

LO: To learn how Willy Russell introduces the character of Mrs Lyons to the audience

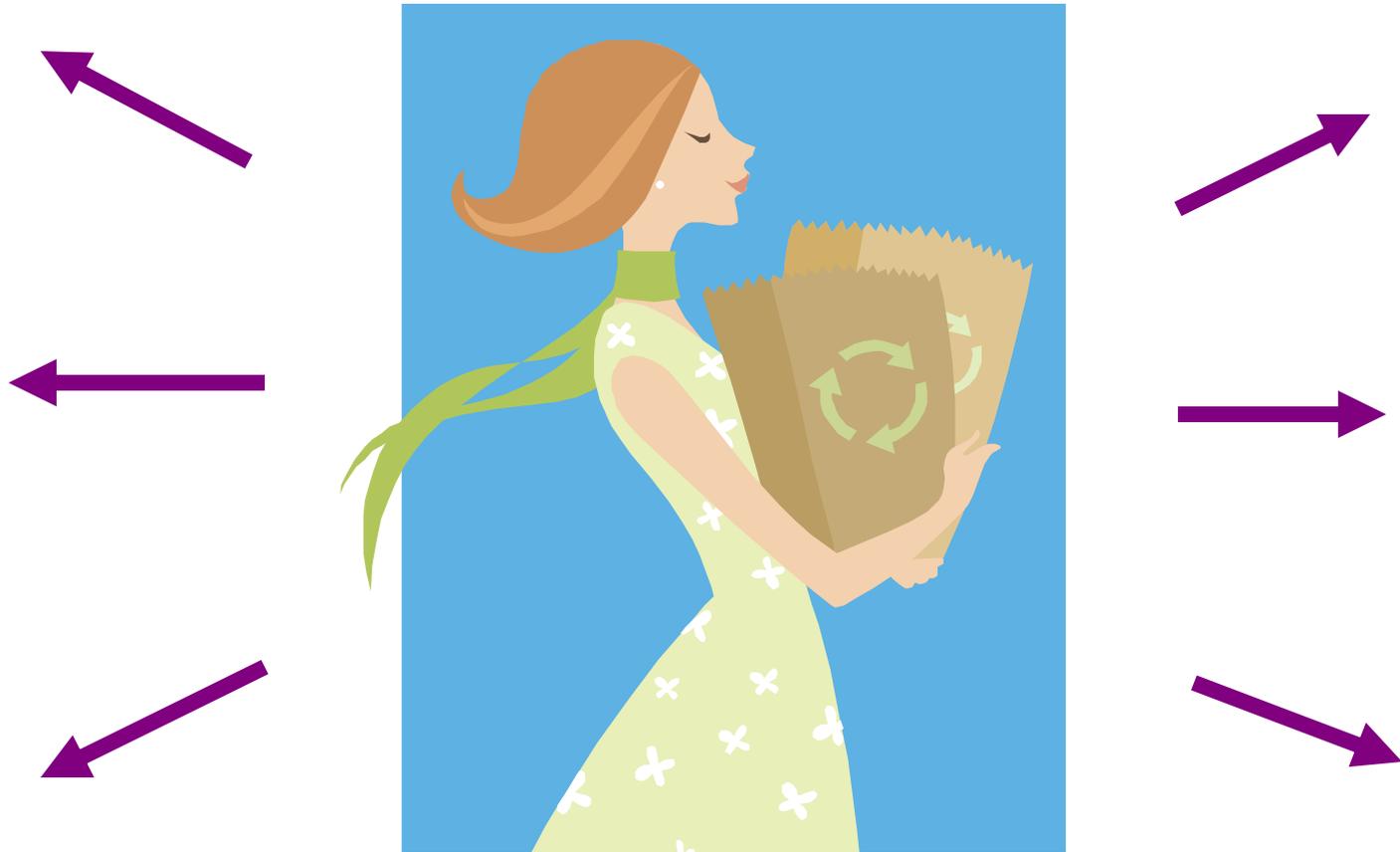
Blood Brothers 6



Mrs Lyons

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What are your first impressions of Mrs Lyons? Jot down words or phrases to describe her.



Mrs Lyons

Read the opening scenes of Blood Brothers (PP11-16) and this time pay close attention to the character of Mrs Lyons.

What Mrs Lyons says / does	suggests	What it shows
"We thought children would come along"	shows	
"Oh it seems such a long time...he'll be back in about five months' time."	shows	
	shows	Mrs Lyons does not believe in superstition
"Mrs Johnstone, with two more children how can you possibly avoid some of them being put into care?"	shows	
	shows	Mrs Lyons is wealthy

Write it up

Your work so far about Mrs Lyons will describe aspects of her **personality**.

Where did those ideas come from?

Playwrights create characters through **stage directions**, **dialogue** and **action** but do you know exactly what these things are?

Date:

Mrs Lyons

My first impression of Mrs Lyons is that she is...



Write a paragraph explaining the word choices you made.

Plenary:

- **Nature versus nurture.** Willy Russell has explained that one of his interests in writing the play was to explore 'nature versus nurture', which is how much our environment and upbringing influence the types of adults we become. There has been scientific research on twins separated at birth, trying to determine the degree to which genetics as opposed to the home environment are responsible for how a child develops (the results have not been conclusive).
- Will the twin do better being raised in the Lyons' household rather than the Johnstone household?
- Will the children being raised in these different households turn out to be very similar because of their 'nature' or will the 'nurture' aspect make them very different? (AO1, AO3)