

Endless Possibilities – 5th Grade Field Trip Arts Starters & Resources Created by Donna Devereaux, Media Specialist Brooke Fulton, Theatre Arts Teacher University Park Creative Arts Elementary School Ashley Lam, Director of Education, Opera Carolina

Communication can take many forms. Bees dance. Dogs bark and wave their tails. Birds sing.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tosfDmPIZ6s>

People talk. But are there other ways for people to communicate without using words? One example is a baby who has not yet learned to talk. Watch and listen to these twins communicate:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_JmA2CIUvUY

Now watch and listen to this short excerpt from Humperdinck's *Hansel & Gretel*. What can you tell about their conversation from the inflection of their voices, the movement of their bodies, and the expressions on their faces?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGCeQv5AKJg> - play from 9'05" to 11'15"

Follow up Activities:

1) Small group discussion

2) The Gibberish Interpreter Game – learn to play at <http://www.bbbpress.com/2013/10/drama-game-gibberish-interpreter/>

Be sure to remind students that we can communicate to one another without knowing the exact words that are being said (or sung). How will their movements, expressions, and inflections help convey their message?