

Hana the Hyena – Discussion Guide for Parents & Teachers

This one-page guide offers questions and activity ideas you can use after reading *The Hyena Who Went To Dinner*. Use them to help children talk about courage, belonging, kindness, and visiting new places.

1. Getting started

- Ask children what they think the story might be about from the title and cover.
- Invite them to share a time when they visited a new place.



2. Feelings & courage

- How do you think Hana felt when she left Harar?
- What helped Hana feel braver in the city?
- When was a time you felt nervous and then felt better?
- What are some ways we can show we are brave?



3. Belonging & kindness

- What makes Hana feel like she belongs at the dinner table?
- Why is it important to be kind to people who are different?
- How can we make others feel welcome and included?
- Share a time someone was kind to you.



Tip:

Children don't have to answer every question. Choose one or two that feel right, and let the conversation flow naturally.

4. Simple activities

- Draw a picture of a time you felt brave.
- Try drawing or writing a "postcard" from a new place, like Hana.
- Find Ethiopia on a map and look at some pictures of Addis Ababa.
- Share a favorite food from your family's culture.