huge purple mess he groaned as the liquid dripped onto the floor.

Sarah pointed toward the back of the classroom go grab the paper towels while I try to stop the leak with this tape.



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DIALOGUE EXPANSION CHALLENGE

For this activity, students revise a summary of a conversation and turn it into an expanded scene with actual lines of dialogue.

In class we debated
which topping was the
best for the class pizza
party.

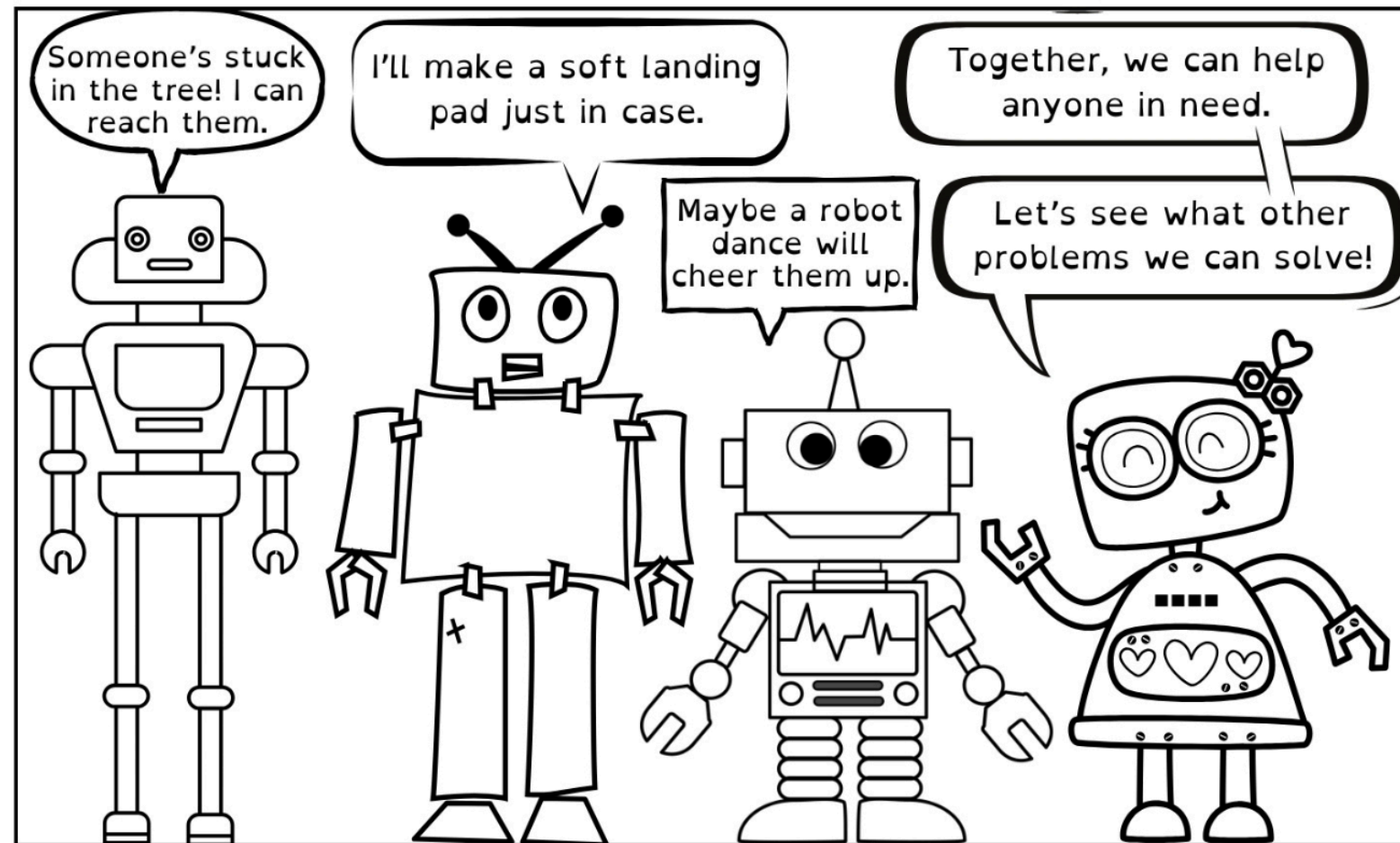
The cashier told the
student they were
twenty-five cents short
for the candy bar.

Teacher Tip!

If students are struggling with this, have them act out the scene.

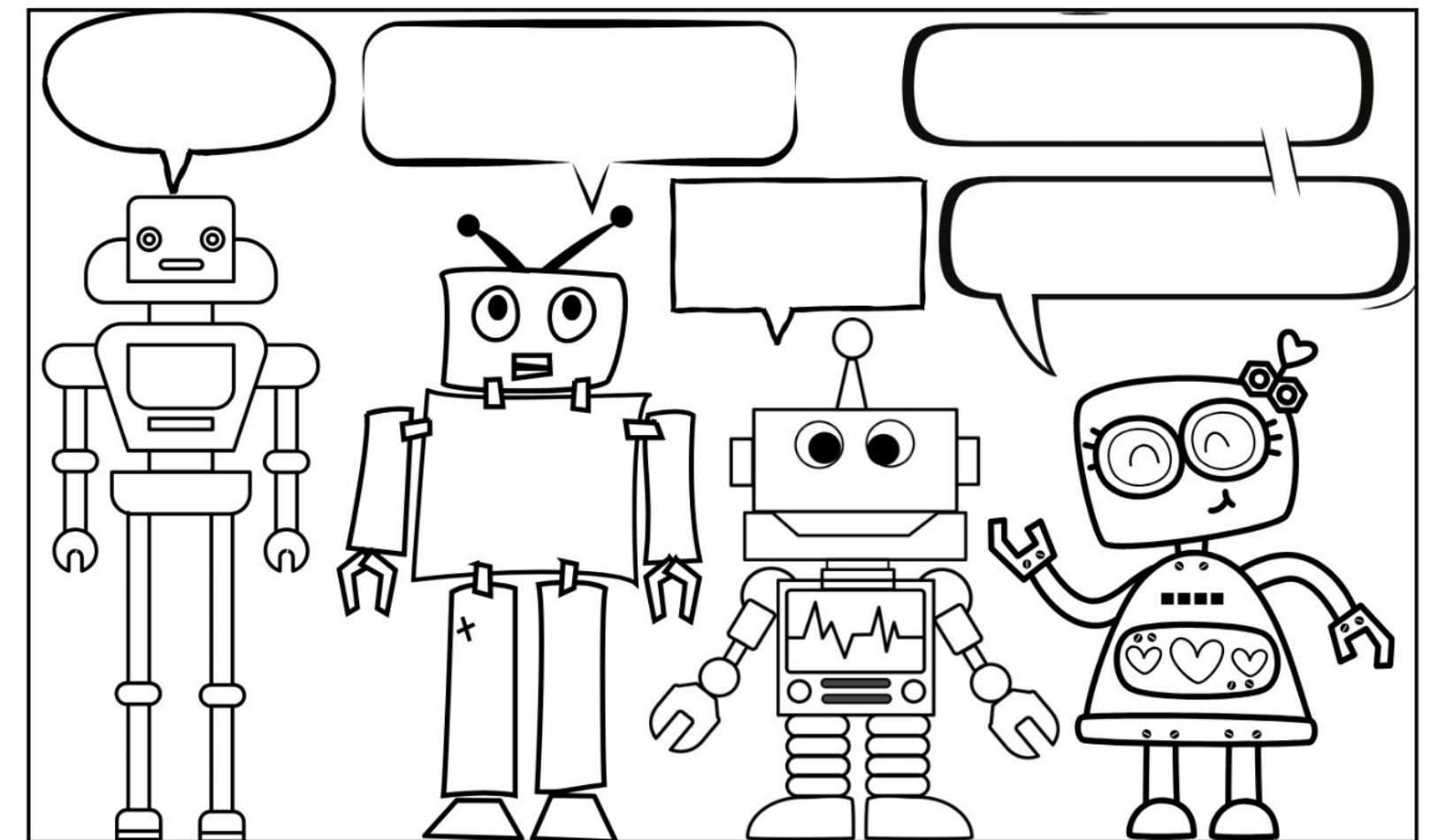
SPEECH BUBBLE MINI-SCENES

Time to write! Turn dialogue in speech bubbles into a full mini narrative scene. Give advanced students the blank speech bubbles and let their imagination roam free!



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