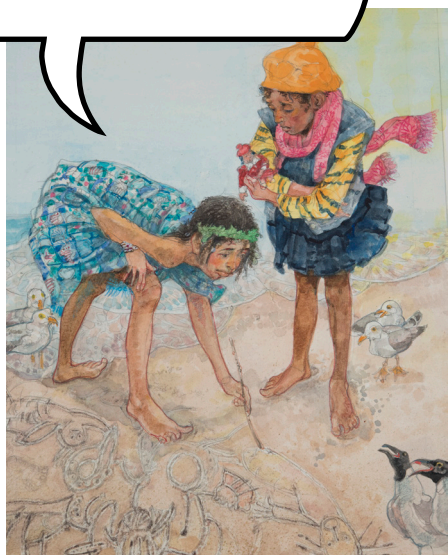


WHAT ARE WE SAYING?

Dialogue and conversation are an important part of a picture book. Find these illustrations in the galleries (and/or read the books). In each of the thought bubbles write what you think the character is saying. Use the back of this sheet to draw your own characters and write their conversation.



Jerry Pinkney from *The Little Mermaid* (detail)



Jerry Pinkney from *God Bless the Child*



Eric Velasquez from *She Was the First: The Trailblazing Life of Shirley Chisholm*



Shadra Strickland from *Bird*

Draw your own characters and write their conversation.

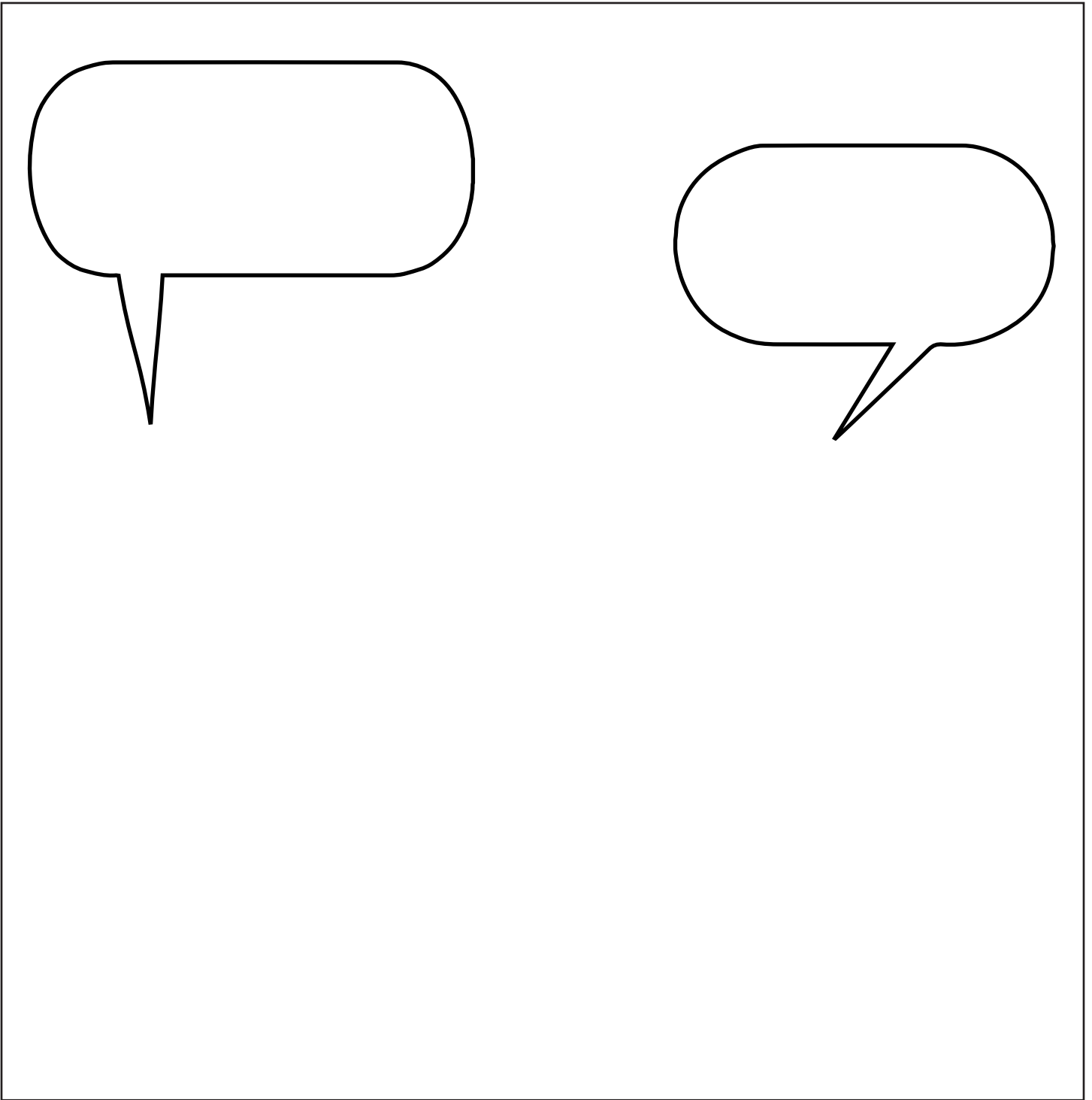
A large rectangular frame with a thin black border. Inside the frame, there are two empty speech bubbles. The speech bubble on the left is positioned higher and has a tail pointing downwards and to the left. The speech bubble on the right is positioned lower and has a tail pointing downwards and to the right. Both speech bubbles are simple outlines with no text or drawings inside.

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