



Friendship

UNIT OPENER
Unit 1, Grade 3

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Activating Prior Knowledge

- What do you know about **friendship**?



Activating Prior Knowledge

- How do you know if someone is a **good friend**?
- How can you be a **good friend**?



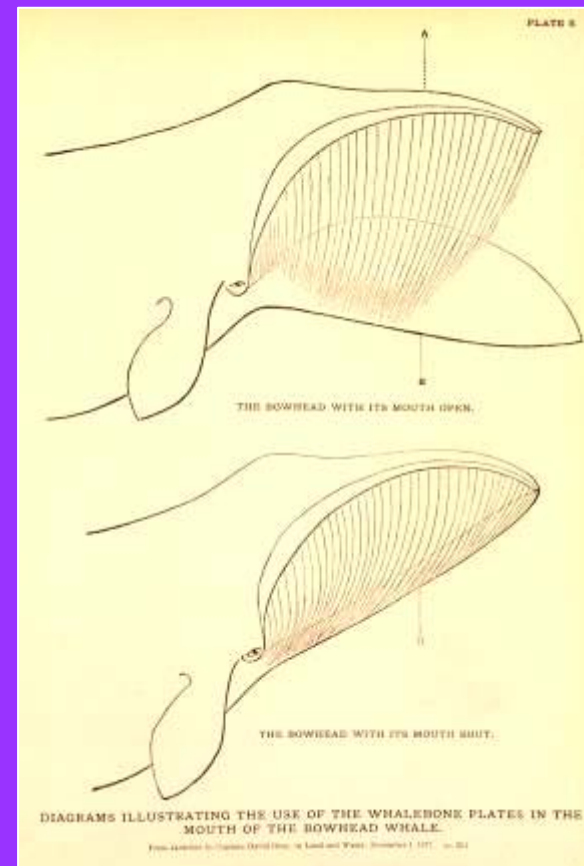
Activating Prior Knowledge

Have you read any books about **friendship**?



“Amos & Boris”

- Baleen Whales are aquatic mammals that live in the ocean.
- They have whalebone plates, instead of teeth, that hang down from the roof of the mouth.



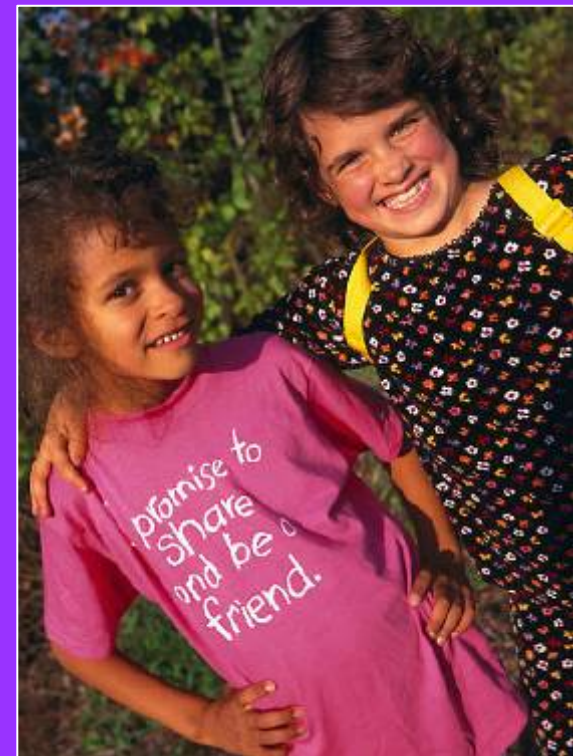
“Amos & Boris”

- They eat small forms of ocean life by swimming with their mouth open or by gulping water.
- Plankton refers to small organisms that float in fresh and sea water.



Focus Questions

- What would it be like to have a friend whom you rarely have the chance to see?
- What does it feel like to help a friend who is in great need?



Discussing “Amos & Boris”

- Who are the main characters in the story?
- How do you know they are the main characters?
- What did Amos do in the beginning of the story?



Discussing “Amos & Boris”

- How did Amos and Boris meet?
- How did Amos help Boris?
- Why was their **friendship** so special?



Discussing “Amos & Boris”

- What did you learn about **friendship**?
- How does “Amos & Boris” relate to **friendship**?
- How did “Amos & Boris” change your ideas about **friendship**?



Setting Reading Goals

- Turn to the unit opener. What do the title and illustrations mean?
- **Browse** the selections in the unit.
- **Make predictions and ask questions** about the selections we will read.
- What is the genre? Is it a story, a poem, or expository text?
- What did you notice or see that was interesting?