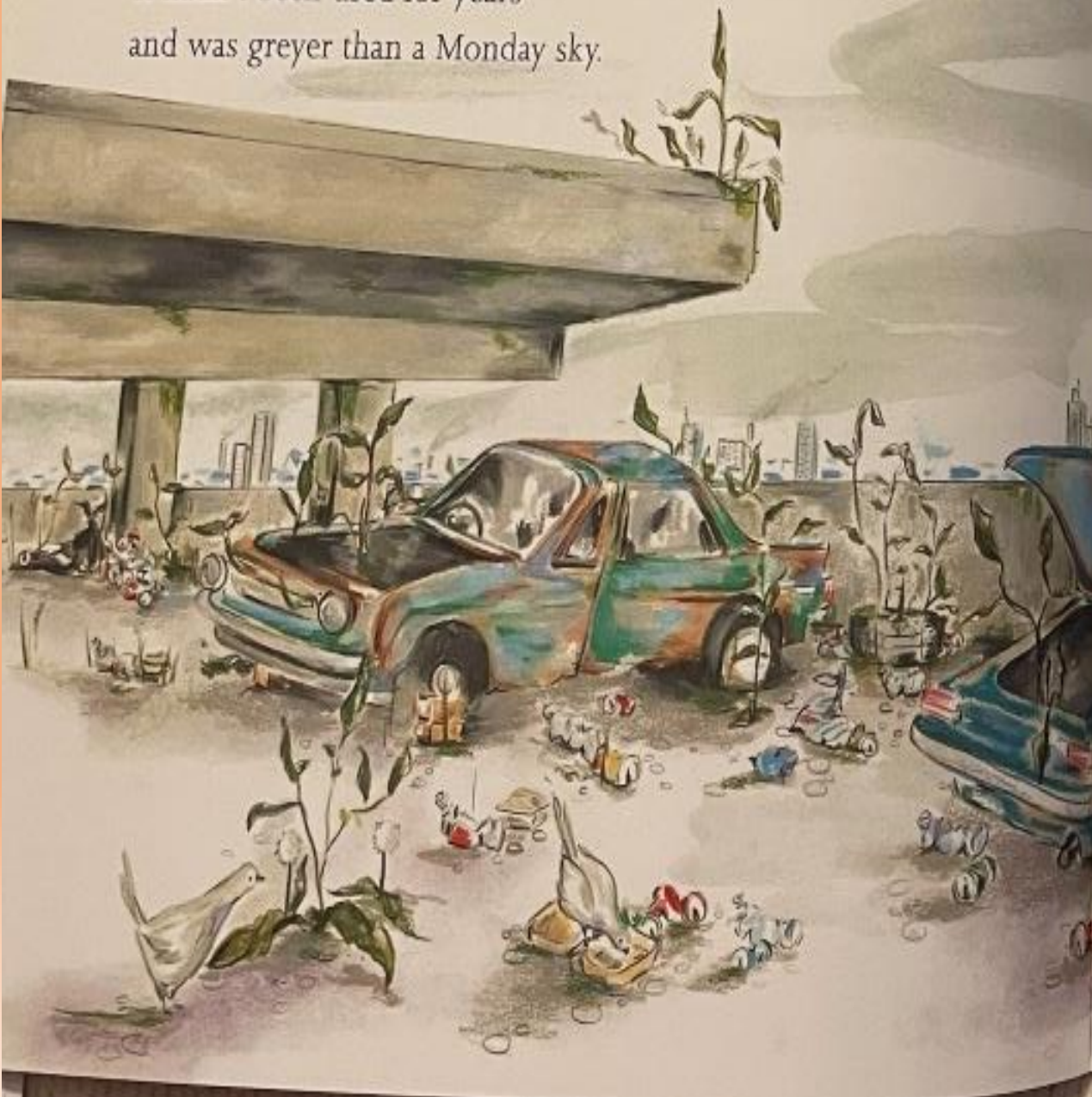


Understanding and empathising with a character

The Secret Sky Garden

Funni liked the old airport car park.

It hadn't been used for years
and was greyer than a Monday sky.



But Funni loved being there,
hearing the planes take off and touch down,
while the blue rooftops stretched
for miles like a calm, still sea.



She came there most Saturdays,
sometimes with her
Kestrel Warrior stunt kite,



sometimes with
her recorder.



But something was missing.

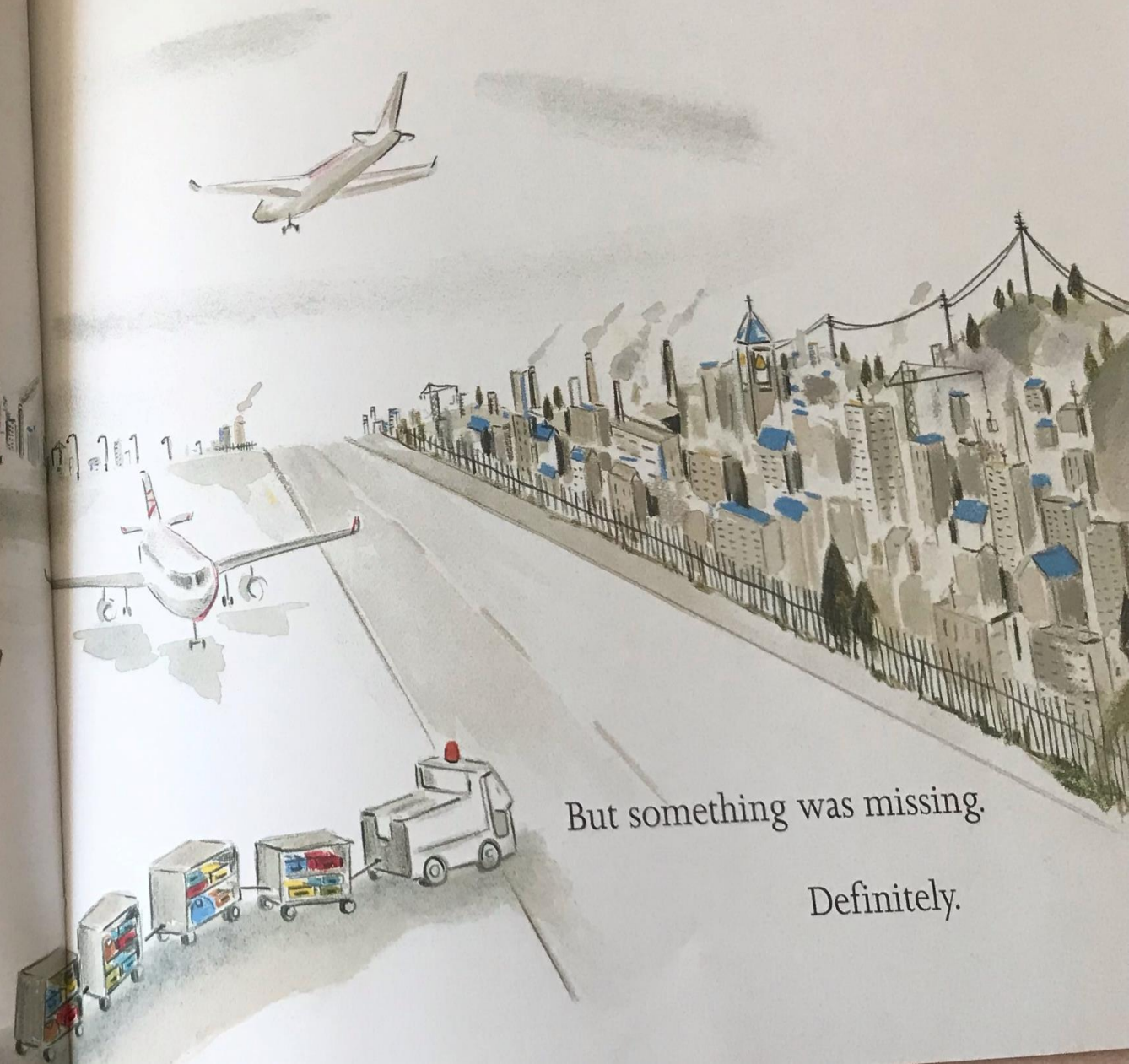
Definitely.

She'd learnt to play the sounds around -
notes from the tannoy in the terminal,

the high-low whine of planes
coming in to land,



and the music of bells in City Square.



But something was missing.

Definitely.



With your partner, summarise what you have learnt about the character of Funni from this piece of text.

Can you justify your opinions using evidence from both the text and illustrations.

Role on the Wall

Who can remember what a role on the wall is?

Write words and phrases on the outside relating to the appearance.

Write words and phrases on the inside relating to her feelings and emotions.

black hair

little girl

pink, rosy cheeks

cold

blue, wooly hat

blue coat

pale skin

blue shoes

lonely

musical

sad

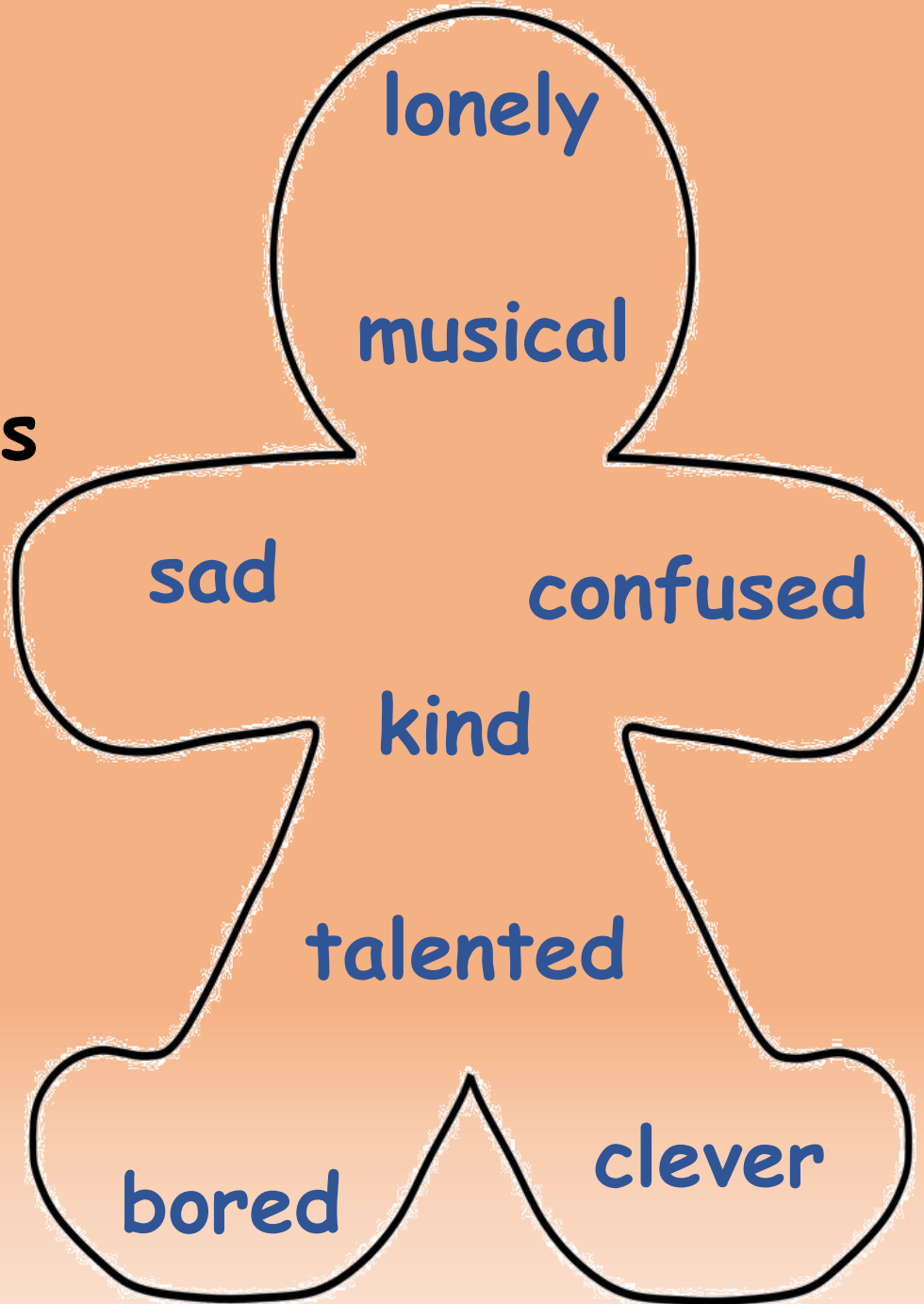
confused

kind

talented

bored

clever





'But something was missing. Definitely.'

Can you think about what could be missing for Funni.

Share your ideas with your partner.

'...that now completely covered the rooftop car park.'

Now what do you think Funni was missing?

Does this match your prediction?



Task

Using everything we have discussed this session, and the role on the wall, create your own character description of Funni based on what we have read and seen so far.

You could include:

- Her name
- Details about her appearance
- Background
- Her likes and dislikes

Plenary

What do you think might happen next
in the story?