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| **Key Vocabulary** |
| frightful | Very bad or unpleasant. |
| immediately | Without delay. |
| Labrador | A British breed of retriever gun dog.  |
| mongrel | A mongrel is a dog which is a mixture of different breeds. |
| pedigree | If a dog, cat, or other animal has a pedigree, its ancestors are known and recorded. An animal is considered to have a good pedigree when all its known ancestors are of the same type. |
| shoo | If you shoo an animal or a person away, you make them go away by waving your hands or arms at them.  |



Voices in the park

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**Plot summary**

Four people go to the park, and through their eyes we see four different stories about what took place there. There’s the bossy woman, the sad man, the lonely boy – and the young girl whose warmth touches them all. As the story moves from one voice to another, their perspectives are reflected in the shifting landscapes and seasons.

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**Key Characters**

Charles

Charles’ Mother

Smudge

Smudge’s Father

**Themes**

Anger Friendship Hope

Alienation

