Area of English: Reading

Skill: Inference

## YOU WILL NEED...

## Resources:

There are downloadable resources available to accompany this lesson.

## Equipment:

Section of the story from 'How he wished' to 'hunter: hunted'.



## Instructions:

- 1. Read the first sentence of the story: Words were neither used nor needed.
- 2. Discuss term 'non-verbal communication'.
- 3. Ask the pupils to get into pairs. This activity would also work as a whole class activity, with two children having a go at the front.
- 4. One pupil takes on role of boy, the other takes on role of the father.
- 5. Children act out (without speaking) that the boy wants to join the hunters and the father objects.
- 6. Pupils continue to act out a non-verbal exchange between the two characters.
- 7. Choose a few good examples to demonstrate pupils comment on what they think might have been said, justify opinions "I think the boy said ..... I think this because......"
- 8. This could be followed up in class in reading journals with speech bubbles.

