

MR. PLATYPUS is Australian, Mid-30s, excitable, not self-conscious, and very passionate about his drink cart!

MR. PLATYPUS

Hello, kids

ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE

Hello, Mr. Platypus

MR. PLATYPUS

You look like you could use a cold glass of lemonade. Would you like some?

ELINOR/OLIVE/ARI

<CHUCKLES> Yes, please!

MR. PLATYPUS

Just gimme a sec. The bottle is kinda stuck.

Finally, he gets it out and has to futz with it to open it.

MR. PLATYPUS

(struggling)

Mmm... I almost got it... Maybe if I... Wait, I think it's almost...

The kids wait patiently, amused, as Mr. Platypus fights to open the bottle. As they wait, the ice in their glasses starts to melt. Finally, the bottle <SFX: POPS> opens.

MR. PLATYPUS

Ha ha! Got it. Here you are!

ELINOR

Wait! My ice is gone!

MR. PLATYPUS

Hmm. It looks like it melted. It *is* a hot day today.

The kids exchange a confused look.

ELINOR

What does "melted" mean?

MR. PLATYPUS

When a solid gets hot enough, it turns into a liquid. That's called "melting". Solid ice melts into water, but other things can melt, too.

ELINOR

That sounds like what happened to the chocolates! They were solid but then turned into a runny liquid when they got too hot in the sun.

MR. PLATYPUS

That's right. And different things melt at different temperatures. For example, ice melts at low temperatures, but chocolate melts at high temperatures.

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