



COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: DECODE A JOKE

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working together
to accomplish
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"DECODE A JOKE"

STUDENTS WILL:

Cooperate on a task to accomplish a goal; Use a key to decode a message.

MATERIALS:

- Coded Joke worksheets
- Key

ZOO U GAME CONTEXT:

A classmate reads from the key to help players decode Cooper the lion's joke.

Cooperation activities are a fantastic way to improve overall social and emotional skills. In this activity, students will work with a partner to decode a joke about a Zoo animal. One partner will have the coded joke, while the other has the key. They will work together to fill in the worksheet and discover a fun joke!

DIRECTIONS:

1. Split students into pairs.
2. Give one student in each pair the code, and give the other the key.
3. The student with the code is the scribe. He will start by asking what the first symbol means, and the key holder will check the key and tell him the letter that corresponds to that symbol. The scribe will fill in that letter in the box above the symbol.
4. Students continue to work this way until they have decoded the joke.
5. If you would like them to switch roles, give them another coded message.



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DECODED JOKES:

1. What do you call a bee that can't make up his mind? A maybee.
2. What kind of math do birds like? Owlgebra.
3. What is a crocodile's favorite drink? Gator-ade.
4. What kind of bears like to go out in the rain? Drizzly bears.

EDUCATOR NOTES:



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KEY:

A	Ɔ
B	Ɔ
C	Ɔ
D	Ɔ
E	Ɔ
F	Ɔ
G	Ɔ
H	Ɔ
I	Ɔ
J	Ɔ
K	Ɔ
L	Ɔ
M	Ɔ

N	†
O	Ɔ
P	Ɔ
Q	Ɔ
R	Ɔ
S	Ɔ
T	↑
U	Ɔ
V	Ɔ
W	Ɔ
X	Ɔ
Y	Ɔ
Z	Ɔ



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JOKE #1

Work with your partner to decode the joke below.
One partner should write while the other reads from the key.

P	B	F	T

W	N

A	N	N

L	F	L	L

F

R	M	M

T	B	F	T

L	F	T

T

A	F	H	M

N	H

Z	T

Y

A	Z	T	W

F

A	F	A	R	M	M



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JOKE #2

Work with your partner to decode the joke below.
One partner should write while the other reads from the key.

P	B	F	T

H	Z	T	X

N	U

A	F	T	B

X	N

S	Z	R	X	Y

L	Z	H	M

 ?

N	P	L	X	M	S	R	F



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JOKE #3

Work with your partner to decode the joke below.
One partner should write while the other reads from the key.

P	B	F	↑

≈	4

F

										'	
∫	R	≈	∫	≈	∞	≈	∫	M			4

∫	F	∞	≈	R	≈	↑	M

∞	R	≈	+	H

?

X	F	↑	≈	R

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F	∞	M



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JOKE #4

Work with your partner to decode the joke below.
One partner should write while the other reads from the key.

P	B	F	↑

H	≈	†	⋈

≈	ψ

⋈	M	F	R	4

∧	≈	H	M

↑	≈

X	≈

≈	∩	↑

≈	†

↑	B	M

R	F	≈	†

?

⋈	R	≈	∧	∧	∧	⋈

⋈	M	F	R	4