



A Standards-Aligned Educator Guide for Grades 1 - 3

# KINZIE'S KINVENTIONS: KINZIE AND THE P.U. ZOO

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## About the book:

The whole class is going on a field trip to the zoo! But too bad for classroom rivals Kinzie and Ben. Neither of them can go thanks to getting—and sharing—pink eye. To make it even worse, Ben's mom can't take off from work, which means Ben has to come to Kinzie's house for the day. And there's no time to make a Kinvention to stop that.

Kinzie and Ben decide if they can't go on the field trip, maybe they can create their own backyard zoo instead. What could possibly go wrong with that great idea?

## About the author—Donna Boock:

Donna is a children's book author who grew up on a lovely lake in the Pocono mountains in Pennsylvania where she imagined there were no bears, snakes or other scary animals. That is how she began her career in imaginative fiction. She now lives in Venice, Florida which is known as the Shark Tooth Capital of the World and is named for the abundance of sharks' teeth found on the shores. Her imagination works hard to correct that.



Donna loves to write funny fiction, which means that she makes up a lot of things and people laugh at her – often.

Learn more about Donna by accessing her website at [www.donnaboock.com](http://www.donnaboock.com). Drop her a note when you stop by. She would love to hear from you!

## About the illustrator—Stephanie Hider:

Stephanie is a visual designer, illustrator and a web developer. She helps her awesome clients recreate their digital homes. Stephanie brings magic and life to author's picture books and creates all kinds of artwork for a variety of projects.



Stephanie currently lives with her daughter and maltipoo pup in Oklahoma. She has a great sense of humor, an avid video gamer and sci fi geek. Stephanie's favorite word is plethora. Her favorite color is coral and her biggest pet peeve is being read to.

Stephanie has named her website Steph Is Doodling. Access <https://stephisdoodling.com/illustrations/> to have a look at her fine work.

## Pre-Reading Discussion:

- Describe the scene depicted in the illustration featured on the book cover. Tell how this cover is both similar and different than the other two *Kinzie's Inventions* books.
- What is happening between the two kids on the cover? What role do you think the small monkey plays in their conflict?
- Why do you think Kinzie has a clothespin nose? How does the clothespin connect with the title of the book?
- What do you think this story is going to be about?

## Post-Reading Discussion:

All of our hands shot back up in the air except for Ben's. I gave him my best ha-ha-on-you face and reached my fingertips as high as I could. He rubbed his eye. It looked a little drippy. Was he going to cry?

- The word *sarcastic* means mocking and mean-spirited. Generally, Ben has a tough-guy, sarcastic way about him. In this scene, his first attempt to guess the location of the surprise was incorrect. Explain why Kinzie found it odd that he quit trying to guess the surprise.
- Describe what a “ha-ha-on-you face” looks like. Tell why Kinzie chose to respond to Ben in this way.
- Does the zoo smell like P.U.? Explain your answer.

“It looks like we’ll have to call your mom, Kinzie. You have pink eye. You’ll need to stay home until it’s better.”

- Pink eye is a highly *contagious* illness, which means that the germs are transferred from one person to another. If Kinzie has pink eye, where do you think she got it?
- The word *consequence* is something that happened as a result of another thing that took place before it. Predict what the consequence will be for Kinzie because she has contracted pink eye.

“No way! Mom, that meanie-boy Ben can’t come here! That stinks!”

- Ben is Kinzie’s rival, her worst archenemy. Describe how Kinzie must have felt when she heard that Ben was coming to join at home for the day.
  - From Kinzie’s point-of-view, what would be worse – missing the field trip to the zoo, having pink eye, or spending the day with Ben at her home. Explain your answer.



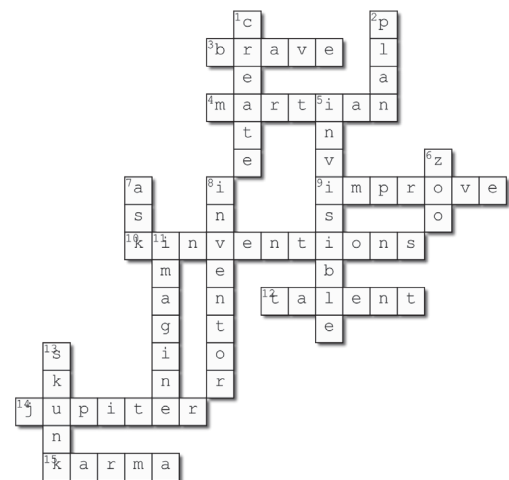
I pulled out my soggy Kinventor’s journal and jotted some notes for a new Kinvention. I called it the Karma Creator. It gives you back exactly what you deserve. Because that’s how karma works.

- Consider the definition of *karma*, that is gives you back exactly what you deserve. Discuss why Kinzie desires to make a Karma Creator. Who is she planning to use the Karma Creator on and why?
- Explain why Ben is constantly teasing Kinzie. Why does he seem to enjoy doing so?
- Compare and contrast Ben’s actions toward Kinzie with Sidney’s. How are the two characters similar? Tell how they are different.
- Describe the type of karma Ben, Sidney, and Kinzie deserve.

Wow! I was getting good at my Kinventions. So good, I only had to come up with the ideas and, poof! They happened.

- Early in the story, Ben commented that the zoo smells like P.U. Make a connection between this and being sprayed by a skunk. Which type of P.U. would you think Ben would prefer? Explain your answer.
- Explore the difference between being contagious and karma.
- In the end, Kinzie touches Will’s hand. Predict what will happen next.

## Crossword Puzzle Answers (puzzle found on following page)



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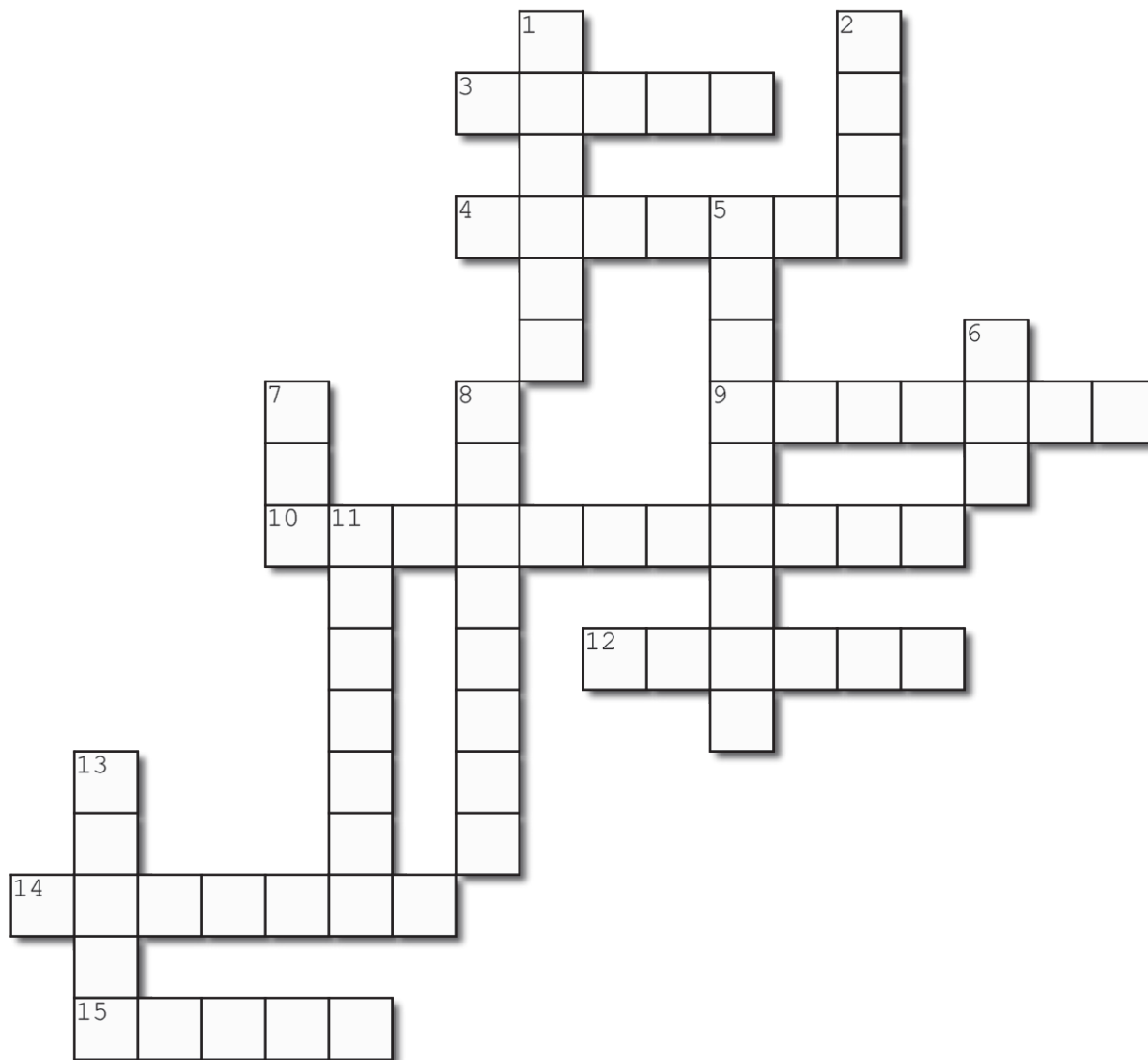
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Speaking & Listening: SL.1, SL.2, SL.4, SL.5 Next Gen Science: 2-ESSI-1



## Crossword Puzzle

The clues found at the bottom of the page are comprised from key elements in all three of the Kinzie books. Answers to the crossword puzzle are found on page 2 of the educator guide.



### Across:

3. Showing courage
4. Relating to the planet Mars or its supposed inhabitants
9. Make or become better
10. Kinzie's ability or skill
12. Natural ability or skill
14. The largest planet in the solar system
15. Destiny or fate

### Down:

1. To make something
2. A detailed idea for doing or achieving something
5. Unable to be seen; not visible to the naked eye
6. A place which maintains a collection of wild animals
7. Say something in order to obtain an answer or some information
8. A person who invented a particular process or device or who invents things
11. Form a mental image or concept of
13. A cat-sized mammal with black-and-white striped fur

