
Lesson Plan: Stranger Safety Is No Joke

Introduction

The teacher or presenter might say: Today we are going to be introduced to a new character, one who thinks he *knows* everything. He may really know an awful lot about different things, but knowing something and making it a big part of what you do every day takes a lot of practice to do it automatically. Because this character says he knows so much, he thinks he can make a joke out of everything. Watch, listen and think about what is being talked about. This is a video about stranger safety awareness. It has to become a skill for all of us. Let's watch the video.

Objective

The student will be able to name stranger safety awareness skills that are appropriate for all.

Procedure

Watch DVD presentation.

The Teacher or Presenter might say: Smarty Pants says he knows so much. What words would you use to describe him? (*Silly, goofy, bragging, careless, not safe, not aware,*) Smarty makes a big mistake when he tells Matt who a stranger is. What was his mistake? (*Smarty identifies a stranger as a man when anyone new to us is a stranger.*) A smart person may know many facts. But that doesn't mean the smart person will know how to act every time. Let me show you an example. You may have seen a cartoon about a coyote (*The teacher or Presenter might show the attached drawing*) who thinks he is very, very smart. He calls himself a **Genius!** His name is **Wile E. Coyote**. He is forever trying to catch a bird (Show attached drawing) called the **Roadrunner**. Wile E makes up very complicated traps to catch the Roadrunner but always fails. He knows what to do but never puts it into practice. Being smart is not enough. Stranger safety awareness is important to you, your parents or guardians, me, to the school, to the community. While the Coyote and Roadrunner are cartoon characters, you can use them to get an idea of how to use your safety skills. Let's look at the Coyote as a stranger. He wants to catch the Roadrunner. But the Roadrunner sees that Wile E cannot be trusted. He runs away without even thinking about it. It has become part of his safety awareness. He sees the problem of the Coyote and he moves away from it. That's how you can see yourself-as Roadrunners avoiding an unsafe situation. **R-U-N!** Remember the **R** stands for you recognizing where you are. The **U** means it may be an unsafe situation. The **N** means that you never, never go anywhere with a stranger. **R-U-N**, a little word that can mean big safety for you!

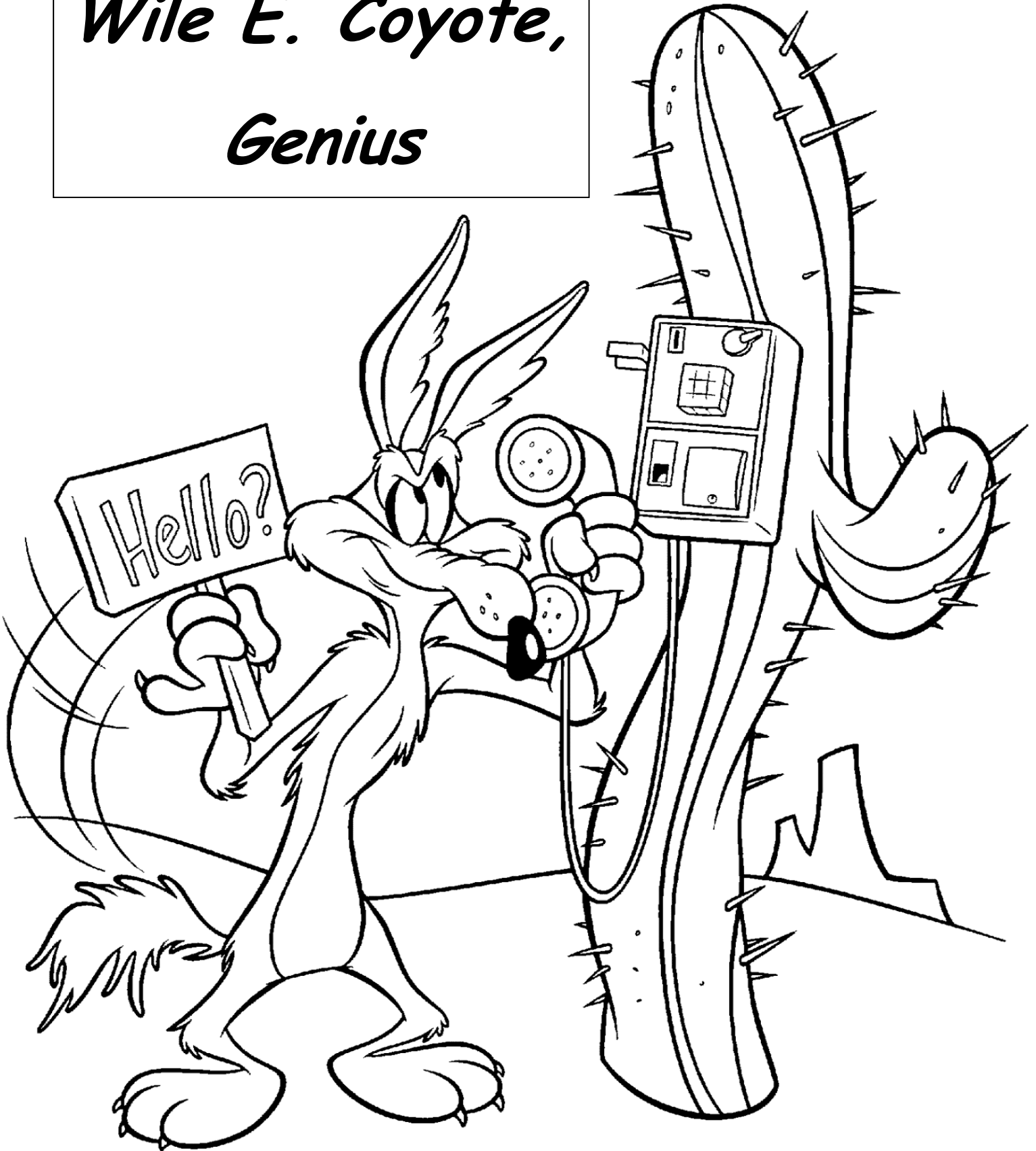
Summary

The Teacher or Presenter might stress through a short poem a skill set needed by students such as: ***A person you trust will always say, "From those you don't know you must stay, stay away!" Trust is a feeling that good things are done. If it is not there then you must run, run!***

Homework

Discuss the safety pointers reinforced in the video with you parents or guardian.

Wile E. Coyote, Genius





The RoadRunner

Beep!
Beep!

