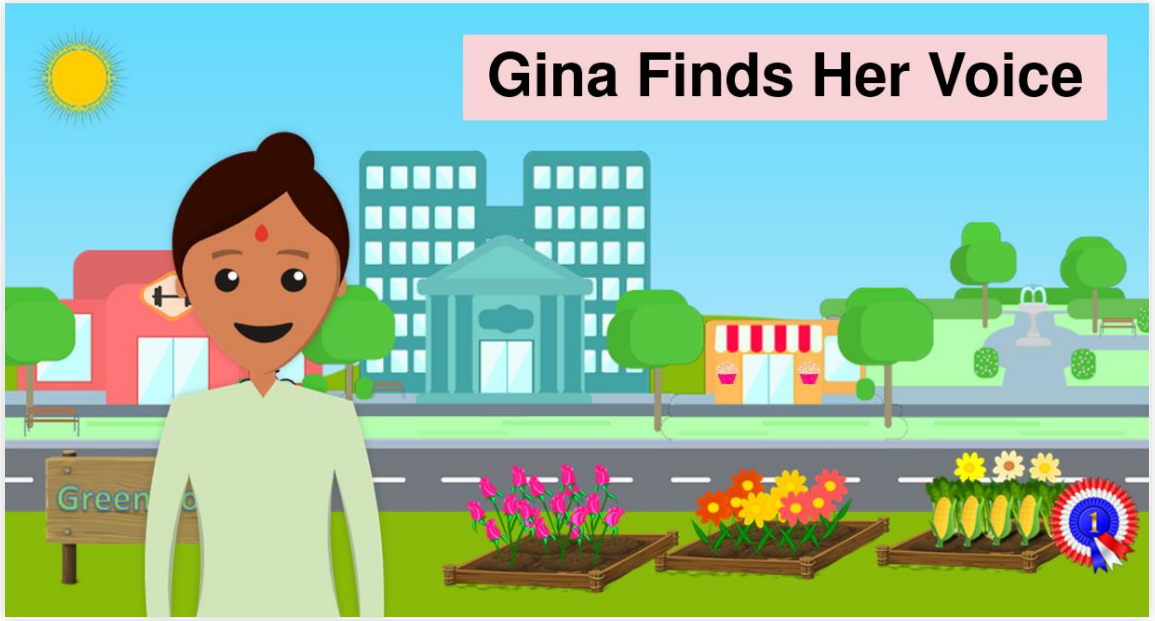
Skill Story:
Speaking

Skills Builder PARTNERSHIP

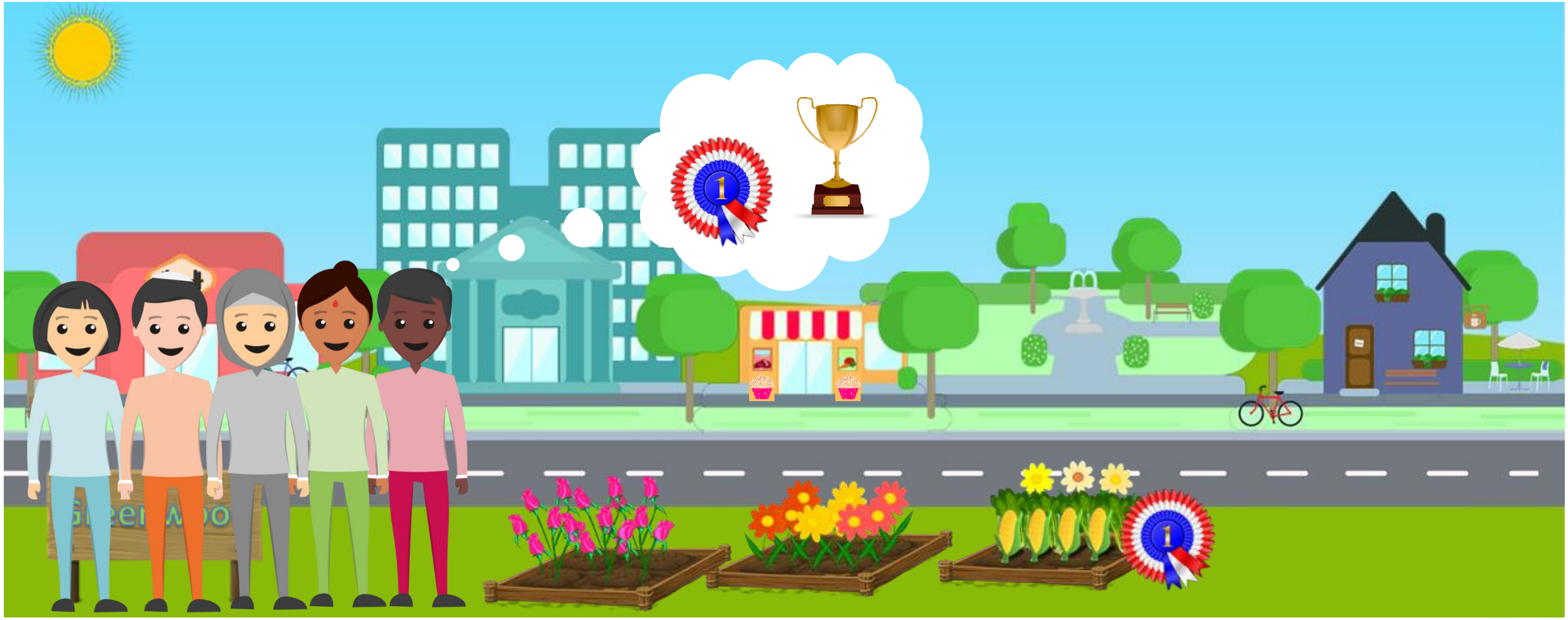
How to use this resource:

1. Explain that you are going to read a story about **Speaking**.
2. Ask learners to listen out for times when characters share information and speak clearly.
3. Read the story.
4. Discuss the reflection questions on the last page.



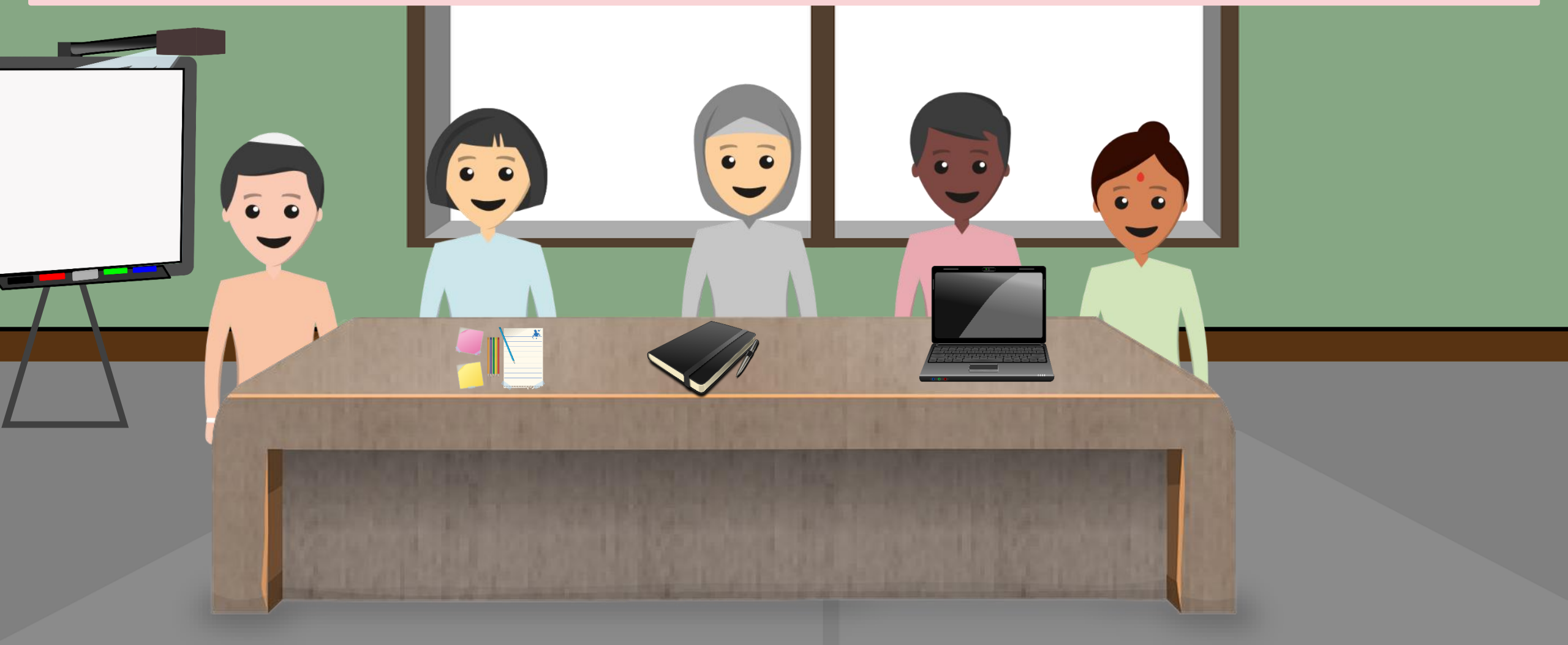
Gina Finds Her Voice

Every year, teams across Greenwood compete to see who has the grooviest garden in town.



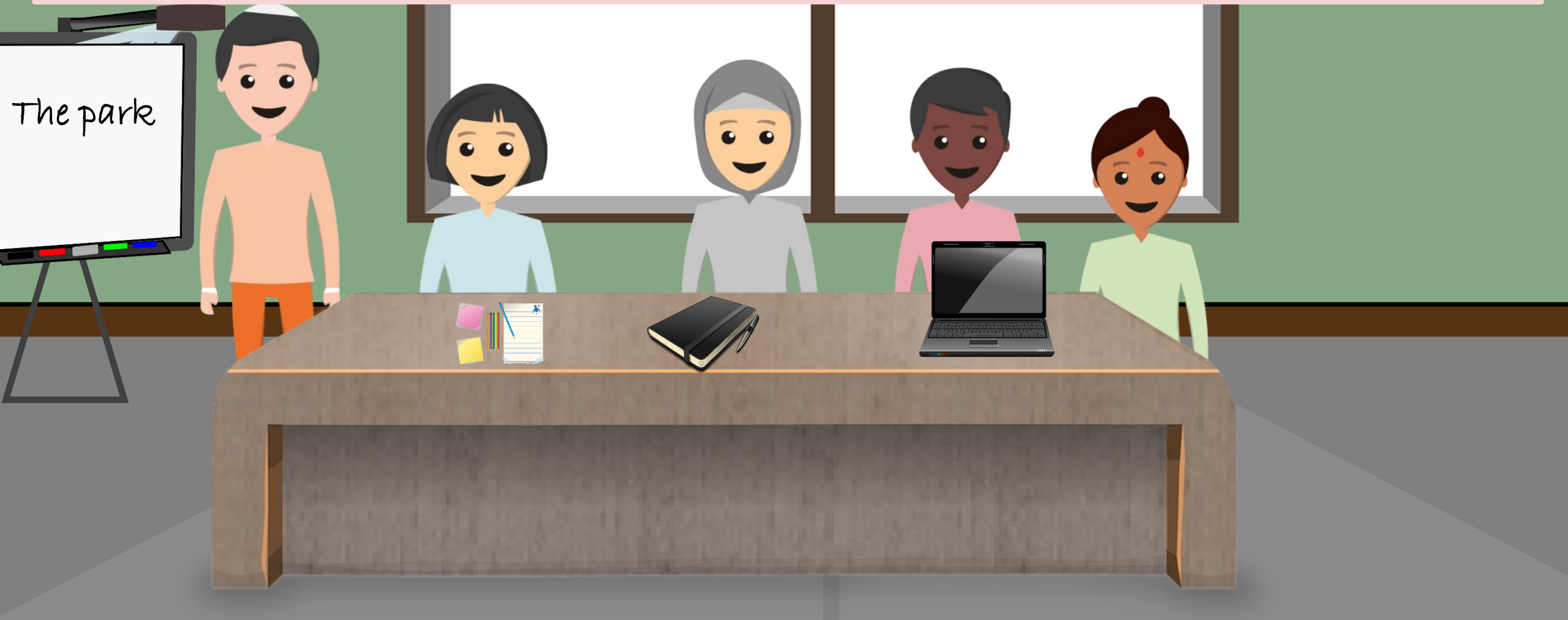
This year the Golden Gloves Team were determined to win the trophy. They knew if they worked together and shared their ideas, they could win the Groovy Garden Award.

So Laura, Otis, Iman, Ade and Gina sat down, ready to work together. Each member of the team was unique and shared their ideas in their own way.

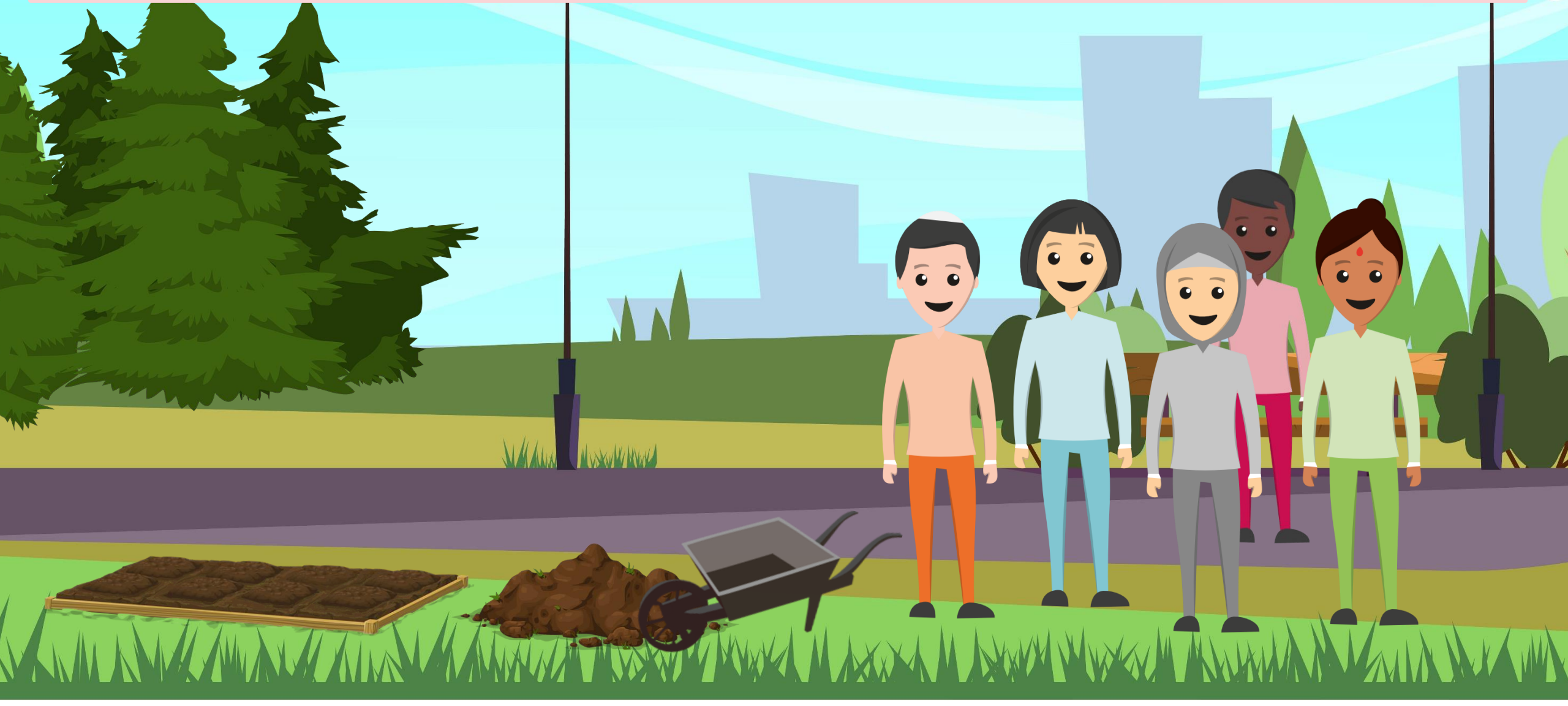


But Gina found it tricky to share her ideas, as she couldn’t find the words.

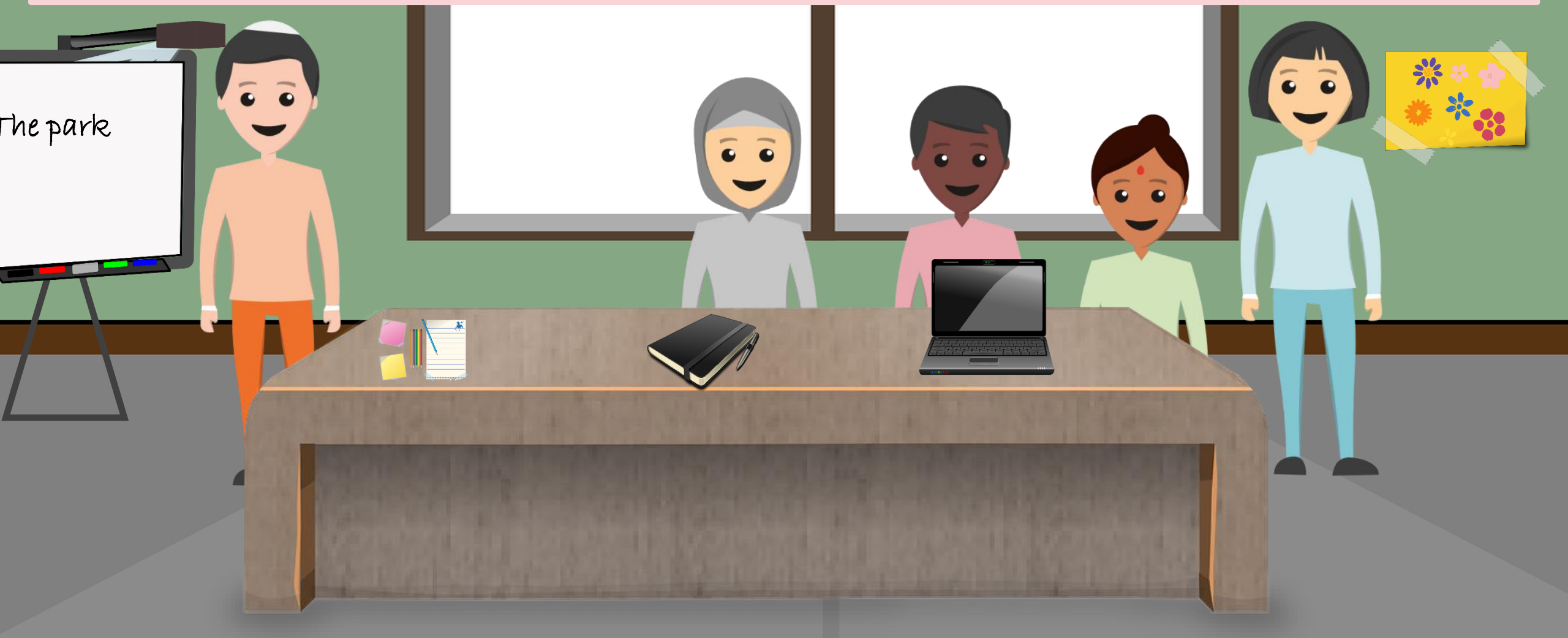
“Where should we set up our garden?” Ade asked.
Gina had an idea, but couldn’t find the words.
Otis had a great idea and so he wrote it down for his team.



“That’s a great idea,” they said. So they set their garden up in the local park.

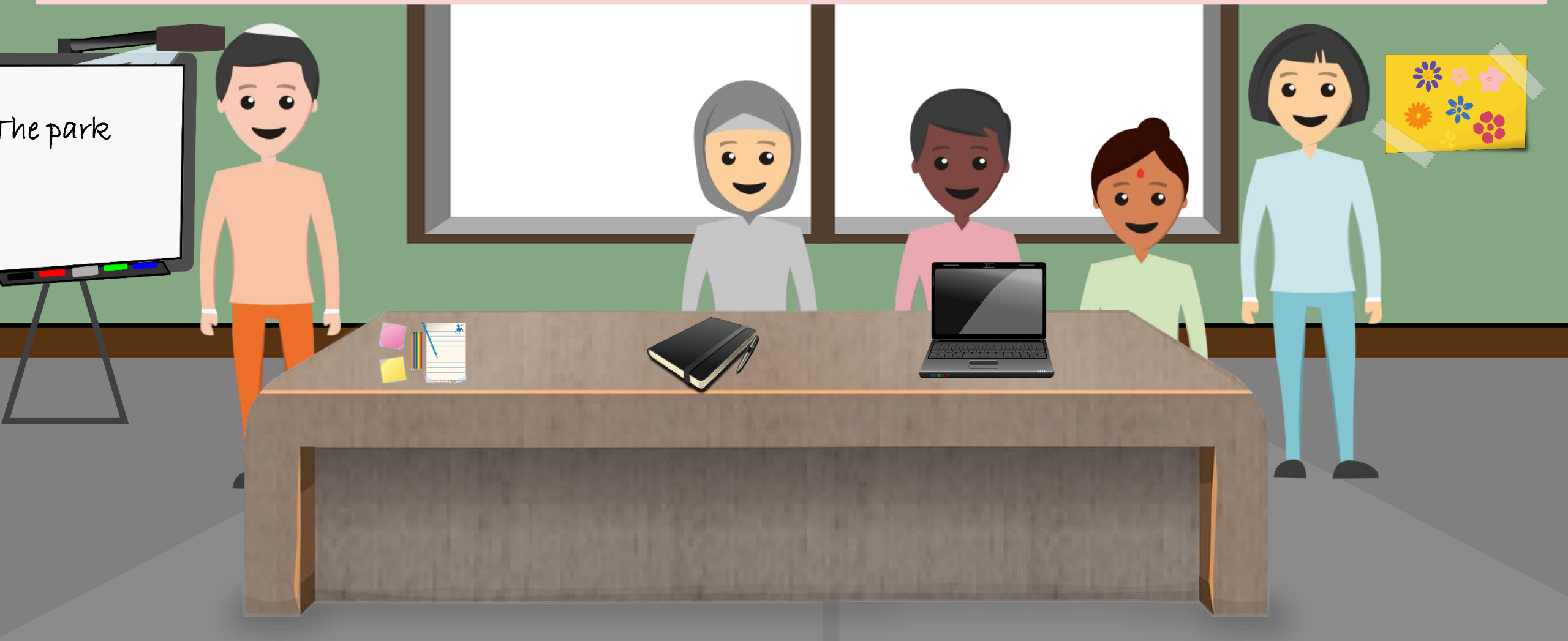


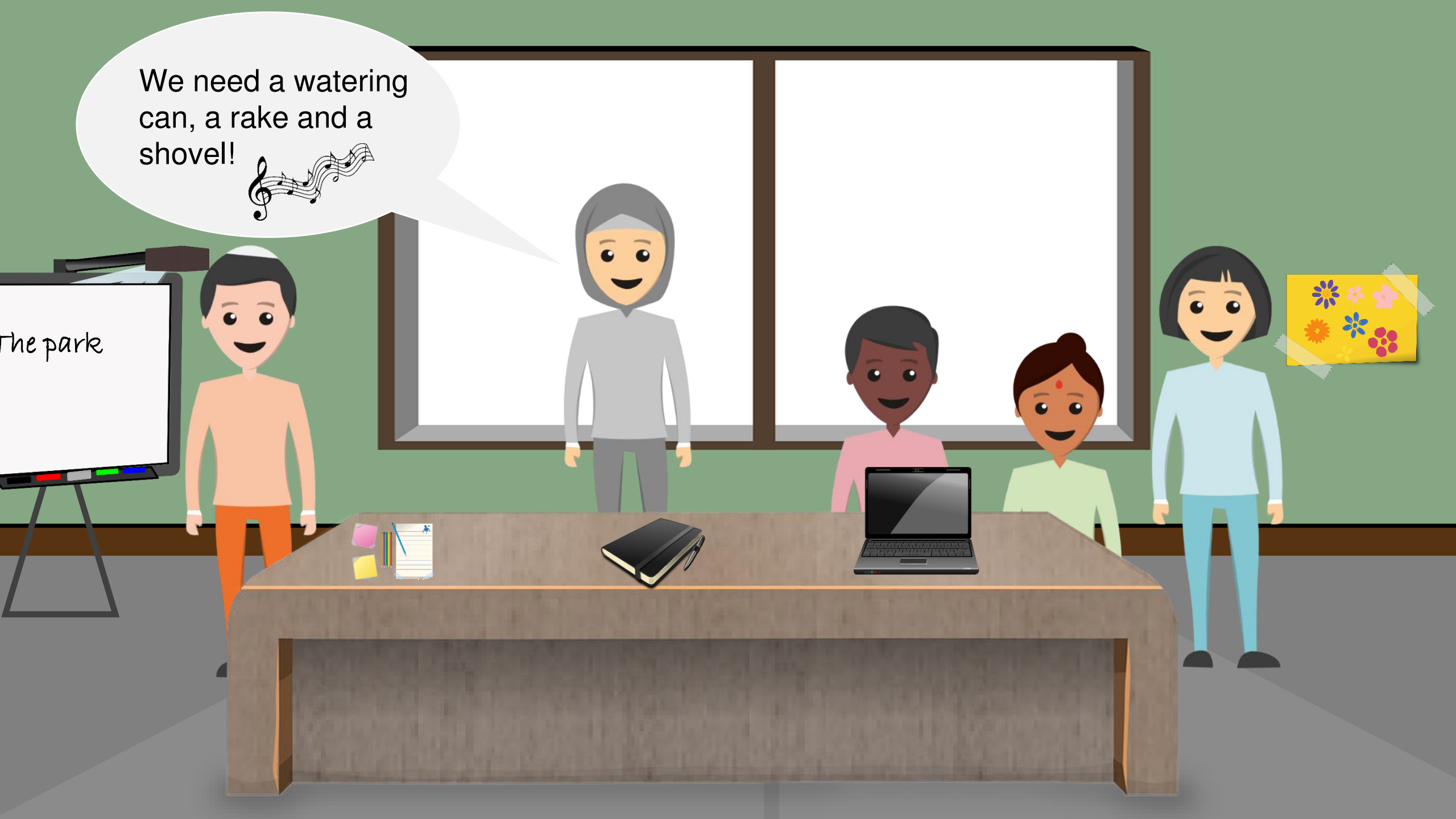
“What should we plant in our garden?” Ade asked.
Gina had an idea, but couldn’t find the words.
Laura had an idea and so she drew a picture for her team.



“That’s a great idea,” they said. So they decided to plant flowers.

“What tools will we need for our garden?” Louise asked.
Gina had an idea, but couldn’t find the words.
Iman had an idea so she stood up and sang in a loud voice.




We need a watering can, a rake and a shovel!
The park

“That’s a great idea,” they said.
So they set about collecting the tools they needed.

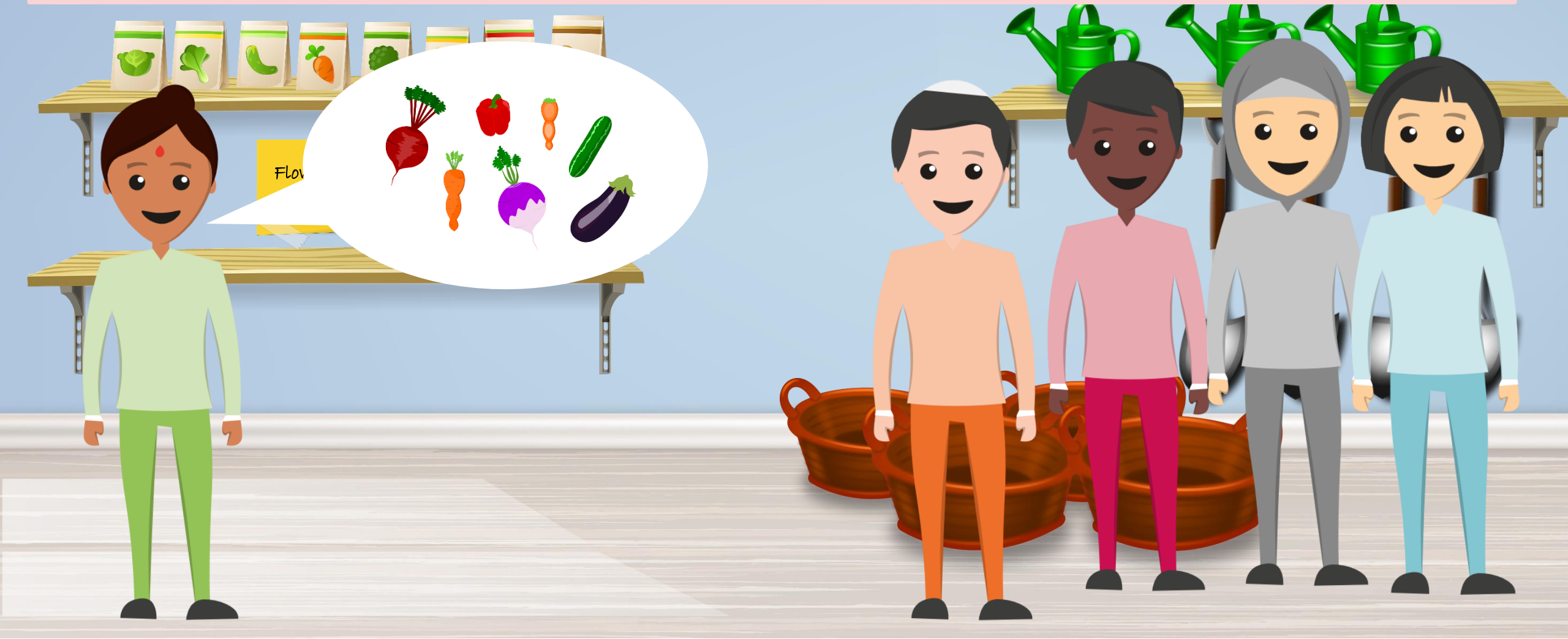
“Who should do each job in our garden?” Iman asked.
Gina had an idea, but couldn’t find the words.
Ade had an idea and so explained it clearly to his friends.

“That’s a great idea,” they said.
So they all knew what they needed to do to help their team.

So the Golden Gloves team went to set up their Groovy Garden. First stop was the Garden Centre.
“Oh no! We have a problem!” said Iman. There were no flower seeds left on the shelf!

Gina plucked up the courage, determined to share her idea. She opened her mouth and took a deep breath. Then in a clear voice she described her idea so her friends could all understand!

Her team looked at her stunned for a moment. But then they all broke into smiles. “That’s a great idea,” they said, glad that Gina had finally found her voice.



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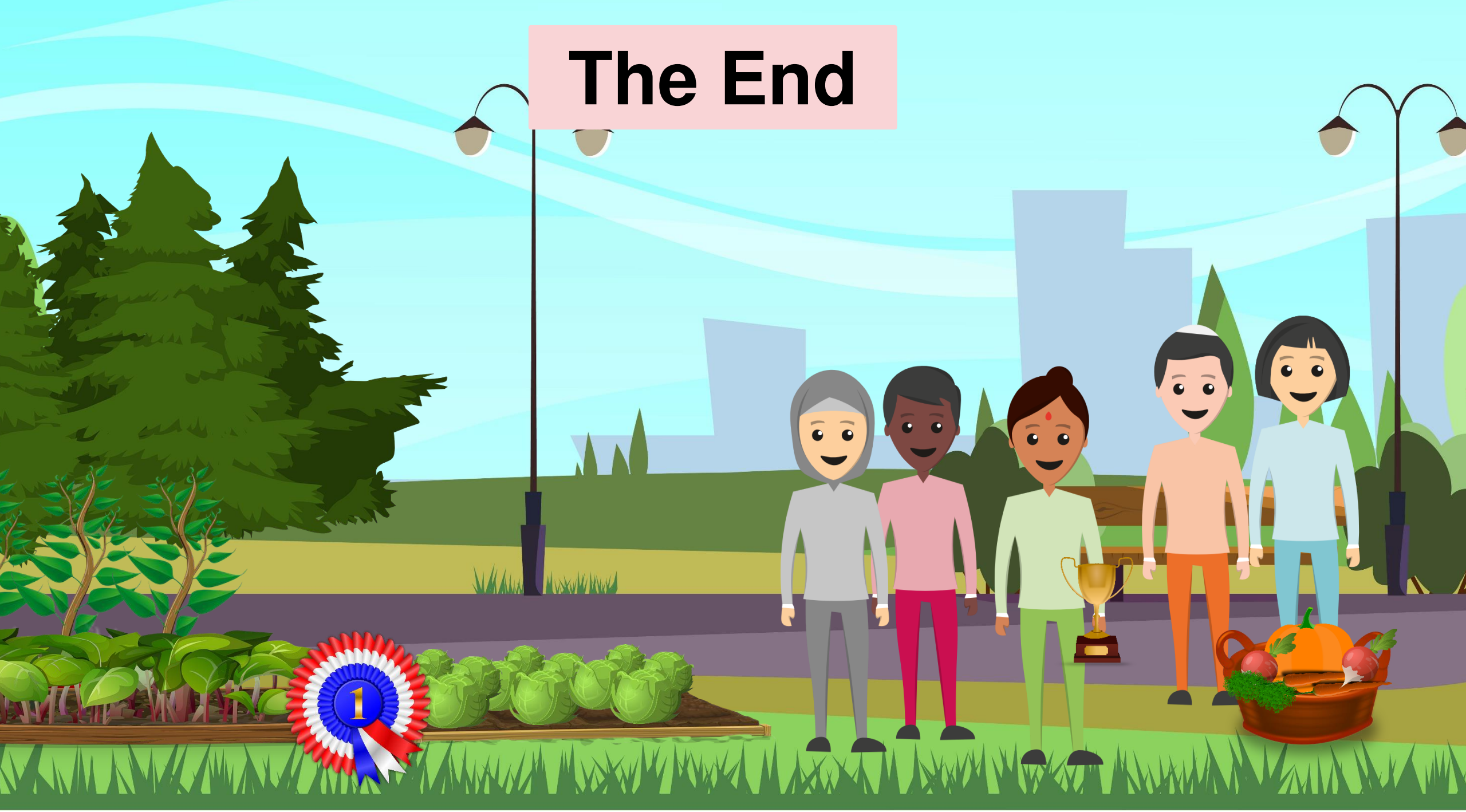

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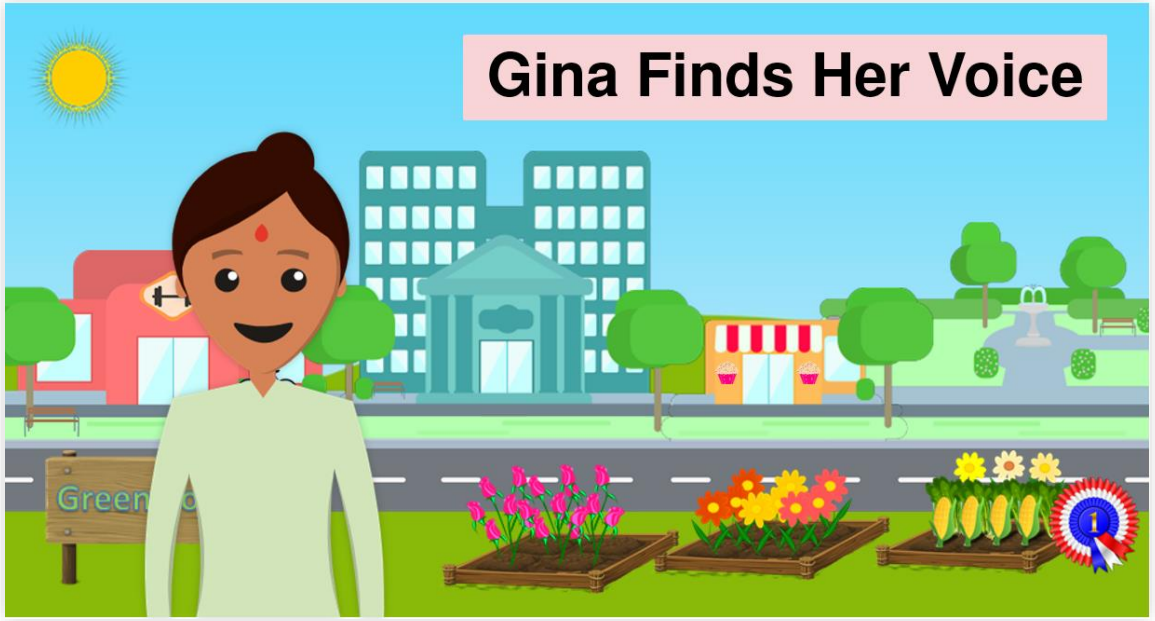
Reflection Questions:

1. What happened in the story?
2. What questions did each of the characters answer?
3. What idea did Gina share with her team?

Extension Question:

5. How can you speak clearly so your audience understands you?