

Activity 1. Explore the book

A **metaphor** is a comparison which is not literally true. It suggests what something is like by comparing it with something else with similar characteristics. You can use the following questions and exercises to explore this further.

***Literally** - describing something that actually happened.

***Characteristics** – features that help to identify a person, place or thing.

Can you spot any metaphors for “Time” which are used in the book” ?

As you look through the book you can use these ideas to help you get started. Why do you think they are like time?

1. Shadows **How many shadow's can you find, which one is the biggest?**
2. Buttons **How many buttons can you count?**
3. Fabric **How many times does the starry fabric appear?**
4. Hands **Does a clock have hands?**

Discuss why these things can be used to help describe “Time”

eg. Time can move like a piece of fabric because it bends and folds. Sometimes it seems to go slowly, like when you are waiting for the bus. Then other times like when you are playing in the park it seems to go so fast!

Can you think of any more metaphors to describe “Time”? You could make up some of your own!

Here are some to get you thinking. It is surprising how many there are! Maybe you could have some fun drawing them too.

1. “Time flies when you’re having fun”
2. “Time is elastic”
3. “We have all the time in the world”

Why do you think Indigo Violet was starting to worry about time running out?

1. Maybe she feels rushed.
2. Maybe she wants more time to play and have fun.
3. Maybe she wants to spend more time with her Mum.

