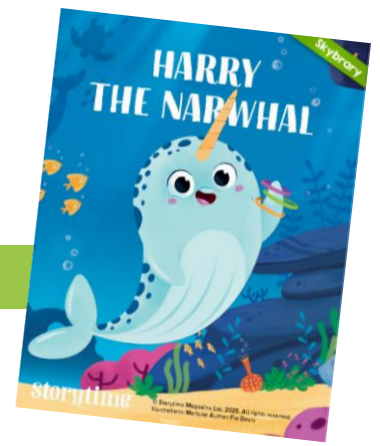




Harry the Narwhal

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Acceptance, Kindness, Celebrating Differences

Book Brief: When a problem arises in the ocean, Harry uses his tusk to help, and everyone learns to celebrate differences and treat others with kindness.

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Flo Davis

BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Have you ever felt different from others? What makes you special or unique?" (Optional: Think-Pair-Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about the message or lesson of this story. What does Harry learn, and what can we learn from his experience?"

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How does Harry feel about his tusk at the beginning of the story?
- What problem happens in the ocean?
- How does Harry use his tusk to help?
- How do the other sea creatures feel about Harry by the end?



Think Aloud: "I'm thinking about what lesson this story is teaching us. Harry feels different because of his tusk, but then he uses it to help others. The message seems to be that our differences can be our strengths, and we should celebrate what makes each of us unique."

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What is the message or lesson of this story? What did Harry and the other sea creatures learn about being different?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "What makes you special or different? How can your unique qualities help others?" Encourage students to create a "What Makes Me Special" poster or drawing that shows something unique about themselves (a talent, interest, personality trait, or physical feature) and one way that special quality helps them or could help others. Students can share their posters and celebrate each other's differences.

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- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
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