



“Yo! Yes?” by Chris Raschka

Chris Raschka's Caldecott Honor classic is a simple yet dramatic story about friendship.

Two lonely boys who don't know each other meet on a city street. Brought together with a simple "Yo!" answered by the other one's "Yes?" and the bounce of a basketball, this modern classic will strike a chord with every child who's ever longed for a friend.

"With a beautifully balanced, economical style, the book illumines the peaks and pitfalls of getting acquainted, and puts in a good word for brotherhood as well." — *School Library Journal*, starred review

Let's Talk

Ask children how friends are made? Is making a friend easy or hard?

Talk about the simple one word statements, why would the author chose to write this way? Explain the punctuation and body language (briefly). How does the punctuation go with the body language of the 2 boys?

Talk about the changing colors of the background. It goes rom blue to bright yellow, why? Does this change the way you feel while reading?

Let's Move

Have 2 children act this story out. Use body language of the pictures. Take turns so all children get a chance.

Pin the proper punctuation on the word. Use words from the book **or** see how a word can change with different punctuation after it.

Let's Create

Print pictures of facial expressions and let kids color.

Have children draw their own facial expression while looking in a mirror.

Pair With

“Enemy Pie” by Derek Munson

