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- If worries are not dealt with, they can sometimes get out of control
- If you are struggling, it is important to ask for help

### Talk It Over:

Share a story with your child about a time you needed help because you didn't know how to do something. Who did you talk over your worries with? What difference did talking about it make?

### Home Activity:

Together create a 'Worry Monster'. You may want to give it a funny name and an unusual personality. Encourage your child to bring their monster into school to share with their class.

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