

# Talk about it

SECTION

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## A bit of earth

- Read through this script with your partner and discuss how to act it out.



**Mr Craven:** Are you well?

**Mary:** Yes.

**Mr Craven:** Do they take good care of you?

**Mary:** Yes.

*(Mr Craven turns away from her)*

**Mr Craven:** I forgot you. How could I remember you? I intended to send you a governess or nurse or someone of that sort, but I forgot.

**Mary:** *(Choking on the words)* Please... please...

**Mr Craven:** *(Facing her)* What do you want to say?

**Mary:** I am... I am too big for a nurse. And please – please don't make me have a governess yet.

**Mr Craven:** *(Absent-mindedly)* That was what the Sowerby woman said. *(Rousing himself)* What do you want to do?

**Mary:** *(Quavering)* Might I... might I have a bit of earth?

**Mr Craven:** Earth! What do you mean?

**Mary:** To plant seeds in – to make things grow – to see them come alive.

**Mr Craven:** *(Gazes at her)* A bit of earth. *(Passes a hand over his eyes)* You remind me of someone else who loved the earth and things that grow. When you see a bit of earth you want *(he smiles)*, take it, child, and make it come alive.

**Mary:** May I take it from anywhere – if it's not wanted?

**Mr Craven:** Anywhere. There! You must go now, I am tired.

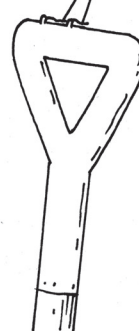
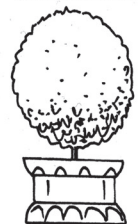
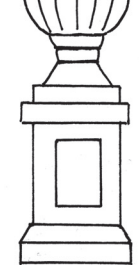


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