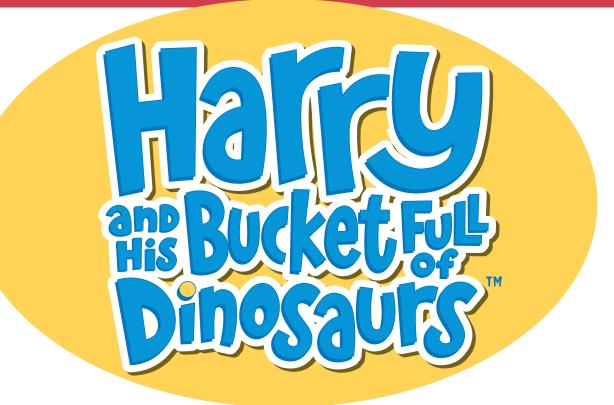
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Note for teachers, parents, counselors, facilitators, and others who use the activities in this guide:

• The extension activities in this guide are intended for early childhood learners. Students in this range exhibit a wide variety of aptitudes. Some activities may need to be led wholly by the teacher; others may have to be done in pairs or in small groups. Please take into account the individual and corporate abilities of your group.

• While we have chosen a primary character trait to highlight in each episode, there are secondary traits that run through each episode and in some instances there may be another trait that you want to emphasize in addition to or in lieu of our choice.

• In addition, please refer to the following website for coloring pages, connect the dot activities, matching exercises, find the differences worksheets, "complete the drawing" pictures, and other related activities that enhance creativity and development.

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Story Summary

Teacher or facilitator asks students to retell the story making sure they bring out appropriate story grammar (characters, setting, plot, etc.).

What Does The Key Open?

After giving Mom a necklace with a key-shaped pendant on it, Harry and his Dino pals are dying to know what the key opens and they head to Dino World on their new quest to find the matching lock. Princess Pamela's castle seems to be the perfect place to start, but the royal pets Max and Muffin have other ideas and decide to take the opportunity to make a getaway – taking the key with them! Princess Pam's naughty pets lead Harry and the gang on a wild goose chase around Dino World. But as luck would have it, Max and Muffin aren't so bad after all as they lead Harry and the Dinos to the ideal spot to try out their key: a valley full of doors! It's just a case of finding the right one and seeing where it leads. Harry and the Dinos show perseverance not only in finding Max and Muffin but also in matching the key with the right lock.





Basic Comprehension (Understanding the Story)

Answer each question.

- 1. WHO is Pamela?
- 2. WHAT is a quest?
- 3. WHERE were all the doors in Dino World?
- 4. WHEN does the key glow?
- 5. WHY did the pets get out?





Basic Comprehension (Understanding the Story) KEY

Answer each question.

- 1. WHO is Pamela? The princess
- 2. WHAT is a quest? A search
- 3. WHERE were all the doors in Dino World? In the canyon
- 4. WHEN does the key glow? When people are close to their "special door" or quest
- 5. WHY did the pets get out? The gate was left open



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Word Study/Vocabulary Activity

Perseverance: the act or power of persevering.

Persevere: to keep trying to do something in spite of difficulties; steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, a state, etc., especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement.

Synonyms:

1. doggedness, steadfastness.



Harry Perseverance

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PERSEVERANCE "WHAT DOES THE KEY OPEN?"



Classroom Activities

 "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." -- Thomas A. Edison. This is a quote from Thomas Edison about perseverance. Read it and discuss with the class.

2. Have students break up into small groups and brainstorm ways to persevere in their schoolwork and studies.

3. Give students a task to complete. Provide an assortment of beads, twine, craft material, etc. and other material to create a necklace as an art project.





Creative Thinking/Writing/Discussion Activity

What does the student KNOW?

- 1. Who were the pets in the story? (Max and Muffin) What kind of pets were they? (Dog and cat)
- 2. Who lived in the castle? (the princess)

• What does the student COMPREHEND?

- 1. What kind of dance did the princess like? (ballet) How do you know? (the way she was dressed)
- 2. Where did they find the special key? (on the arrow sign, pointing to the doors)
- 3. What is perseverance?

What can the student APPLY?

- 1. Tell about a time you persevered or looked for something for a long time.
- 2. Why do we need locks?

How does the student ANALYZE?

- 1. Describe a castle. Compare castles with other places where people live.
- 2. Name some things that a princess might do during the day.

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How does the student SYNTHESIZE?

- 1. What would you do if you lived in a castle?
- 2. Draw a picture of your castle.

How does the student EVALUATE?

- 1. How did Harry show perseverance in this story?
- 2. Why is it important to show perseverance?

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Zoom

Planning the best vacation ever is a little tricky when there are so many tastes to please, so Harry goes to Dino World to see if he can find inspiration there. With Nancy as their tour guide, Harry and his Dinosaurs manage to bathe on the beach, climb mountains and walk in the woods. The best time of all however, is had when the gang stumbles across a Happy House of fun. Realizing that cooperation and seeing everyone happy makes for the perfect vacation, Harry rushes home to tell Mom, Nana and Sam.





Basic Comprehension (Understanding the Story) Answer each question.

- 1. WHO wanted to go to the mountains for vacation?
- 2. WHAT was Harry pretending to be at the beginning of the story?
- 3. WHERE is the first place they go in Dino World?
- 4. WHEN did the mountain of ice cream melt?
- 5. WHY did they stop going down the drain?



Basic Comprehension (Understanding the Story) KEY Answer each question.

- 1. WHO wanted to go to the mountains for vacation? Sam
- 2. WHAT was Harry pretending to be at the beginning of the story? A pilot
- 3. WHERE is the first place they go in Dino World? The beach
- 4. WHEN did the mountain of ice cream melt? When Nancy knocked the picture of the sun into the mountain of ice cream
- 5. WHY did they stop going down the drain? Harry stopped it with an umbrella



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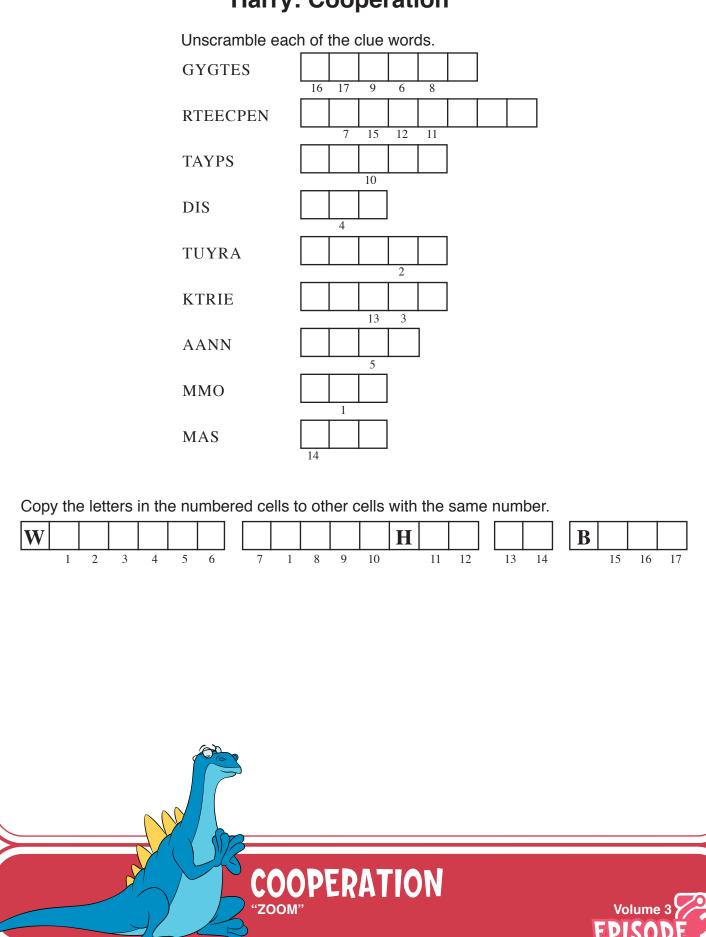
Cooperation: the act or process of cooperating.

Cooperate: to act or work together so as to get something done.

Cooperative: willing to work with others, working together.

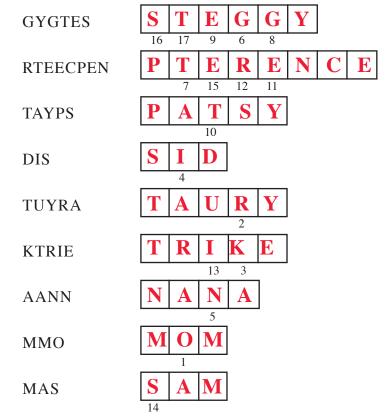


Harry: Cooperation

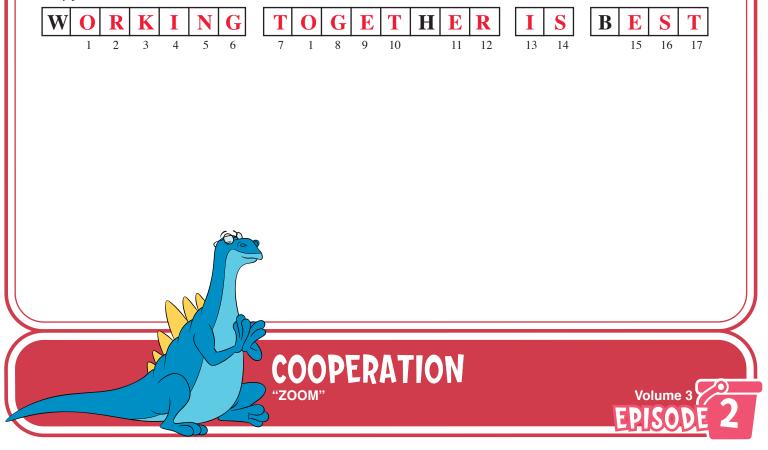


Harry: Cooperation **KEY**

Unscramble each of the clue words.



Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.



Classroom Activities

1. Things can go better and faster when you cooperate. Choose a project like cleaning up the classroom or playground and assign each student a job to do.

2. Pair students up and have wheelbarrow races. Explain that each member will have to cooperate to make the pair successful.

3. Discuss cooperation and what it means to cooperate. Have students plan the next birthday or holiday party.





Creative Thinking/Writing/Discussion Activity

What does the student KNOW?

- 1. Who wore a rubber ducky? (Nancy the Nanosaurus)
- 2. Where did Nana want to go for vacation? (surfing)

What does the student COMPREHEND?

- 1. Why didn't Harry want to eat the "ice cream"? (It was sand)
- 2. What was the treasure at the bottom of the ocean? (a plug or stopper)

• What can the student APPLY?

- 1. Why was it cold on the top of the mountain in the story? (It was made of ice cream)
- 2. Is it cold on the top of all mountains? Why?

• How does the student ANALYZE?

- 1. Draw and label a picture of a funhouse.
- 2. What would you include in your funhouse?

How does the student SYNTHESIZE?

- 1. How would you decide where to go on vacation?
- 2. What would you do or say if everyone in your family wanted to go to a different place for vacation?

How does the student EVALUATE?

- 1. How did Harry show cooperation in this story?
- 2. Why is it important to show cooperation?



Story Summary

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Superheroes Don't Dance

Harry and his friend Charley play a game of superheroes together. Afterwards when Charley invites Harry to a dance party, he declines, saying, "Superheroes are way too busy fighting crime and saving the planet to dance." The Dinos lead Harry on an adventure in Dino World that will prove to him that superheroes and dancing can be great fun! He also learns that sometimes you have to consider the feelings of your friends when choosing activities.





Basic Comprehension (Understanding the Story) Answer each question.

- 1. WHO wants Harry to go to a dance?
- 2. WHAT did the Dinos sneak into the bucket to go to Dino World?
- 3. WHERE do Harry and the Dinosaurs go to find the Mighty Zark?
- 4. WHEN does Harry decide to go to the dance?
- 5. WHY can't the Dinos go to the party?



Basic Comprehension (Understanding the Story) KEY

Answer each question.

- 1. WHO wants Harry to go to a dance? Charley
- 2. WHAT did the Dinos sneak into the bucket to go to Dino World? A radio
- 3. WHERE do Harry and the Dinosaurs go to find the Mighty Zark? Echo Canyon
- 4. WHEN does Harry decide to go to the dance? At the end of the story when he makes up his own style
- 5. WHY can't the Dinos go to the party? Because Harry has to go with them



Word Study/Vocabulary Activity

Consideration: thoughtfulness for other people.

Considerate: thoughtful of the rights and feelings of others. 1. take into consideration, to take into account; consider

Synonyms:

- 1. reflection, contemplation, rumination, attention.
- 2. kindness, kindliness, concern. weight, significance, moment.

Consideration is one of few words that have four vowels in it. Use this word to see how many words you can generate.

Use the two-letter words to generate word families: -at, -et, -it, -ot, etc.





Classroom Activities

1. Provide several different types of music and have a dance party. If there are students that take dance have them demonstrate/teach that style and then have other students emulate.

2. Talk about what it means to be considerate versus being inconsiderate. To be considerate means to be thoughtful of the needs and feelings of other people. Have students make cards of appreciation for the people in school like the secretary, lunch staff, and bus drivers who typically are left out or forgotten.

3. Have students list ways they can be considerate at home like cleaning up after themselves, not bothering older siblings that have to study, obeying mom or dad, helping with younger siblings, etc. Have them report later in the week or the next day how they showed consideration.





Creative Thinking/Writing/Discussion Activity

• What does the student KNOW?

- 1. Who wanted to go to a party? (Charley)
- 2. What kind of party did Harry's friend want to go to? (dance party)

What does the student COMPREHEND?

- 1. Why didn't Harry want to go to the party? (Superheroes don't dance)
- 2. Name the kinds of dancing that the Dinos did. (electric bugaloo, ballet, dinorap/breakdancing)
- 3. What does it mean to be considerate of someone else?

• What can the student APPLY?

- 1. Have learners demonstrate one of the dances in the story.
- 2. What is your favorite type of dance?
- 3. Whom can you show consideration to?

How does the student ANALYZE?

- 1. How are dances alike and different?
- 2. Do people dance in all countries/cultures?

How does the student SYNTHESIZE?

- 1. Can you make up a new kind of dance?
- 2. What would you do or say if a friend wanted you to try a new game or activity?

How does the student EVALUATE?

- 1. How did Harry show consideration in this story?
- 2. Why is it important to show consideration to others?

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Story Summary

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Hurray for Pizza!

Why don't they make peanut butter and banana pizzas? It's a question Harry has been pondering and the Dinos think they know somewhere you can have any pizza topping you like – Dino World, of course! They arrive at Harry's Pizza Parlor and start making tailor-made pizzas for the inhabitants of Dino World, topped with everything from pink icing and cherries to swamp mud and flies. With Harry at the helm, Trike taking orders and all the Dinos helping to make perfect pizzas, what could possibly go wrong? Harry learns that people don't like the same things – they are unique in who they are and what they like.





Basic Comprehension (Understanding the Story)

Answer each question.

- 1. WHO brought the pizza to the house?
- 2. WHAT did Trike eat by mistake?
- 3. WHERE is smoke coming from in Dino World?
- 4. WHEN does Harry jump into the bucket to Dino World?
- 5. WHY does Nancy know how to make pizza?





Basic Comprehension (Understanding the Story) KEY

Answer each question.

- 1. WHO brought the pizza to the house? A delivery person
- 2. WHAT did Trike eat by mistake? Pizza box
- 3. WHERE is smoke coming from in Dino World? Moo Mountain
- 4. WHEN does Harry jump into the bucket to Dino World? Harry always goes last
- 5. WHY does Nancy know how to make pizza? She watches Nana and sometimes Nana lets her make them



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Word Study/Vocabulary Activity

Uniqueness: one of a kind, unusual, not like everyone else





Harry Pizza Search

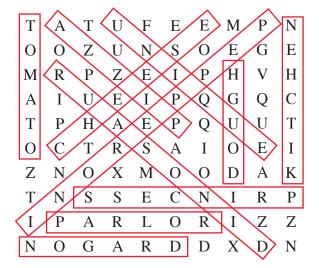
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Classroom Activities

1. Beforehand, go to any local restaurant that has pizza and pick up a menu for each student. Look at and talk about all the choices that people can get on their pizza. Have students talk about their favorite kind of pizza and note individual uniqueness. If possible, have a pizza party.

2. Have students draw a picture of their favorite kind of pizza, or see who can come up with the most unusual kind of topping for a pizza.

3. Make a life size drawing of each student by tracing him or her on a large piece of butcher paper. Have each student draw their clothes, face, hair, etc. and display them around the room and talk about individual differences.





Creative Thinking/Writing/Discussion Activity

What does the student KNOW?

- 1. Who answers the phones and takes orders? (Trike)
- 2. Who calls in to order pizza? (princess, frog, dragon)

What does the student COMPREHEND?

- 1. What can you get on Harry's pizzas? (anything you want)
- 2. What did the princess order on her pizza? (pink icing, cherries, sprinkles) Clem the frog? (swamp mud, flies) Scorch the dragon? (hot chiles, etc.)

• What can the student APPLY?

- 1. What is your favorite kind of pizza?
- 2. Where can you get a pizza with anything on it?

• How does the student ANALYZE?

- 1. How is Harry's life like yours?
- 2. How is Harry's life different from yours?

How does the student SYNTHESIZE?

1. Can you be friends with somebody who doesn't agree with or like everything that you like?

How does the student EVALUATE?

- 1. How did Harry and the Dinos show uniqueness?
- 2. Why is it important to be unique?



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