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# MAKING A DOODLE BOOK

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I love creating characters and sharing them with the world. In my book *Doodleville*, drawings and doodles magically come to life, which sounds pretty fun, right? But did you know that you can bring your own drawings and characters to life, too? And you can make a book just like *Doodleville* to share with the world!

In this activity, you will create a small book that will introduce your character and share a lot about them.

- Take two pieces of drawing paper and fold them together (hamburger-style). Now you have a book! On the front cover, write: "This is \_\_\_\_\_," and draw your character. Make it a character who is easy and fun to draw!
- On the next page (on the other side of the front cover), write "They are a \_\_\_\_\_," and tell us what kind of creature or person they are. Draw them again on this page.
- On the second page, write "This is where they live," and draw them in their bedroom or in their house. Think about what kind of bed they have, or what kind of decorations they would like in their own bedroom.
- On the third page, write "They are very good at \_\_\_\_\_," and tell us what they do well. Draw them doing that.
- On the fourth page, write "They are not very good at \_\_\_\_\_," and finish that sentence to tell us what they are not very good at. Maybe it is something funny or silly! Draw them trying to do that. What happens?
- On the fifth page, write "Their favorite food is \_\_\_\_\_," and complete the sentence. What do they love to eat? Do they eat lots of it? Do they make a mess? Draw a scene of them eating their favorite food!
- On the sixth page, complete this sentence: "Their best friend is \_\_\_\_\_." What does their best friend look like? What do they do together? Draw a scene with them!

In this book, you have shared many exciting things about your own original character! You made a whole book about them! Congratulations! You have brought this character to life with your own creativity and imagination. Maybe you have discovered something new and exciting about this character. Draw whatever you would like on the back cover—maybe your character is sleepy from all the fun stuff you had them do in your book! Maybe they are playing with their best friend or simply waving “goodbye” to the reader!

One of the most exciting things about making books is sharing them with friends and family. Your characters can come to life in their own imaginations! Share your book with a friend or family member and ask them what they think. Do they have their own characters to share?