

Literacy + Engagement + Action

# OOPA'S Civics Collection

Grades K-2

DEMOCRACY

CITIZEN

COMMUNITY

LEADER

CONVERSATION

COMPROMISE

VOICE

VOTE

Thank you for downloading this resource, a part of the [OOPA'S World of Words](https://oopasworldofwords.org) video library.

The **Civics Collection** introduces early elementary learners to foundational civic concepts and vocabulary words that will help them process what they are already observing all around them, and lays the groundwork for them to become active and engaged citizens as they mature.

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Lately, the 'World of Words' feels busier than ever! Young children are observant — they are picking up bits of information from their families, their neighbors, the news, and advertisements. And by nature, they are trying to make sense of it all.

From fundamental concepts like DEMOCRACY and CITIZEN, to civic actions like VOTE, to the necessary social skills that help a democracy function like CONVERSATION and COMPROMISE, this collection of civics videos offers a developmentally-appropriate introduction to important new words.

## CIVIC VALUES

Tenants of quality character education, OOPA explores various civic values in The Civics Collection:

- Everyone deserves respect
- Everyone has something to share with their voice
- Contributing to your community and supporting community members is important
- With leadership comes responsibility
- Speaking and listening are both essential parts of a healthy conversation

## VIDEO FORMAT

Like all videos in OOPA'S World of Words, these civics videos uniquely combine language and literacy skills, physical movement, and emotional reflection. When new words are experienced through multiple modalities, including movement, we increase accessibility to substantive learning and solidify greater retention.

In each 5-minute video, Oopa explores a new word-of-the-day through:

- a playful scenario with a guest visitor that illustrates the meaning of the word
- an interactive movement segment that helps children make a physical connection to the word
- a closing reflection on an emotional connection to the word



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## HOW TO ACCESS THE VIDEOS + WORKSHEETS

The eight videos of the Civics Collection are available as a single playlist on the official OOPA YouTube Channel.

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Word Worksheets help children reflect on what they learn from the videos through illustration and writing.

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## VIDEO DIGEST



OOPA and her friend, Kayla, discuss what makes America a democracy. Even though Americans come from different places and do different things, we all work together and respect each other. In a democracy it's important to both have a voice and to listen to each other.

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OOPA and her friends, Ms. J and NoNo talk about a globe with all the countries of the world. But, there's more to being a citizen than just living somewhere - it means following the rules and contributing to your community. Everyone can contribute in their own special way!

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## VIDEO DIGEST



OOPA's friend, Fire Chief Rick, tells her about a donation box, where people in his community put money to support the fire department. Supporting each other is what community is all about, and communities are stronger when members work together.

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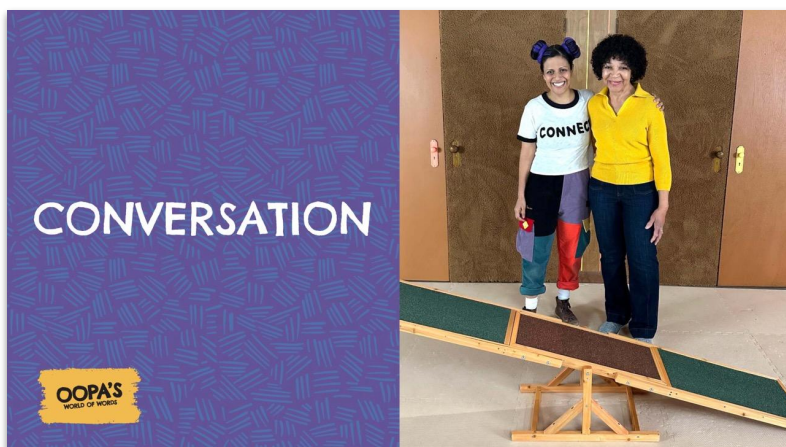
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OOPA's friend, Louis, is the leader of a band. He uses a microphone to make sure everyone in the band plays music together. He leads, and his bandmates follow, so being a leader is a big responsibility.

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OOPA and her friend, Rhoda, compare a conversation to a seesaw. Just like a seesaw, conversations go back and forth, as people take turns speaking and listening. Conversations give us the opportunity to connect with others.

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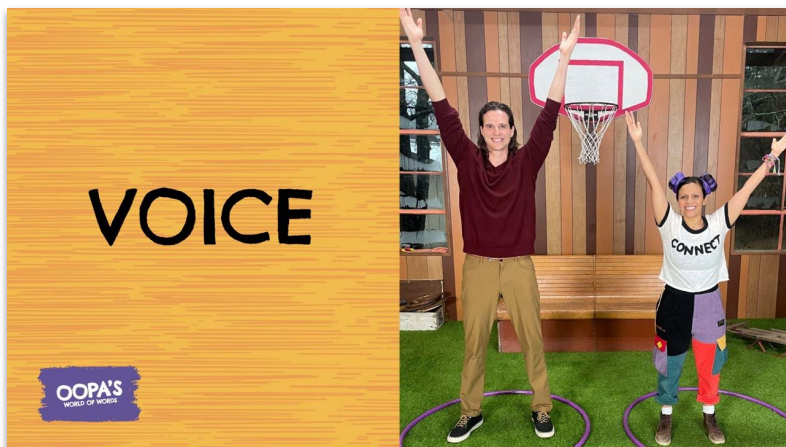
## VIDEO DIGEST



OOPA and her friend, Ms. J, realize that sometimes you have to compromise when playing or working together with others. That means, both people have to do something a little bit different from what they want in order to agree on a plan.

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OOPA's friend, Sean, uses a tape recorder to listen to his own voice as he prepares a speech. He knows that voices have a lot of power and words really matter, so he wants to practice. Everyone has something to share, and everyone's voice is important.

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OOPA and her friends, Taal and Joey, take a vote in order to decide which game to play together. Voting is a way to share your opinion when you have multiple choices. Everyone's opinion matters equally when we vote.

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Moving the body can help move the mind, allowing new concepts to be more memorable and helping our children better navigate our world of words.

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