**Read the conversation below and then, in pairs, rehearse a performance of the dialogue. Before you start rehearsing, consider the questions underneath. Be prepared to share your ideas with the class.**

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| **GEORGE:** | When I think of the swell time I could have without you, I go nuts. I never get no peace. |
| **LENNIE:** | You want I should go away and leave you alone? |
| **GEORGE:** | Where the hell could you go? |
| **LENNIE:** | Well I could. I could go off in the hills there. Some place I’d find a cave. |
| **GEORGE:** | Yeah? How’d you eat. You ain’t got sense enough to find nothing to eat. |
| **LENNIE:** | I’d find things. I don’t need no nice food with ketchup. I’d lay out in the sun and nobody’d hurt me. An’ if I foun’ a mouse, I could keep it. Nobody’d take it away from me. |
| **GEORGE:** | I been mean, ain’t I? |
| **LENNIE:** | If you don’t want me I can go off in the hills an’ find a cave. I can go away any time. |
| **GEORGE:** | No – look! I was jus’ foolin’. ’Cause I want you to stay with me. |

**What kind of person is George? What about Lennie?**

**What is their relationship like?**

**Which of the men is the cleverest? Which is in charge? Which depends on the other?**

**What can we learn about both men by the way they talk?**

**What are the advantages and disadvantages for George of living with Lennie? What kind of life would he live without him?**

**Why does George stay with Lennie?**