



# ENGLISCH

Entwicklungsbereich

Vielfalt wertschätzen

Titel/Thema

Stories, Learning objectives,  
Key vocabulary

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**Stories:**      **Todd Parr: It's Okay to Be Different,**  
                     **Jeanne Wills & Tony Ross: Susan Laughs,**  
                     **Kathryn Cave & Chris Riddell: Something Else**

It's Okay to Be Different is a picture book that presents how people can be different. There are fun and clever rhymes, and the colorful and cheerful illustrations are eye-catching. It encourages children to appreciate diversity, accept otherness, and develop self-confidence.

Susan Laughs describes a little girl who experiences many common emotions and activities. She goes to school, plays with friends and feels happy or sad sometimes. At the end of the story, the author reveals that Susan is a wheelchair user.

Something Else is the name of a creature who is excluded from everything because he looks different. He plays different games, eats different food, or draws different pictures. Something is another creature that also looks different from the other animals and wants to befriend with Something Else but gets refused. When looking at Something leaving, Something Else suddenly realizes that he acts like all other animals who sent him away. The two become best friends in the end.

**References:**

Parr, Todd (2001). It's Okay to Be Different. Little, Brown and Company.  
Wills, Jeanne; Ross, Tony (2011). Susan Laughs. Andersen Press.  
Cave, Kathryn; Riddell, Chris (1994). Something Else. Puffin Books.

**Learning objectives:**

- Speaking about diversity
- Socio-cultural awareness: identify physical, social, ethnic and cultural factors that contribute to perceiving people as being alike or different
- Embracing individuality and appreciating diversity
- Celebrating multiculturalism and promoting character growth
- Vocabulary enhancement

**Key vocabulary:**

- **It's Okay to Be Different:** different, medium, extra large, embarrassed, proud, adopted, invisible, special, important
- **Susan Laughs:** spin, fly, hide, ride, wave, swing, dance, sing, swim, trot, row, paint, throw,
- **Something Else:** creature, puzzled, surprised, weird-looking