



The Racer from Outer Space

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Teamwork, Friendship

Book Brief: A fun adventure about three friends—Emani, Archie, and Kevin—who team up with an alien to build a winning soapbox racer!

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Carlitos Pinheiro

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 worked with friends to build or create something? What happened?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, pay attention to who is in the story and what they do together. Think about how working as a team helps them reach their goal."



Think Aloud: "The three friends have a problem! When the alien arrives, he helps fix it with his spaceship parts. They have to work together and compromise to include "Hugo", and that's what helps them win the race. Teamwork made their dream possible."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What are Emani, Archie, and Kevin trying to do?
- What happens when the alien arrives?
- How does the alien help the friends fix their soapbox?
- What do the friends have to do to include "Hugo" in the race?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "Who worked together in this story? How did teamwork help them win the race?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "The friends had to compromise to include Hugo. What does compromise mean? Why was it important?" Connect the story to understanding that teamwork requires giving and taking. Discuss what compromise means and have students think of a time they compromised with friends or family and why it helped everyone.

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