# Listening and Responding to Stories

We encourage you to **actively listen** to your storyteller. It involves being present, which may include putting aside distracting thoughts, formulating responses while listening, and attending to the speaker’s body language, etc. It may also involve asking clarifying questions as needed to address your emerging assumptions about the story and to confirm your understanding of what was said.

When it is your turn to respond to the story (as signaled by a bell), we ask that you do your best in incorporating the following response options to deepen your collective reflection and learning:

1. **A “viewpoint” response**: explores different viewpoints in the story. Considering multiple perspectives enables one to understand other people’s world views and to learn from seeing a different point of view.
2. **A “wonder if” response**: considers different possibilities, it is like reading the story then thinking ‘I wonder if…’, for example, ‘I wonder what would happen if you have done X instead of Y...’; this enables different outcomes to be explored which can then be considered the next time a similar situation is encountered.
3. **A ‘what learnt’ response**: think about what you have learnt from the story and articulate your process in coming to this new understanding.

**Feel free to doodle and jot down your thoughts, ideas, or reactions as you listen to the story #1:**

Storyteller: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Feel free to doodle and jot down your thoughts, ideas, or reactions as you listen to the story #2:**

Storyteller: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Feel free to jot down your thoughts, reactions, or emerging insights as you listen to others’ responses:**