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A Character Education Lesson Plan for Educators and Parents
based on the book *Pynx*

Recommended for 1st - 3rd grade students



What to Teach

Story Overview

In a distant galaxy, on a very colorful planet, a brilliant purple Pynx settles into her new home in the jungle. But her noisy arrival upsets the other creatures who are already living there quite happily. When the Pynx expands her family with dozens of new babies, her neighbors are very upset. The very vocal Pynx has had this problem before, but this time, with a little luck, she finds a real home. This is a story about being tolerant, learning to appreciate differences, and about finding ways to communicate.



The Meaning of Tolerance and Communication

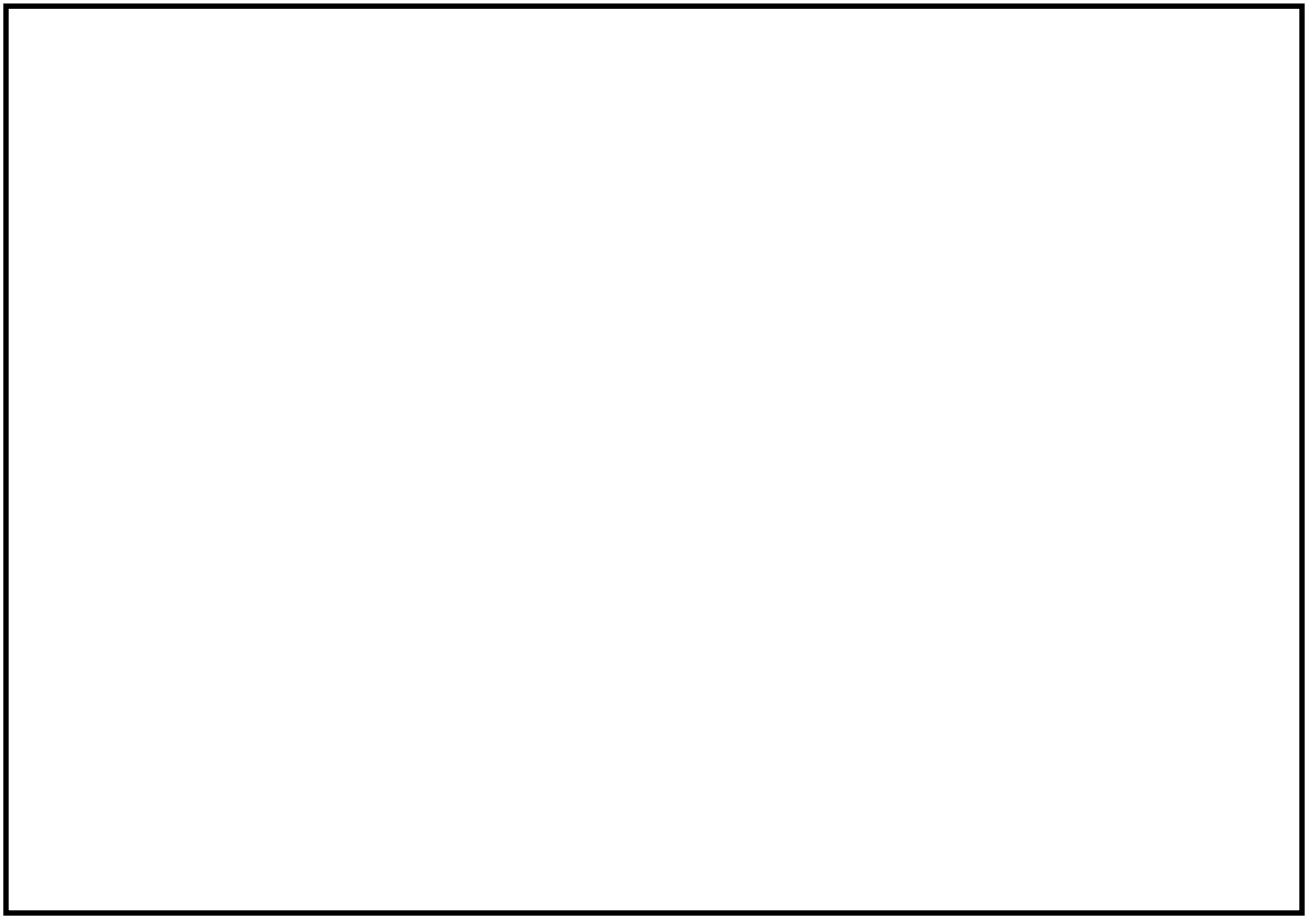
Tolerance is sympathy or acceptance of beliefs or practices that are different from one's own. **Communication** is the process of exchanging ideas and information with others. Communication can be difficult without a shared language.

Ask Students

1. Why do the other creatures not like the Pynx? How is she different from the other creatures? Differences can be in appearance, customs, or language. Which differences do the creatures have among themselves and with the Pynx?
2. What role does the Pynx's noisy language, which the other creatures can't understand, play in their not liking her?
3. Tolerance means seeing differences in people and accepting them. If a person speaks a different language, has a different skin color, or a different religion from your own, how can you learn about the ways you are different?
4. When you understand differences, are you better able to accept them?
5. Why is it important to tolerate people who are different from you?
6. Some people don't like or appreciate differences in others. Would you want to live in a world where everyone is the same?
7. If you see someone being unkind to a classmate who looks, speaks or acts differently, what would you do?
8. If you have difficulty communicating with someone because you speak different languages, how can you work to understand each other better?



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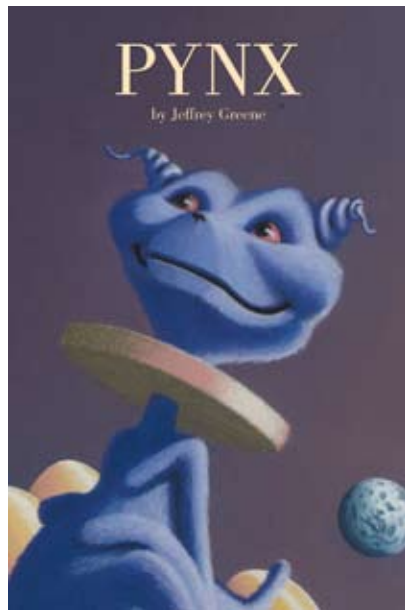


Draw a picture of the Pynx and the other creatures when they are getting along well together.

Describe what happens in the story, and how the creatures realize that it is best to learn to live together.

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