Pop, Poppity, Pop!
A Readers' Theater About the Senses
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This readers' theater skit takes place in a park. There, a group of hungry friends have just wrapped up a game of kickball. Use your senses to imagine what happens when the peddler and her grandchild suddenly, um, pop in to grant a wish. Don’t forget to read with expression and energy.

Characters (in order of appearance)

- Voice One
- Voice Two
- Voice Three
- Voice Four
- Voice Five
- Voice Six
- Peddler (girl)
- Grandchild (girl)

All Voices: Woo-hoo! Great game!

Voice One: Boy, I really worked up an appetite playing kickball. I’m super-duper hungry.

Voice Two: Me, too.
Voice Three: Me three.

Voice Four: I wish we had a yummy snack to share.

Voice Five: Yep, something light and fluffy. Like popcorn.

Voice Six: Yeah, something crunchy and munchy. Like popcorn.

Voice One: Right, something buttery and salty—

All Voices: Like popcorn.

Voice Two: Exactly! A snack exactly—

All Voices: Like popcorn.

Voice Three: If only your wish could come true….

Voice Four: But how can we rustle up popcorn now?

Voice Five: Out here in the park?

All Voices: It’s impossible, hopeless, and ridiculous.

Voice Five: You got that right.

Voice Six: It would take magic.

Voice One: Hey, do you see what I see?

Voice Two: Where?

Voice Three: There. Way, waaaay down the street.
**Voice Four:** Is that a peddler wheeling her cart?

**Voice Five:** Yep. And a little girl’s skipping next to her.

**Voice Six:** I wonder what’s inside that rickety, old, red cart.

**Voice One:** Hey, the peddler’s waving to us.

**Voice Two:** She’s grinning ear to ear.

**Voice Three:** Like she has a sweet surprise.

**Peddler:** One and all, gather ‘round. Listen to this poppin’ sound.

**Grandchild:** Pop, poppity, pop!

**Voice Two:** I can hear it.

**All Voices:** We can hear it.

**Grandchild:** Pop, poppity pop!

**Peddler:** Shiny kernel pops up fluffy. Crispy, crunchy, plump and puffy.

**Voice Five:** I can see it.

**All Voices:** We can see it.

**Grandchild:** Pop, poppity pop!

**Peddler:** Buttery aroma drifts your way. Snag a whiff with me today.
Voice Six: I can smell it.

All Voices: We can smell it.

Grandchild: Pop, poppity pop!

Peddler: It shakes and rattles and rolls my cart. This rockin’ and rollin’ warms my heart.

Voice One: I can feel it.

All Voices: We can feel it. Pop, poppity pop!

Grandchild: Pop, poppity pop!

Peddler: Looks like the poppin’s ready to stop.

Voice Two: Just like magic.

Voice Three: Well...

All Voices: Well...

Peddler: Well?

Voice Four: Well? May we taste it?

Peddler: One and all, gather ‘round. Dive into this popcorn mound.

Grandchild: Pop, poppity pop!

Voice Five: I can taste it.

All Roles: We can taste it. Yum, yummity yum!
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Describe what popcorn LOOKS like.
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Describe what popcorn SOUNDS like.
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Describe what popcorn SMELLS like.
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Describe what popcorn FEELS like.
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Describe what popcorn TASTES like.
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Vocabulary

Choose the correct definition for each underlined vocabulary word.

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   c. a magical person   d. someone who sells things

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   a. falling apart   b. rolling
   c. delicious-smelling   d. shiny

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   a. feeling   b. taste
   c. smell   d. warmth

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   c. cart   d. box

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