

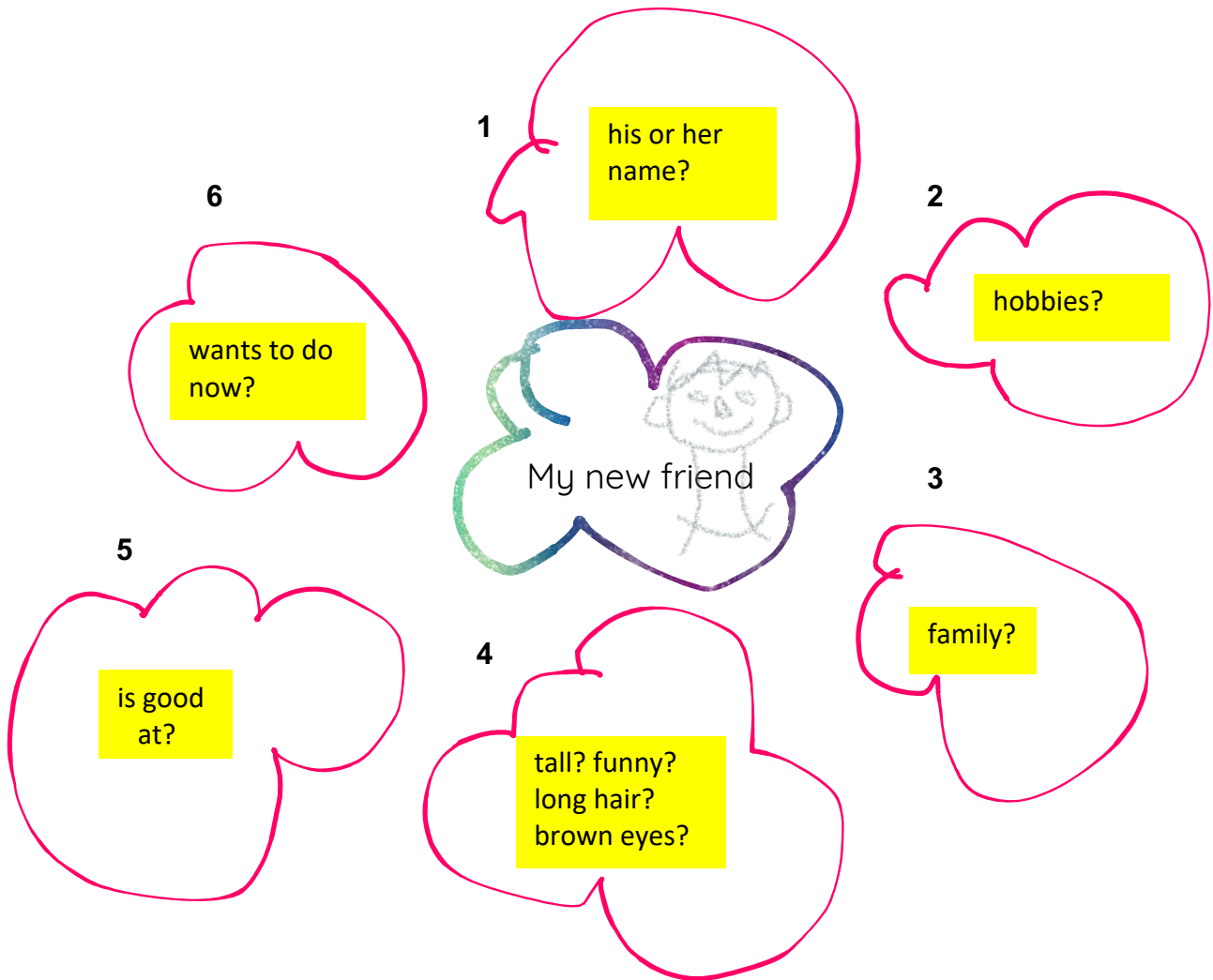
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Creative teaching material for young learners

Test prep **Starters** speaking.

Talk about your new friend.

Can you think of 6 things to say about your new friend?



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## Speaking – tell me about....

In the speaking test, learners have to talk about something in the picture and also might have to answer a question about a friend or their school or a hobby for example. Sentences can be short and simple. If learners can think of three things to say, that's wonderful.

Drawing a mind map like the one here, might help learners have more ideas about what to say.

- Learners look at this mind map for different things they could say about their new friend. You could either ask learners to make notes and then speak about their new friend OR learners could just use the mind map to speak about their new friend spontaneously in open class.
- If learners need more support, they could do this activity in pairs and find the words they need in dictionaries before they speak. Learners might enjoy recording their activity on a phone to listen to afterwards.
- Make sure that learners understand that they don't have to tell the truth here! They can invent their new friend! Accept creative answers / information! Have fun with this.
- Learners draw a mind map to help them talk about their school, home or favourite sport and repeat the activity.

## After the activity – writing?

- Learners could write about their new friend. You might want to give them sentence starters to complete, eg  
My new friend's name is .... .  
My friend really likes ..... .  
My friend has ..... .  
My friend is ..... and ..... .  
My friend is really good at .....  
My friend wants to ..... now.