

### **Look Who's Talking (K-2)**

In many folktales (including *The Mitten*), we meet animal characters that are able to talk and act just like humans. They are able to do things and communicate the same way humans would. Can this really happen? As a group, discuss the differences between human characters and animal characters in many of the stories that we read and share.

### **Questions for Discussion**

What would these animals normally do in order to stay warm in the winter?

The animals in *The Mitten* never actually speak any words, but how do these animals act differently than real wild animals would?

What do you think they would say if they did have speaking lines?

In the wild, would these animals really get along with each other?

What are some other stories you can think of that have talking animals (or animals that act like people) as their main characters?