

Developing a Positive Identity

In *Big* by Vashti Harrison, the protagonist is given messages about what it means to be big. As she grows older, the messages seem to become more and more negative. However, by the end of the story the girl has learned that she does not own the negative things people say to her and about her. Instead, she takes ownership of the positive ways she describes herself. She holds onto words like *graceful*, *creative*, *big*, *kind*, *smart*, *funny*, *imaginative*, *gentle*, *sweet*, and *compassionate*.

What positive words do you hold onto to identify yourself? Stack them in the hands below.



BE A HELPER! What positive words would you use to describe your classmates? Tell them!