

## **Have You Met Scribble?**

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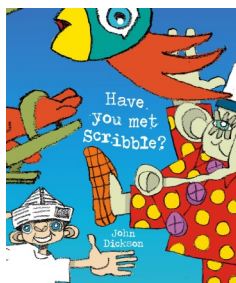
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"Elephants bang into things and are rude and loud" says Buttonhole.

Scribble and his friend Buttonhole are trying to work out many questions. But when they finally meet an elephant, is it what they were expecting?

"*Have you met Scribble?*" is a story about wonder, friendship and the overcoming of prejudice.



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### **Themes:**

- Friendship
- Trust
- Openness
- Confidence
- Empathy
- Understanding
- Humour
- Imagination
- Doubt
- Negativity

### **Discussion Points**

- Why do you think 'Scribble', 'Buttonhole', 'Dash', and 'Grump' have the names that they do?
- Do you know anyone who has an unusual name?
- How would you describe Scribble?
- Do you sometimes ask the type of questions that Scribble does, for example, do fish get cold?
- Does he do the right thing by inviting Dash to join in? What characteristics does this show?
- Why does Buttonhole worry that there might not be enough crumbs? Is this just a reaction to having someone new around? If so, do you think this is a normal reaction?
- Is Dash a surprising arrival?
- Would you think that elephants could be good at ballet?
- What is Grump doing throughout the story? Why do you think that he doesn't join in with the others?
- Are the mountains, forest, beach and clouds real? Does it matter?

### **Activities:**

- There are instructions at the back of the book on how to make a Scribble hat. You may like to decorate them and have a hat parade.
- Buttonhole is a bright and colourful bird. Using different materials, including bright colourful feathers, make your own 'Buttonhole'
- 'Dancing is just moving with happiness'. Have a dance party with your class. You might also like to wear your Scribble hats that you made.