



## Skill Story: **Listening**



### How to use this resource:

1. Explain that you are going to read a story about **Listening**.
2. Ask learners to listen out for times when the characters are listening carefully to other people speaking or when they are not!
3. Read the story. At certain points, ask learners questions to check they have listened carefully.
4. Discuss the reflection questions on the last page.





**Finn and Fran**



In the centre of Fashion City, live Finn and Fran: two best friends who are always coming up with new ideas.

Finn and Fran are fashion designers. They work together to create beautiful clothes for their customers.



It is really important to listen carefully to find out what sort of clothes people want them to make.



One day Gwen visited Finn and Fran to ask them to design some clothes for her. When she arrived she was holding an invitation to a disco. She started to talk but....



...Fran spotted the disco invitation and interrupted her. She put on some music and started to dance.



Oh, I love discos! I've got a great idea for a sparkly disco dress for you.



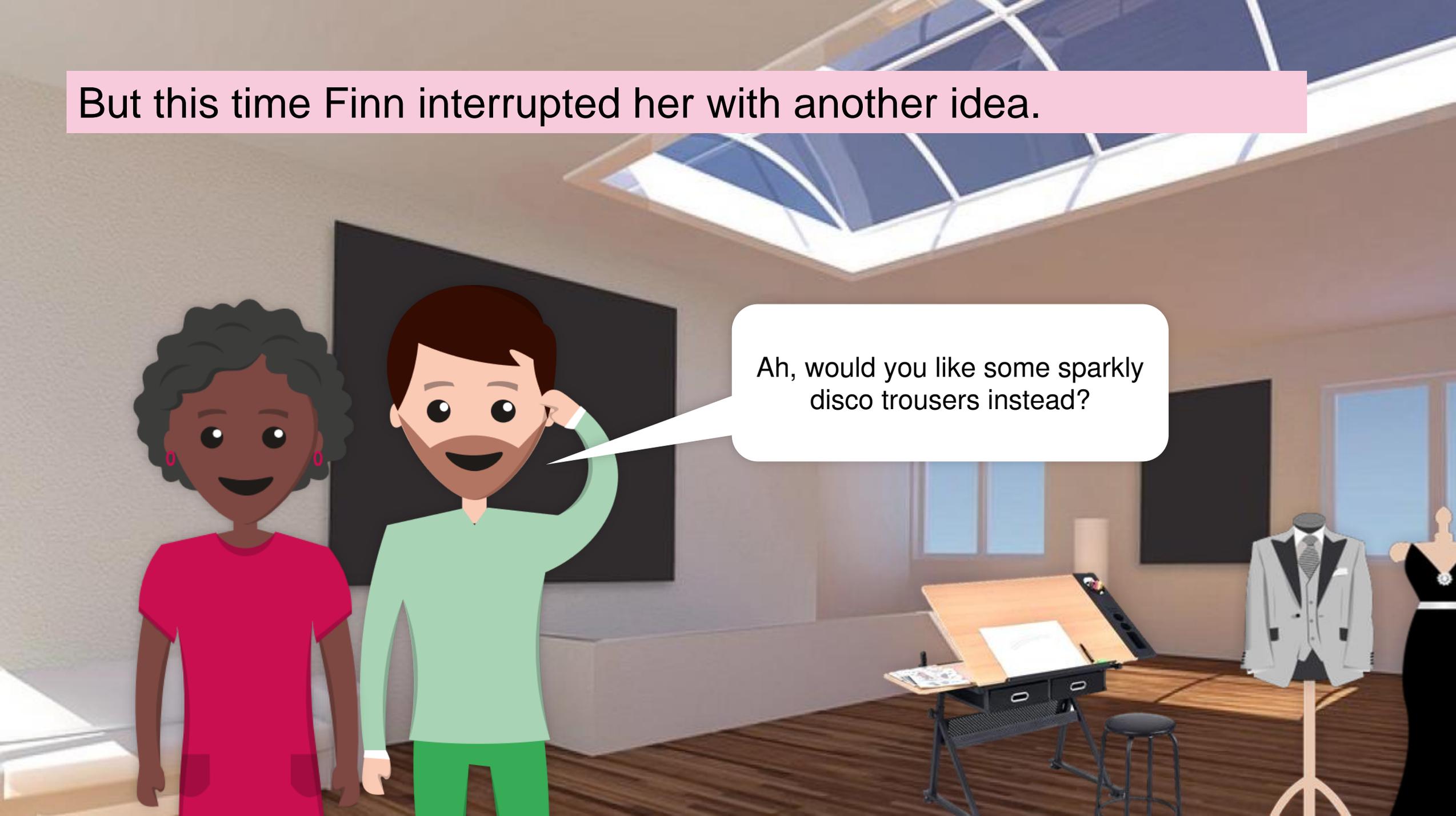
Gwen tried to tell Finn and Fran again what she would like them to make for her.





I don't want a dress for the disco. I would like....

But this time Finn interrupted her with another idea.



Ah, would you like some sparkly disco trousers instead?

Gwen looked a bit fed up. Finn and Fran weren't listening to what she had to say.





I don't want a sparkly disco dress or trousers. I would really like a colourful skirt with butterflies on it.

Finn and Fran said sorry. This time they listened carefully to Gwen and they designed a beautiful skirt with a colourful butterfly pattern.

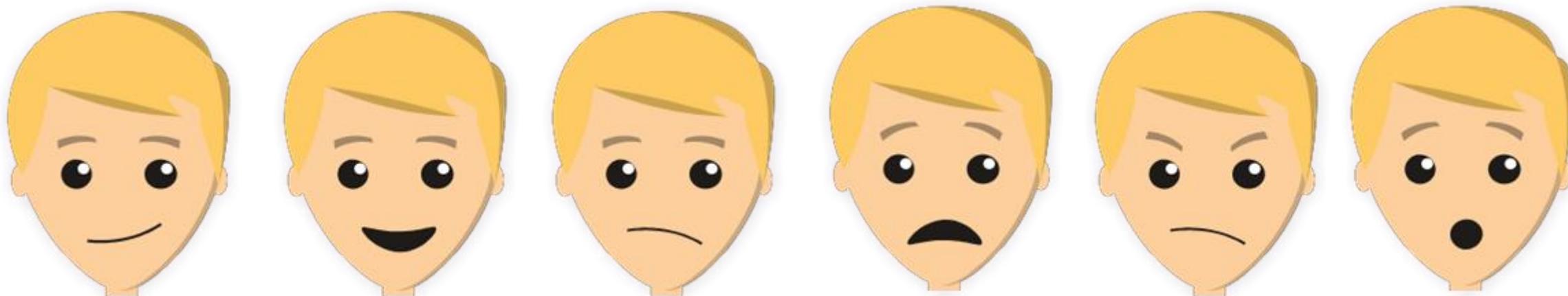


Thank you.  
That is  
perfect!



Gwen invited Finn and Fran to the disco and said that maybe Fran could wear the sparkly dress she had imagined for herself!



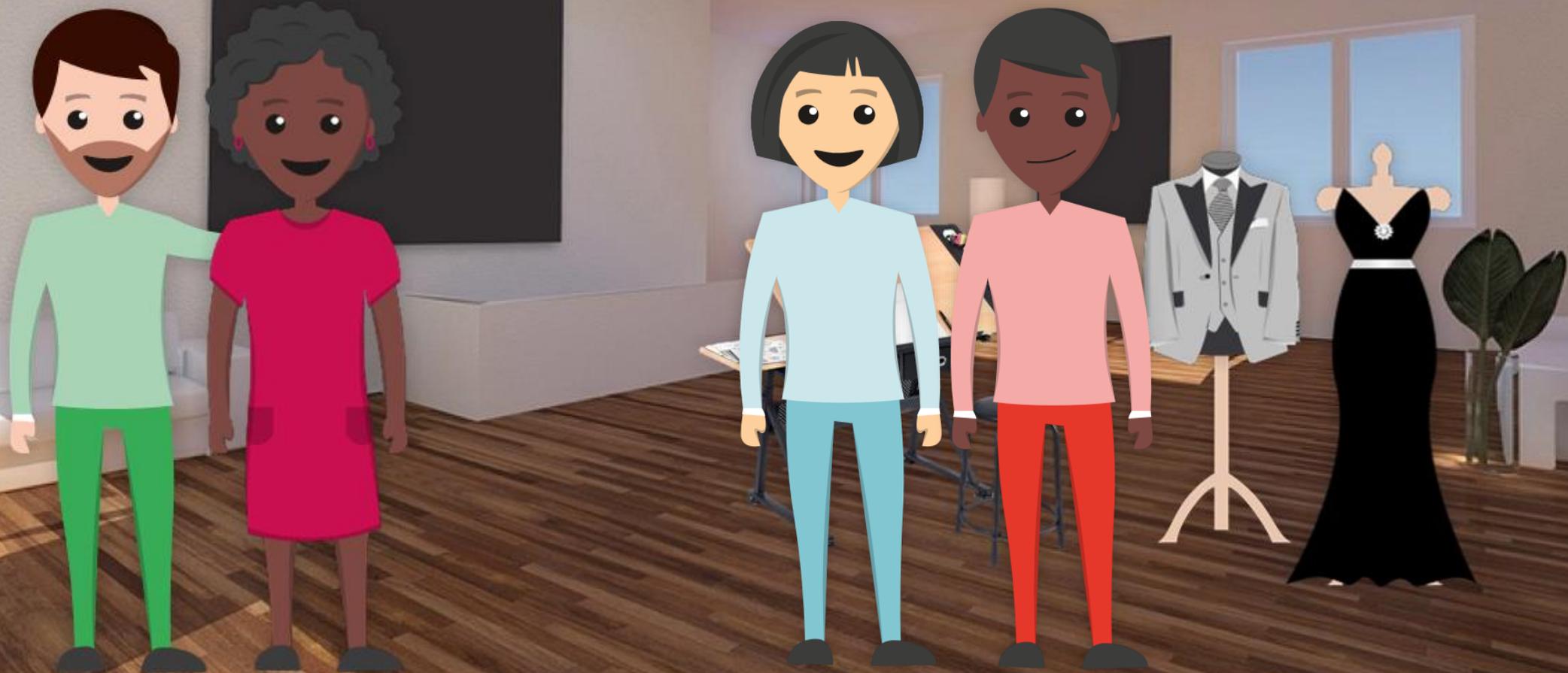


Question: How do you feel about the story so far?  
Feelings to choose from:  
happy, proud, sad, worried, angry, surprised

Finn and Fran decided the next time they had customers they would listen carefully to what they wanted.



Mish and Petros visited next and asked them to design matching outfits for taking part in a running race.



Mish shared a poem about the race, so they could imagine the event. Finn and Fran listened quietly and didn't interrupt.





Standing and waiting for the race  
to begin  
I'm getting quite nervous  
Am I going to WIN?

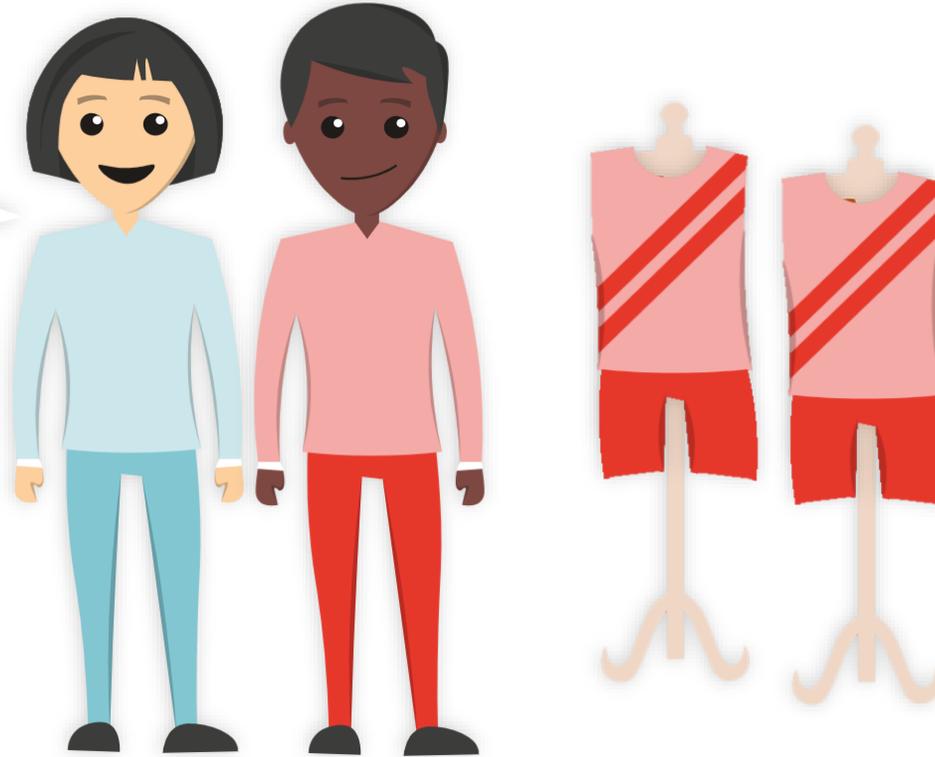
Whilst listening to the poem, Finn and Fran were inspired to design a pair of sporty outfits! Mish and Petros loved their new sports clothes and wore them proudly at the running race!



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Question: What are the rhyming words in the poem?

Next, Suneeta visited Finn and Fran and asked them to design an outfit for her to wear to work.



Finn and Fran listened carefully as Suneeta shared information about her new job, so they could understand what she wanted. They spoke about what they'd heard to show that they were listening.



An illustration of three people in a room. On the left is a woman with dark skin and curly hair wearing a red dress. In the center is a man with brown hair and a beard wearing a green long-sleeved shirt and green pants, with his hand to his forehead. On the right is a woman with a grey hijab wearing a yellow long-sleeved shirt and yellow pants. The room has a wooden floor, a desk with a chair, a mannequin in a black dress, and a large skylight on the ceiling.

I'm going to be the new manager of a bank.

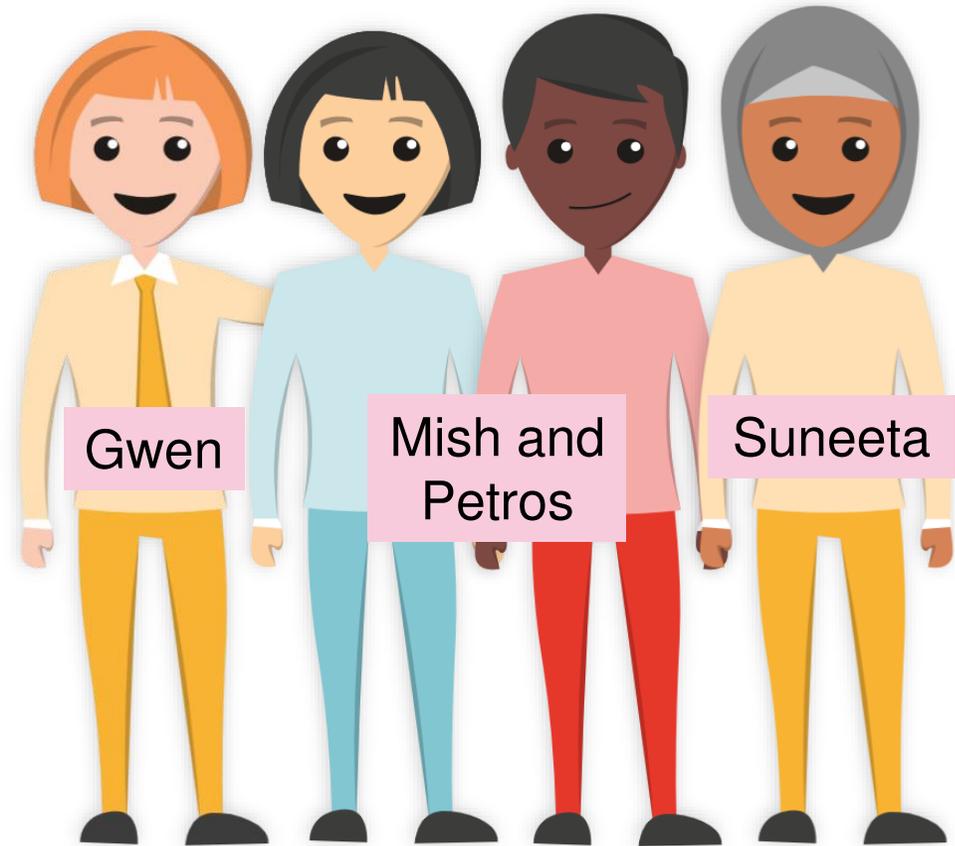
I've been to a bank before and saw people wearing smart clothes.

Whilst listening to Suneeta speak, they were inspired to design a smart, blue suit!  
Suneeta loved her new business clothes and wore them proudly on the first day of her new job!



Finn and Fran were pleased that they had got better at listening and they had lots of happy customers!





Question: What different things have Finn and Fran designed for their customers?



**The End**



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### Reflection Questions:

1. What happened in the story?
2. What does it mean to interrupt people?
3. How did Finn and Fran show when they had listened carefully?
4. How did listening help them with their designs?

### Extension Question:

5. Why is it important to listen to other people?

