

# Classroom Discussion and Activity Guide

Extension Activity: Reflection—Text-to-Self; Text-to-World

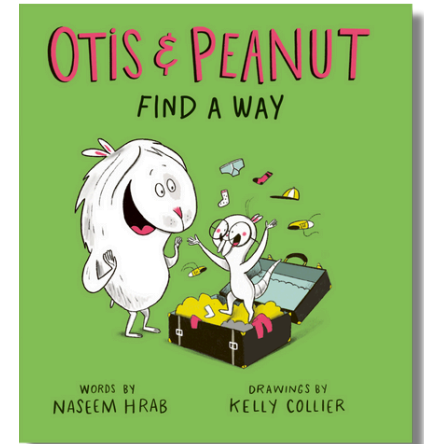
Extension Activity: Writing—Plan Your Dream Trip

*Otis & Peanut Find a Way*

by Naseem Hrab, illustrated by Kelly Collier

**The third instalment of this critically acclaimed junior graphic novel series**

Otis and Peanut navigate deep truths about life and human nature while letting their sweet and supportive friendship shine.



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Ages 6 to 8; Grade: 1-3

## Before Reading:

- Look at the cover. If you were going on a trip, what five things would you pack in your suitcase?

## After Reading:

### Reflection—Text-to-Self

- In “The Trip”, Otis is worried that he’ll feel homesick if he travels far from home, while Peanut is excited to go on an adventure. Can you relate to either of their feelings? Why or why not?
- In “The Stone”, Otis and Peanut miss Pearl. What do you do when you miss someone?
- In “The Visit”, Marion comes to visit. Has someone special, a friend or a family member, come to visit you? How did you feel? What did you do together?

### Reflection—Text-to-World

- Otis and Peanut have different personalities, but are best friends. Would our community be better if everyone was the same or different? Why?



### CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

**Themes:** Growth Mindset; Loss and Change  
**Social-Emotional Learning:** Self-Awareness;  
Social Awareness; Relationship Skills  
**Character Education:** Compassion;  
Kindness; Positive Communication

### READING LEVELS

**Reading Recovery:** 9  
**Fountas & Pinnell:** F  
**Lexile® Measure:** GN520L  
**Common Core:** RL.1, W.1, SL.1, L.1



# Writing: Plan Your Dream Trip

Otis & Peanut decide to practice going nowhere before going somewhere. Plan your own trip and think about what you will do there. Share your plan with your class.

Read the questions and write full sentences to answer each one.

1. Where will you travel? Is this a real place or imaginary place? Why do you want to go there?
2. What will you pack for your trip? Think about the weather and what activities you want to do.
3. Who will you invite on your trip? Why do you want to travel with this person or people?
4. How will you get to your destination? Will you need to use more than one type of transportation? How long will it take?
5. Where will you stay when you arrive? What will it look like?
6. What do you want to do during your trip? Are there any famous attractions you want to see?

Create a comic strip about the different parts of your adventure. Be creative!

1. Destination

2. Suitcase

3. People

4. Transportation

5. Accommodations

6. Activities