

# How to organise a **DESIGN LAB** workshop through [drdesign.site](http://drdesign.site)

**STEP1:** Show children related characters introductions. You can print them out and give to kids.



**STEP2:** Go to the story page. Show kids the story. You may need to help to read the asides or conversations. The whole story can be also printed out on the corresponding activity page.



**STEP3:** Through the link on the bottom of the story page, you can go to the activity page, where you will find the workshop instructions, which you can also show to children, meanwhile give them working materials, like sketch book and images.



## Suggestions:

1. Don't worry about if you have knowledge of what design or not. All you need to do is to read through the activity page, in **Dr.design's tips**, you will find what to focus on to guide kids in the design learning process.

2. The **critical feedback** is an important section in the design lab. Encouraging children to present their work and then ask critical questions to each other, is a common method that is used in the design education. It is a recognition of children's work, as well as a way to practice critical thinking.

3. As adults, **listening** children's presentation carefully and **pointing out** what is missing in children's design project, will actually motivate them to improve. In fact, only saying "good job, I like it!", would restrain the curiosity and motivation, according to the research. The best balance is to combine both kind of feedbacks.

Children would learn that not everything they did is perfect and the critique is to assist them to do better next time, rather than hurt their feelings.

4. You might be an actor/actress. In Design Lab, the main ideas are **storytelling** and **role play**. We bring a new role, designer to children. When they are trying to play this designer's role, as a workshop host, you will need to take on a senior designer's role to lead them, and give them instructions. So they don't feel it is just a school class again.

5. Feel free to improvise and add your own understandings!