



## **Essential Question**

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# WORKING TOGETHER

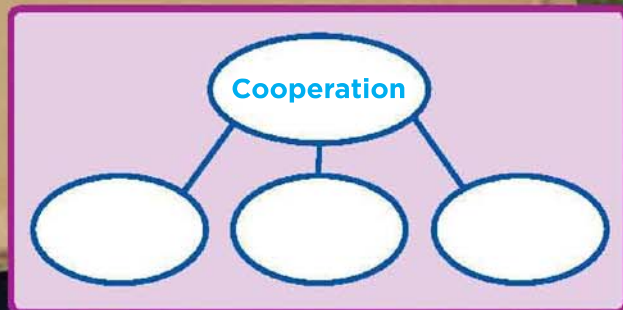
There was a problem, and these friends figured out what to do. Now they are working together to solve it.

- ▶ Working together is a good way to solve problems.
- ▶ Cooperation makes the job easier.

## Talk About It



Write words you have learned about working together. Talk with a partner about how cooperation helps get things done.



# Vocabulary

Use the picture and the sentence to talk with a partner about each word.



**attempt**

Maria made an **attempt** to run a mile.

When have you made an attempt to do something new?



**awkward**

The penguin looked **awkward** and clumsy.

What word in the sentence means the same as awkward?



**cooperation**

I cleaned the floor faster with Becky's **cooperation**.

Tell about a time when cooperation made a job easier.



**created**

Jim and his grandfather **created** a home for birds out of wood.

What is another word for created?





## furiously

The rattlesnake shook its tail **furiously** as a warning.

What might make a rattlesnake shake its tail furiously?



## interfere

The rain is going to **interfere** with our ballgame.

What kind of weather might interfere with your plans?



## involved

Our class is **involved** in the school play.

What activity are you involved in?



## timid

The shy, **timid** kitten hid under a blanket.

What is the opposite of timid?

## Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Pick three words. Then write three questions for your partner to answer.

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# Anansi Learns a Lesson

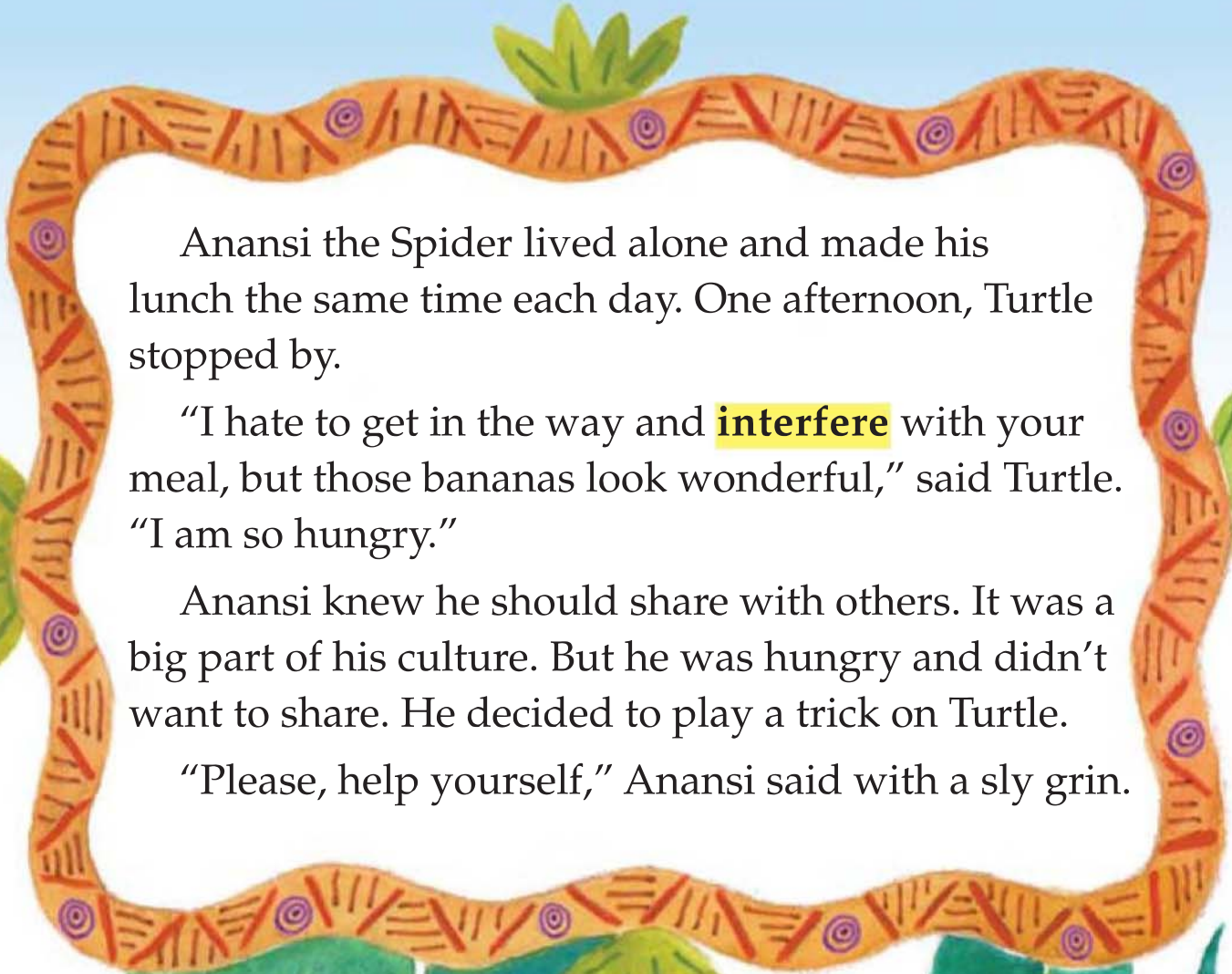


## Essential Question

**Why is working together a good way to solve a problem?**

Read how Turtle works with a friend to solve his problem.





Anansi the Spider lived alone and made his lunch the same time each day. One afternoon, Turtle stopped by.

“I hate to get in the way and **interfere** with your meal, but those bananas look wonderful,” said Turtle. “I am so hungry.”

Anansi knew he should share with others. It was a big part of his culture. But he was hungry and didn’t want to share. He decided to play a trick on Turtle.

“Please, help yourself,” Anansi said with a sly grin.



Turtle reached for the food. “Shouldn’t you wash your hands?” asked Anansi.

“Oh, yes!” Turtle said. When Turtle returned, Anansi had eaten half of the bananas.

“I didn’t want the bananas to spoil,” said Anansi.

Turtle got closer and made another **attempt** to eat. Anansi stopped him again.

“Turtle, please go wash your hands,” he said.



Turtle knew his hands were clean, but Anansi still thought they were filthy. However, Turtle was too shy and **timid** to say no. When he returned Anansi had eaten the rest of the fruit.

“Ha, ha, I tricked you, Turtle,” said Anansi. “You didn’t get any bananas!”

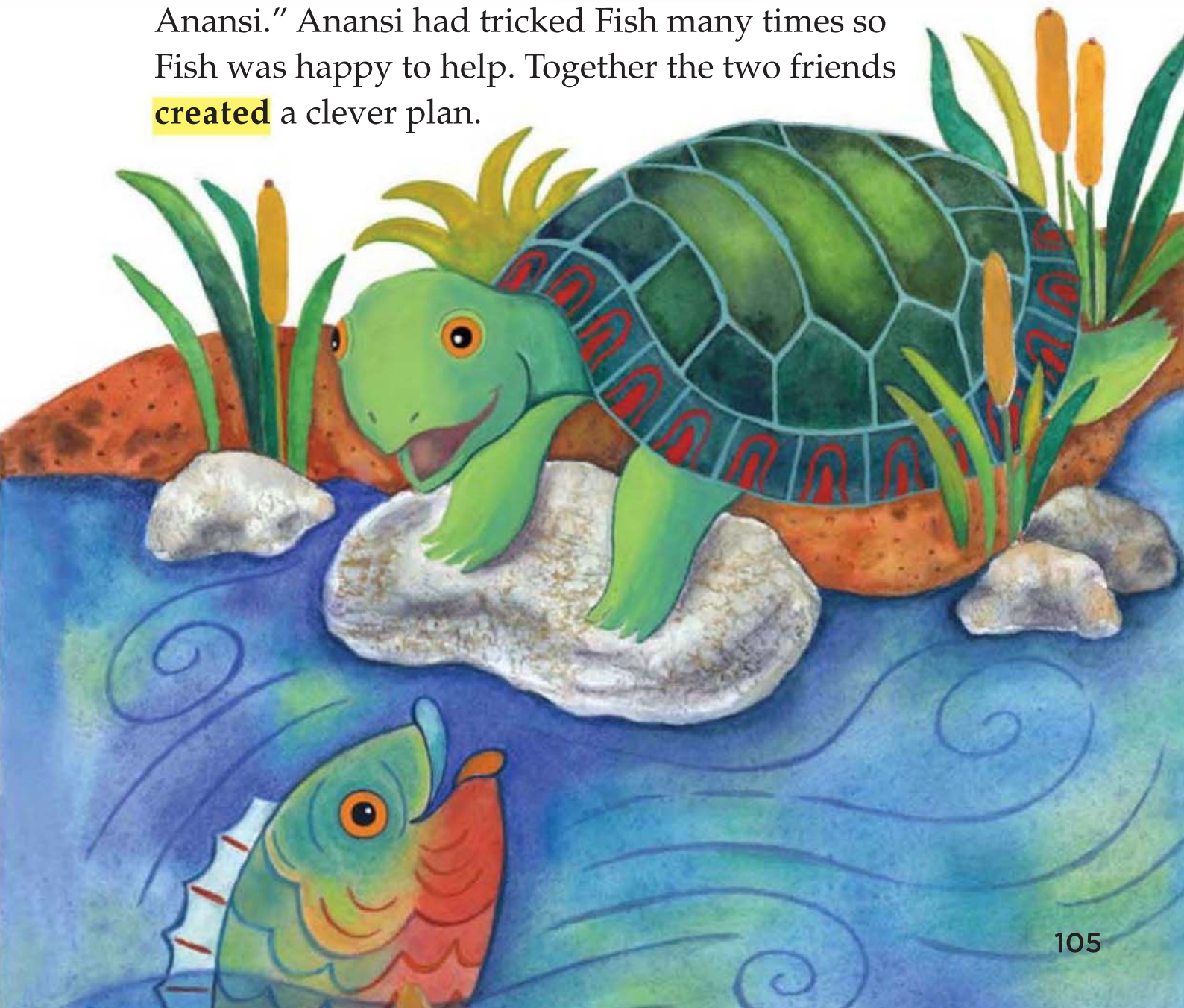


Turtle was angry at Anansi. He decided to teach that nasty spider a lesson. "Please come to my house at the bottom of the lake for dinner tomorrow," said Turtle.

Anansi quickly said yes. He loved free food.

Turtle couldn't trick Anansi alone, so he decided to ask Fish to get **involved** and help make a plan.

Turtle found Fish at the lake. "Fish, I need your help," he said. "With your **cooperation**, we can trick Anansi." Anansi had tricked Fish many times so Fish was happy to help. Together the two friends **created** a clever plan.



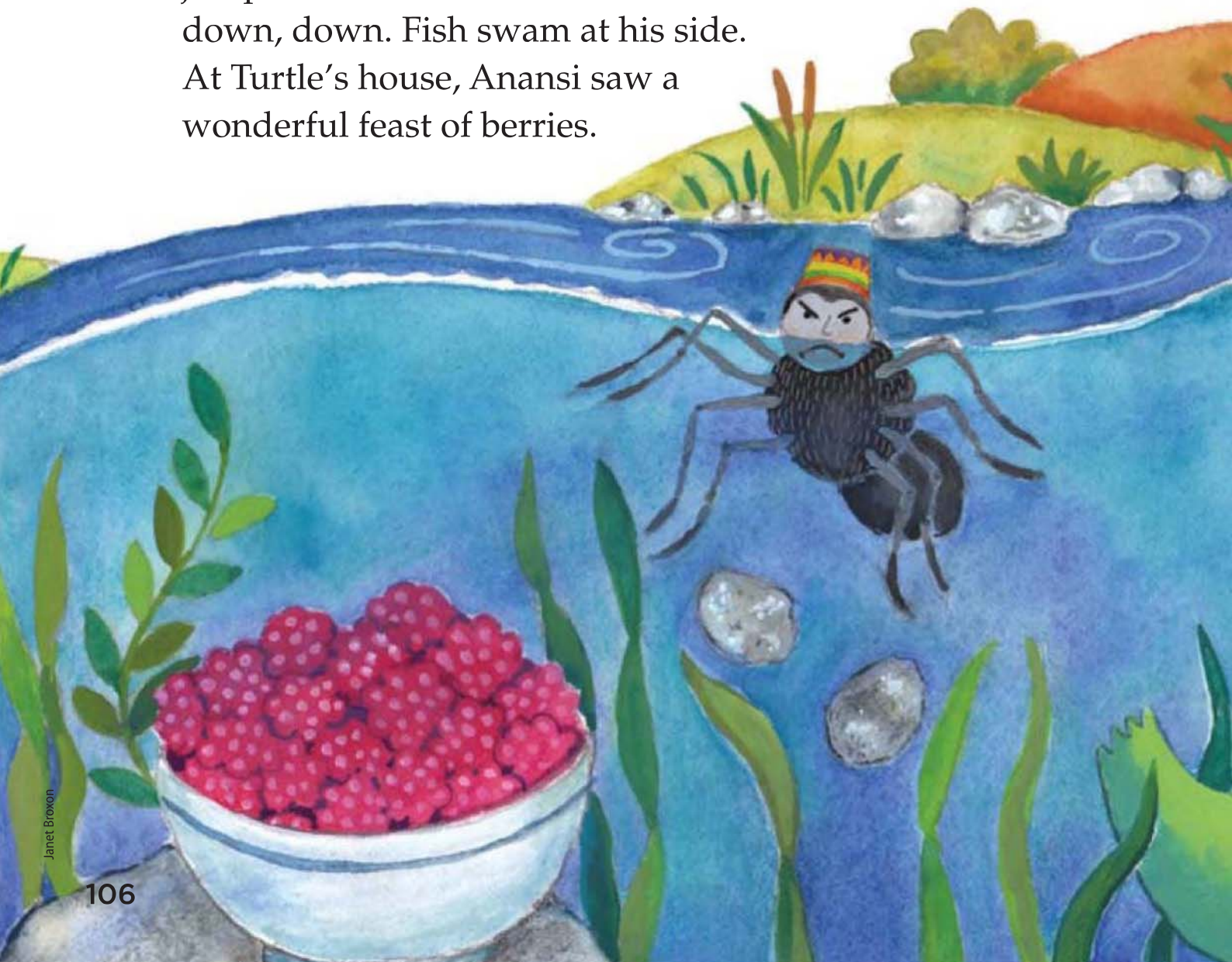


The next day, Anansi went to the lake. Fish met him at the water's edge. "Come Anansi," said Fish. "We will swim to Turtle's house together." Anansi jumped into the water. He was a clumsy and **awkward** swimmer. He was also very light.

"How will I ever get down to Turtle's house?" he cried.

Fish knew what to say. "Grab some heavy stones. Then you will sink, not float."

Anansi picked up two big stones, jumped into the lake, and sank down, down, down. Fish swam at his side. At Turtle's house, Anansi saw a wonderful feast of berries.



“Welcome, Anansi,” said Turtle. “Drop those stones and help yourself.”

As soon as Anansi dropped the stones, he rocketed to the surface of the lake. Anansi sputtered **furiously**. “Fish and Turtle tricked me,” he cried angrily.

Back at the bottom of the lake, Turtle and Fish laughed and laughed.

“We worked together and taught Anansi a lesson,” said Turtle.

“What a good way to solve a problem,” said Fish. “Let’s eat!”



## Make Connections

Tell how Turtle and Fish worked together to trick Anansi. **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

Think of a time when you and a friend solved a problem. Why was it easier to work together? **TEXT TO SELF**