TALKING AVATAR · ACTIVITY 1

Willy Wonka
Character Portrait + Voiceover

1st – 2nd Class	Tool: Talkr App	Visual Arts / Literacy	Irish Primary Curriculum

OBJECTIVE

Bring a character from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to life by creating a digital talking portrait and recording their voice as the character.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1 **Creative Expression**
Design a personalised portrait of Willy Wonka showcasing his eccentric and imaginative traits.

2 **Literary Understanding**
Demonstrate understanding of Willy Wonka's character and role in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

3 **Digital Literacy**
Use animation and voice recording tools in the Talkr app to bring the portrait to life.

4 **Communication Skills**
Craft and share a narrative voiceover that reflects Willy Wonka's personality and story.

5 **Reflective Learning**
Reflect on how artistic and narrative choices capture the essence of the character.

THE 5-STEP ACTIVITY WORKFLOW

01 **Choose Your Character**
Pick a character from the story — Willy Wonka, Violet Beauregarde, or another favourite. Think about their personality and what makes them unique.

02 **Design the Portrait**
Draw or create a digital image of your character. Use bold colours to show their personality — their hat, coat, and expression.

03 **Set Up the Avatar**
Import your portrait into the Talkr app. Adjust the mouth and eye animation features ready for recording.

04 **Record the Voiceover**
Use this structure: "Hello, I'm... / I run... / My favourite invention is... / One fun fact about me is..."

05 **Share Your Work**
Play your talking portrait for the class. Listen to and celebrate each other's creative choices in a gallery walk or showcase.

KEY QUESTIONS

HIGHER-ORDER THINKING

→ Why do you think Willy Wonka acts so mysteriously?

→ If he could keep one invention, which would it be and why?

→ What kind of person is he — kind, clever, or something else?

→ How might Willy Wonka's character change if he lived today?

LOWER-ORDER THINKING

→ What does Willy Wonka look like?

→ What is the name of his factory?

→ Can you name one of his inventions?

→ Who are the other characters in the story?

DIFFERENTIATION

Struggling

Sentence starters + template

"I am Willy Wonka. I love making sweets!" Provide a pre-drawn outline and colour palette for the portrait.

Confident

Detailed portrait + script

Write a paragraph about his personality and inventions. Record a voiceover introducing a new sweet or invention.

Advanced

Imagined backstory

"Willy Wonka used to travel the world to discover new flavours." Add imagined inventions with descriptions.

ASSESSMENT & MATERIALS

ASSESSMENT

→ Digital portfolio — portrait, script, and animation

→ Peer feedback during gallery walk or showcase

→ Teacher observation — creativity, technique, presentation

→ Reflection: What did you enjoy? What would you change?

MATERIALS NEEDED

→ iPads with Talkr app installed and updated

→ Headphones with microphones for recording

→ Drawing paper, pencils, coloured pencils or markers

→ Optional: Procreate or Canva for digital portrait