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Talking Together

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someone
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grown up?

What family
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What makes
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An Arts Council Collection
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Being able to tell your own stories is important. Many artists tell stories about themselves through art; some create a sculpture, or a painting, others write a poem or a piece of music. There are many ways to look at ourselves and our experiences. These stories help us to build a sense of who we are.

Myths are traditional stories that are passed down through storytelling, writing, or shared from memory. What family stories do you share? Ask your adult to share a story about another member of your family. Have you heard this story before?

Everyone is different. We are all unique. What makes you special? What makes you you?

When does someone become a grown up?

If you could tell your older self something, what would it be? Would it be something important that you would like to remember? A piece of advice? If you could tell your younger self something, what would you share?

Susan Hiller uses roses in her artwork to remember her grandmothers, who were called Rose.

Nigel Shaffran has kept his father's furniture and bits and pieces from his office. Have you kept anything special to remember someone? If you could choose an object to remember a special family member or friend, what would you choose?

What does family mean to you? Who is part of your family? Why? Are your family members your friends? Are your friends also your family members?

Are you like any of your family members? In what ways?

Have you ever been lost or separated? How did you feel?

Do you have a special person or pet that you share your innermost thoughts with?

Bedwyr Williams has used a photo that was taken on a school trip. Sometimes artists use childhood memories and make work to think about how they feel. How do you think he felt at the time? Do you think that his feelings have changed?

Some people say that school days are the best days of your life. Do you agree?

What clothes did you wear when you were little? How are they different to the clothes that you may wear now? Our clothes can help to tell a story about us. They might tell where we go to school, or places that we work like a nurse, or firefighter. It might even tell about our faith. What is your favourite thing to wear?

Lots of the artworks in this exhibition are from the Arts Council Collection. This is a special collection as it belongs to everyone. It was started over 70 years ago and there are now more than 8,000 works in the Collection, made by over 2,000 artists. Each year exciting new artworks are bought and added to the Collection. The Arts Council Collection is special because it can be seen all over the country in lots of different galleries and public places. Works of art go out on loan for everyone to enjoy – a bit like library books.

Do you have a collection? What do you collect? Who gets to see it? Do you ever let people borrow things from your collection?



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