

Classroom Activity Guide

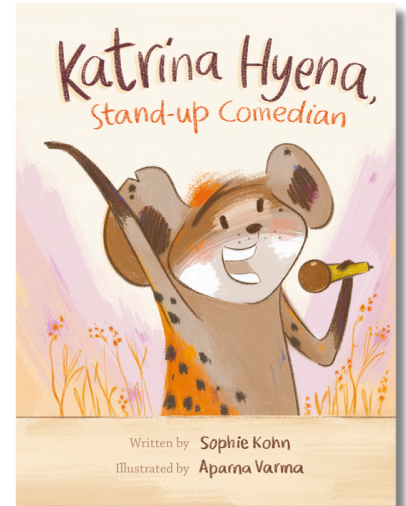
Extension Activity: Writing—Follow Your Dream

Extension Activity: Public Speaking—Be a Stand-up Comedian

Katrina Hyena, Stand-up Comedian
by Sophie Kohn, illustrated by Aparna Varma

A laugh-out-loud book about a hyena who yearns to be a stand-up comedian

A story about daring to be different and having the confidence and determination to follow your dream.



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Ages 5 to 8, Grade 1+

A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR



Hi friends! My name is Sophie Kohn and I wrote *Katrina Hyena, Stand-up Comedian*. My dream was to become a journalist. But when I was at school, I kept making jokes all the time. I realized I wasn't as serious as I thought. So I decided to try a comedy class and absolutely LOVED it. I had a new dream—I wanted to blend my serious writing with my comedy and try to write things that make people laugh. I had a ton of fun writing this book, and I hope you like reading it!

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Text Forms: Comedic Text

Language Arts: Story Elements; Prediction

Character Education: Perseverance;
Individuality

READING LEVELS

Reading Recovery: 14

Fountas & Pinnell: H

Lexile® Measure: 640L

Common Core: RL.1, W.1, SL.1, L.1



Writing: Follow Your Dream

Katrina Hyena always dreamed of being a stand-up comedian ... and that dream came true! What's your dream? **Draw it out!**



How will you achieve your dream?

- Who will you ask to help keep you on track?
- How will you track your progress?
- What skills will you need and how will you build them?
- What obstacles could make it hard to follow your dream?



Public Speaking: Be a Stand-up Comedian

Use the tips below to write your own joke and tell it to your class

TIPS for writing a hilarious joke!

- TIP 1** **Decide what kind of joke you want to write.** A knock-knock joke? A riddle? A pun? A totally NEW kind of joke that YOU invented?!
- TIP 2** **Choose a topic!** Some topics might be: school, animals, food, nature, sports, maybe seasons like winter or summer, or holidays like Halloween or Christmas.
- TIP 3** **Think of a few jokes you know and like.** What's funny about them? Why do they make you laugh?
- TIP 4** Say you decide you want to write a joke about cheetahs. Think of a couple of words to describe cheetahs, like FAST and SPOTS. **Can you think of rhymes for those words?** For example, SPOTS rhymes with POTS. So maybe you can say: "What does a cheetah use to cook dinner? SPOTS AND PANS!"
- TIP 5** A lot of good jokes are funny because they give us a **feeling of surprise**. For example:
Knock-knock!
Who's there?
Interrupting cow!
Interrupti – MOOOOOOOO!
Is there a way you can surprise people with something unexpected popping out of your joke?

TIPS for talking in front of a crowd!

- TIP 1** **Stand tall and smile.** It can be scary to stand in front of a group of people, but you will feel braver if you stand up straight with a beautiful smile.
- TIP 2** **Keep your eyes up.** Try to make eye contact with your classmates while you tell your joke. If that's too hard, look at the wall at the back of the room just above everyone's head.
- TIP 3** **Speak up.** You worked hard to write your joke, so make sure everyone can hear you. No yelling! But speak loud and clear.

