



Skill Story: **Staying Positive**



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How to use this resource:

1. Explain that you are going to read a story about **Staying Positive**.
2. Ask learners to listen out for times when characters feel happy or sad and discuss if they are positive or negative emotions.
3. Read the story.
4. Discuss the reflection questions on the last page.



Bill's Baking Bothers





In the centre of Caketown, in a little yellow building, sat Bill's Bakery, the best bakery in town.



Inside the best bakery in town was Bill Bakes.
If ever there was a birthday, wedding or special
occasion, the people of Caketown went to Bill Bakes.



On Monday, Bill began to make twelve vanilla cupcakes. Unfortunately, he had run out of sugar. "Oh no!" said Bill. "What should I do?"

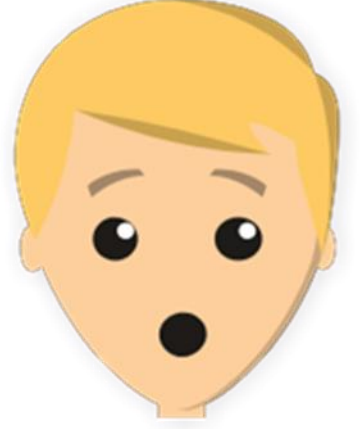
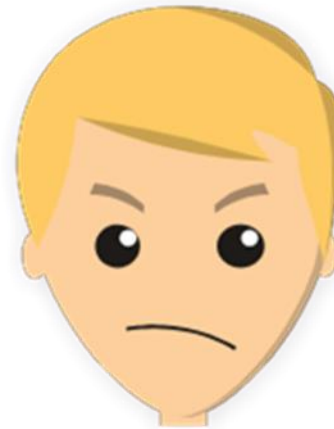
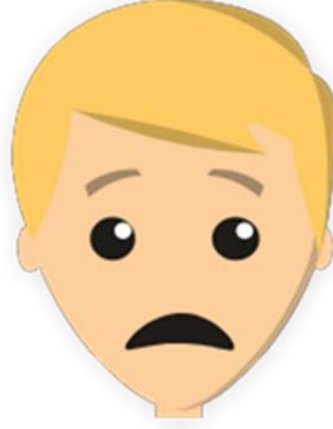
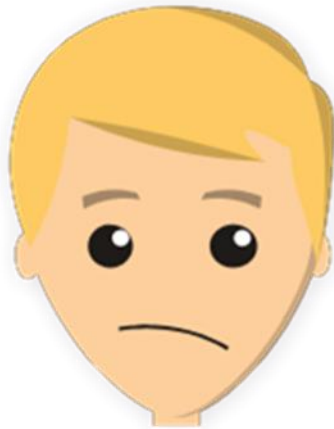
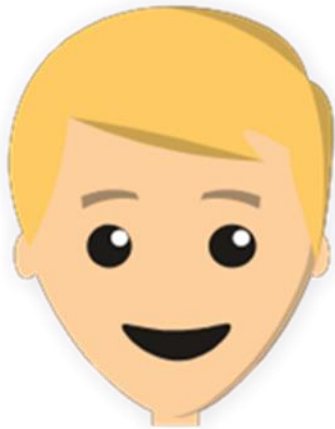
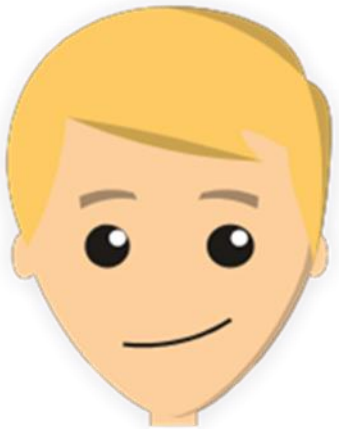


Luckily, Kat was on hand to help. She went to the corner shop to buy some more sugar. This made Bill feel happy!

Positive Emotion



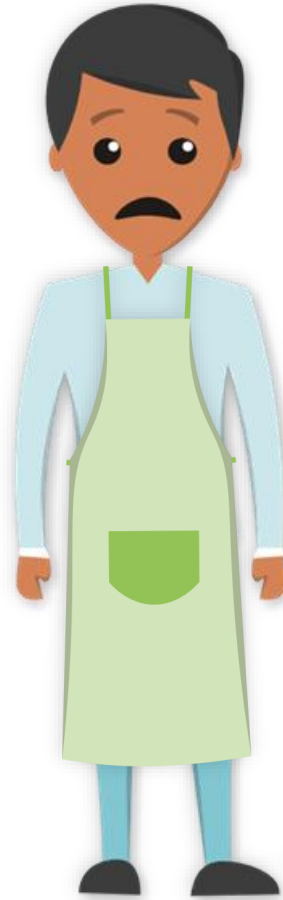
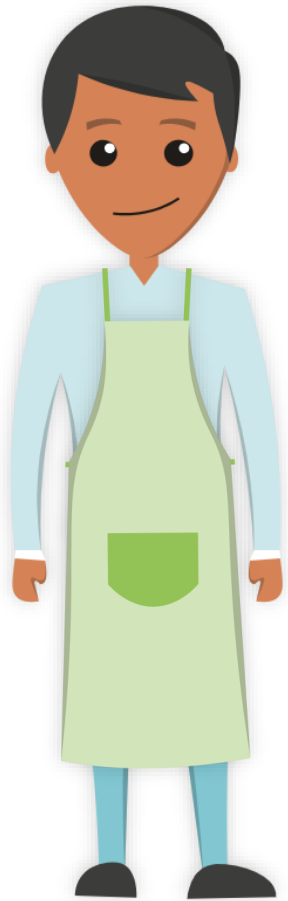
Negative Emotion



How is Bill feeling now? Is it a positive emotion or a negative emotion?



On Tuesday, Jon came to Bill with a special challenge. He wanted a huge wedding cake with rainbow layers! Bill had never made a cake so big before, but he said, "I will try my best."

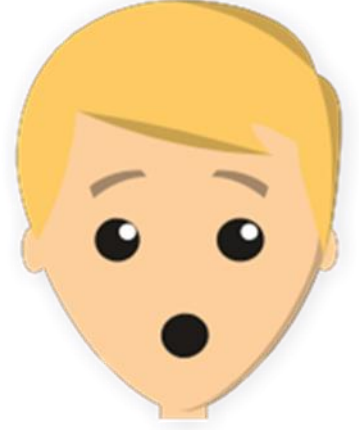
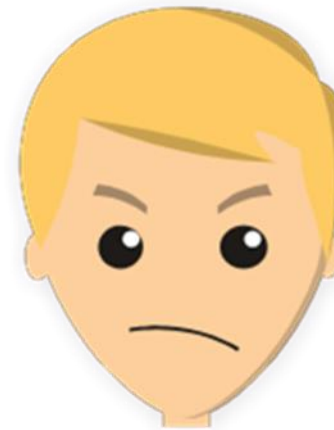
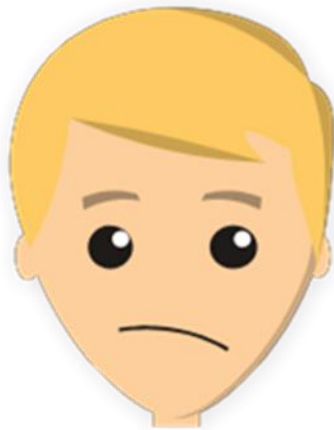
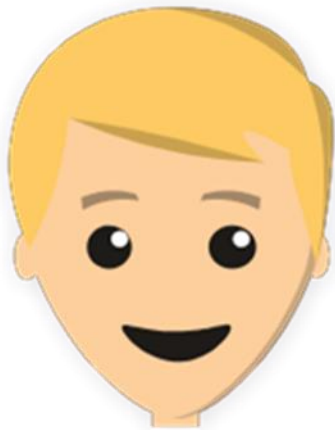
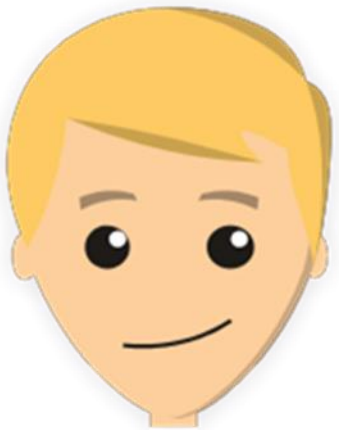


Bill spent two days working on the cake. As he was showing it to his friend Monica, he dropped it on the floor!

Positive Emotion



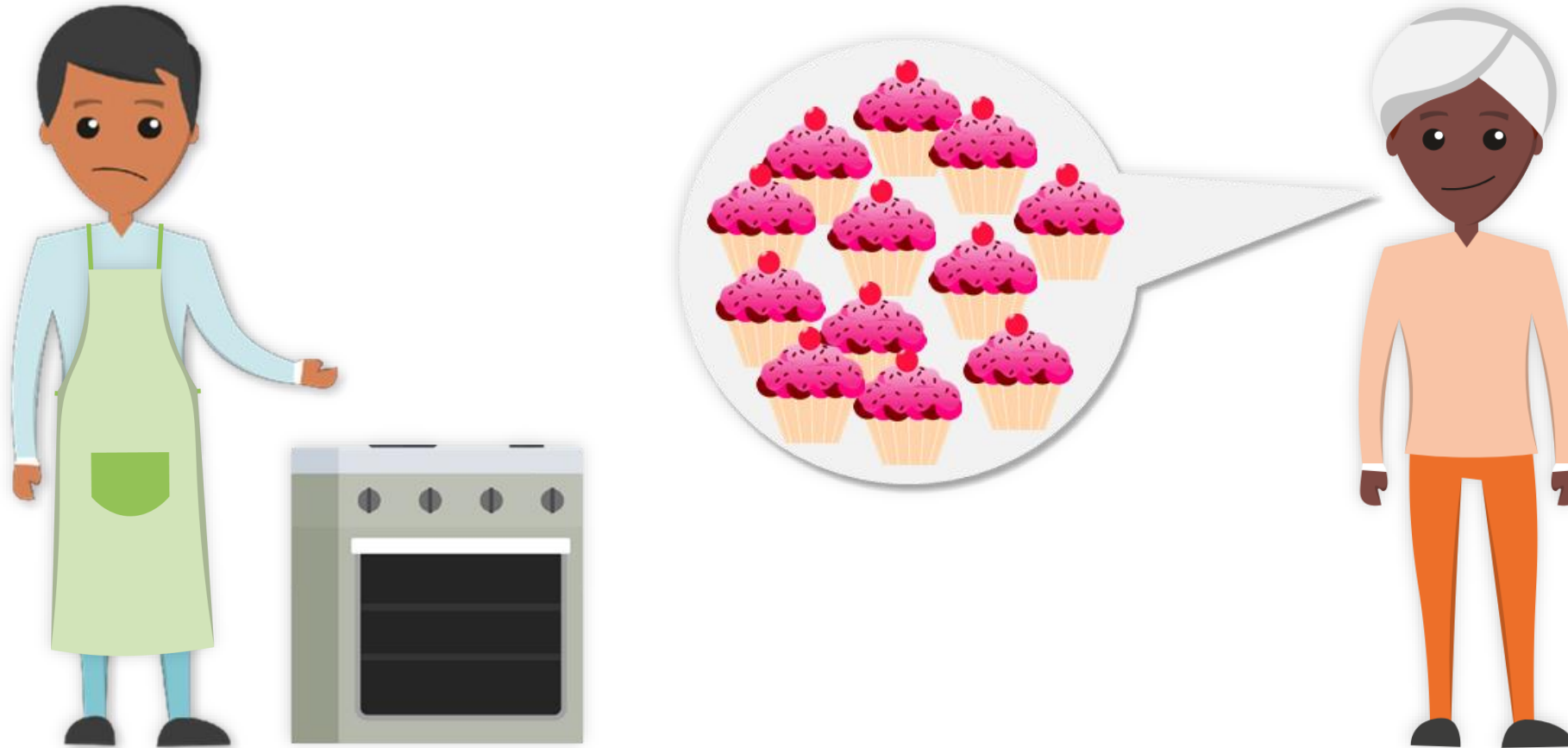
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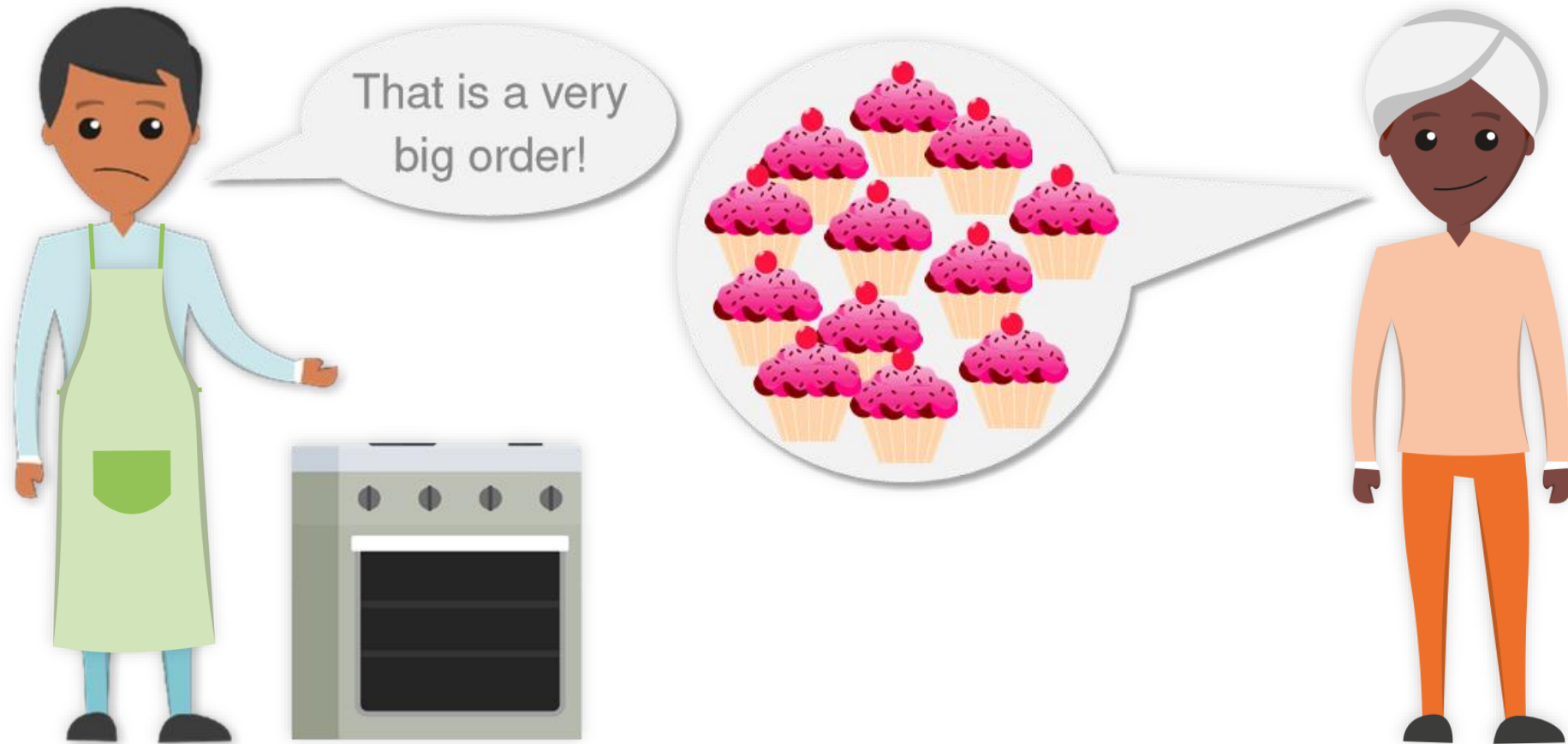
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“It’s OK,” said Monica. She helped Bill remake the cake. It was ready again in no time! Bill smiled.



On Wednesday, Nikesh went to Bill's Bakery and ordered one hundred cupcakes for his party.



Bill felt worried. He didn't have enough time to make the cakes on his own.

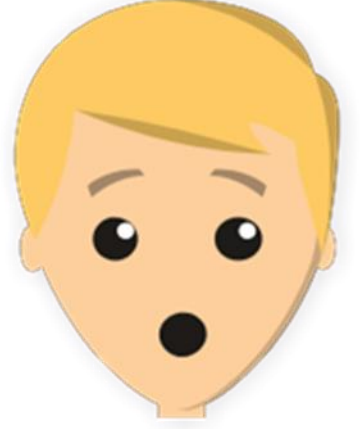
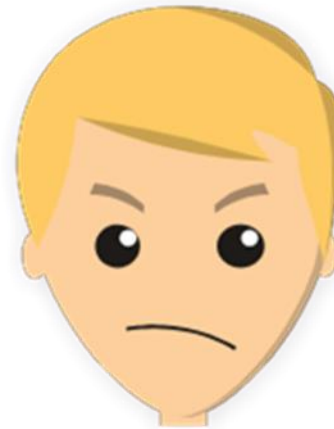
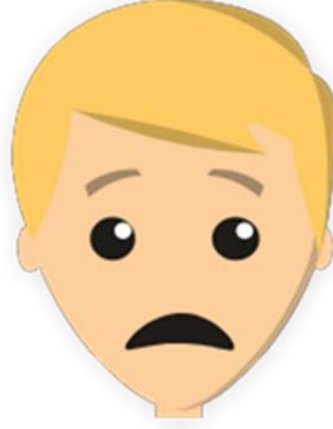
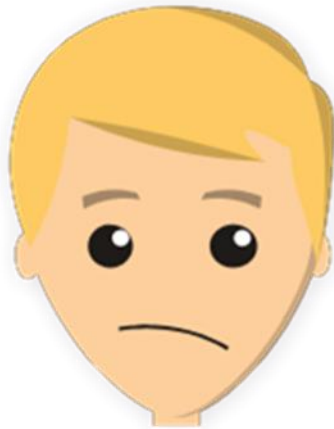
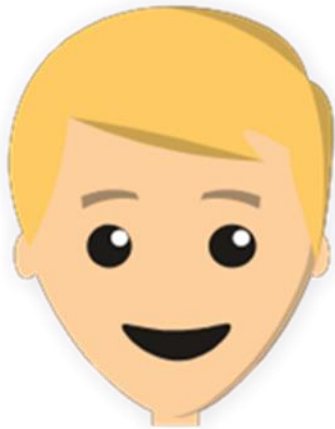
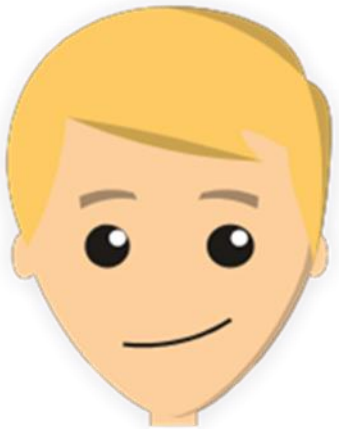


Luckily, his friends were happy to help. Before long, they had made one hundred delicious cupcakes!

Positive Emotion



Negative Emotion



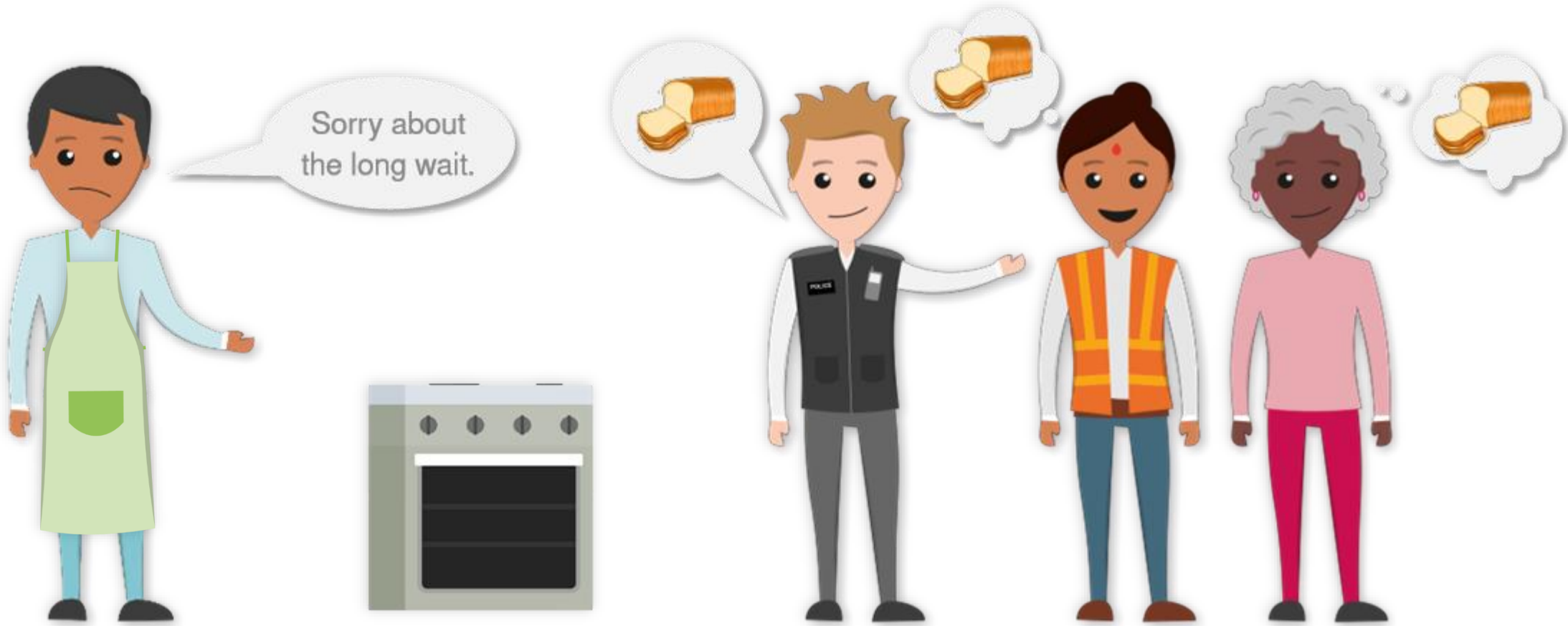
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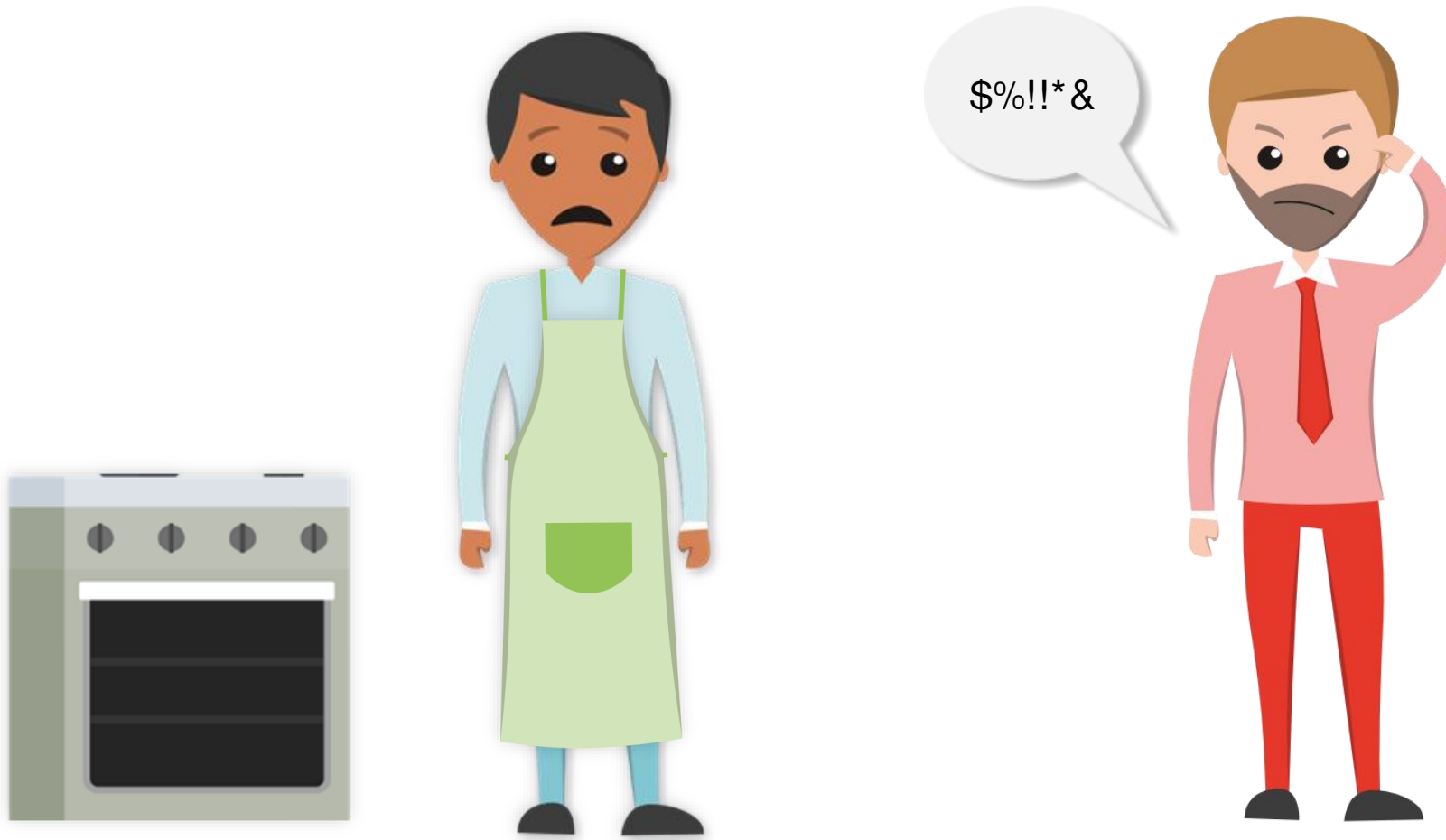
On Thursday, Bill was baking fresh loaves of bread. He was so busy, he forgot to check the bread in the oven and they burned!



Just then, Bill had an idea. He bought a new clock. He checked the time and made sure his next batch of bread loaves were cooked to perfection.



On Friday, Bill's Bakery was very busy. People were buying bread for picnics. There was a big queue. Some people had to wait for a long time.

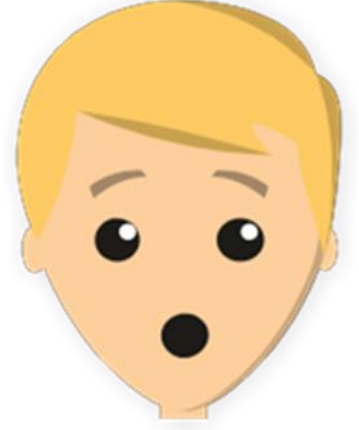
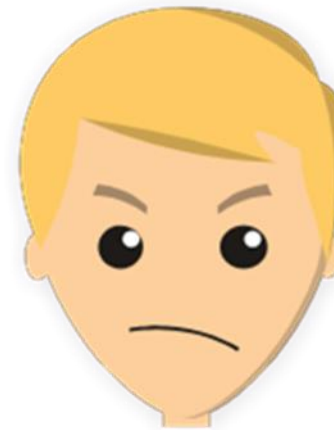
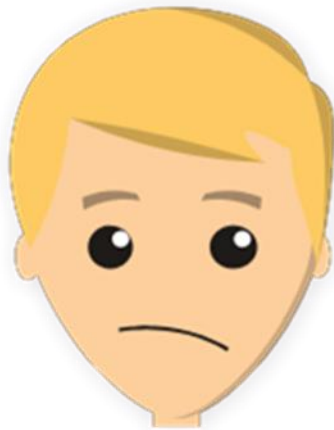
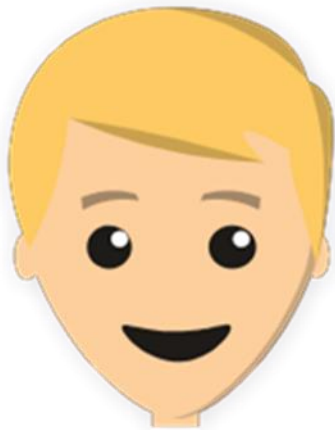
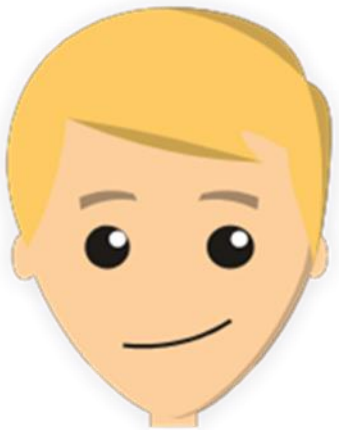


One customer got angry and shouted at Bill. He felt stressed.

Positive Emotion



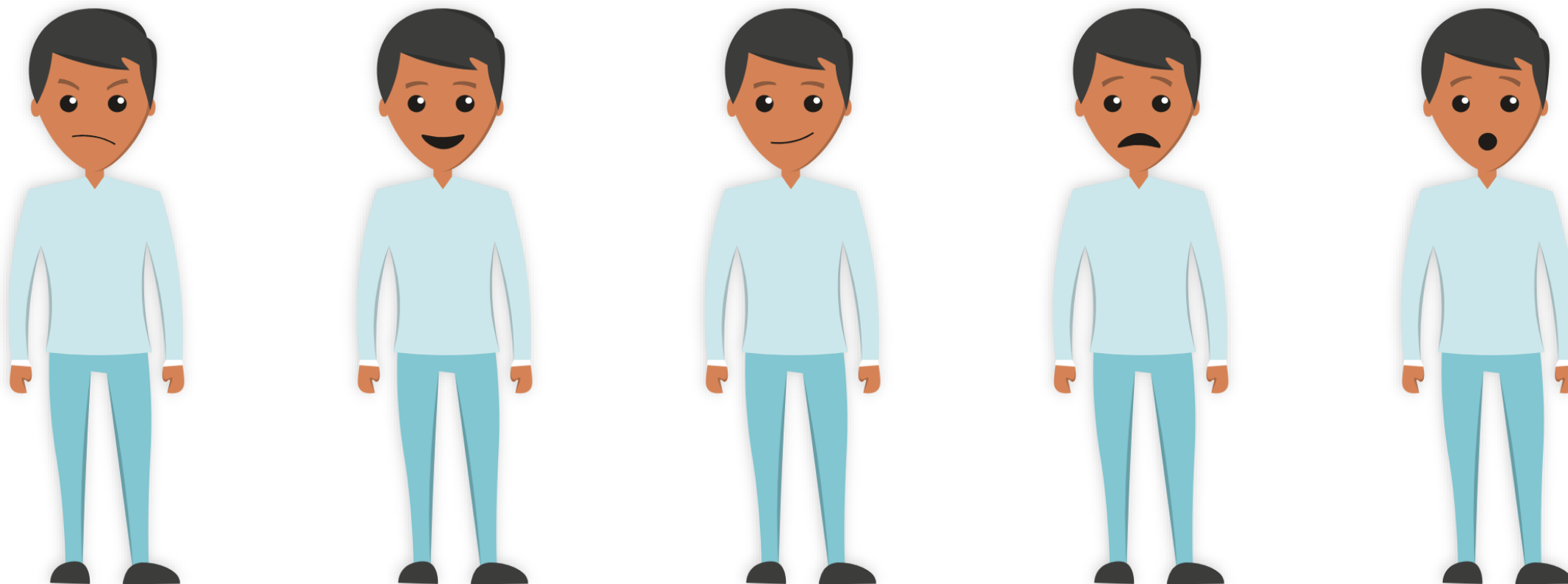
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Just then, Bill had an idea. He asked Kat to take the orders in the bakery. Now Bill could be in the kitchen to make and bake everyone's orders!



By knowing when he is sad and talking about it, Bill can stay positive when things are tricky.



Bill can now get all his jobs done and Bill's Bakery is still the best bakery in town!



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Reflection Questions:

1. What happened in the story?
2. What went wrong for Bill?
3. How did he feel when something went wrong? Was it a positive or negative emotion?

Extension Question:

4. What would have happened if Bill had given up when things went wrong?

