



# The Silence Seeker

Activities to do after you have read the book

When Joe's mum says 'asylum seeker', Joe hears 'silence seeker'. Have you ever misheard something? What was it?



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Think of words that sound similar.  
Fill in the gaps below with some of your own examples.

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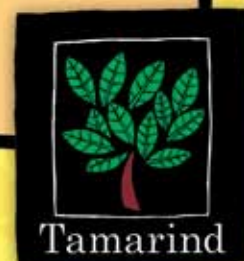
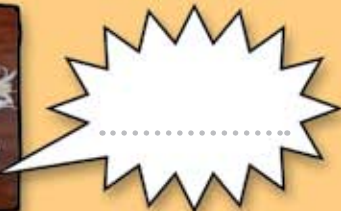
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A word that is both a sound and an action is called **onomatopoeia**.  
You say it like this **on-no-mat-oh-pee-a**. Can you try and say it?

Put different **sound words** in the bubbles for each picture?





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For this activity you will need to find a partner. In the story, the new boy never speaks but still makes a friend. Tell a story without words. Mime a scene with your partner using your hands and face. Can they guess what you want to say? **When you've finished, swap over.**

Tick the box you think is true.

**I think The Silence Seeker story is ...**

Scary    Sad    Happy    Friendly

In a group, discuss these questions:

- Was Joe right in thinking the new boy was looking for silence?
- Did the new boy leave because the city was too noisy?
- When is silence good? When is noise good?
- Why do people move house?
- Have you ever moved house?



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- At the end of The Silence Seeker the new boy has gone. Write your own ending.

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