

Cooperation MARCH 2025



SAY IT:

Cooperation: Working together to do more than you can do alone

KNOW IT:

ASK A GROWN-UP:

- Tell me about a time you had to work together with someone to accomplish a task.
- What are some ways you have to cooperate with others at your job or in your family?

ASK A KID:

- Would you rather work alone or in a group on an assignment at school?
- Tell us about a time you had more fun when you worked with others on a project or chore.

SEE IT:

The Disney series, *Phineas and Ferb*, perfectly illustrates the benefits of cooperation. Phineas and Ferb are two step-brothers who create and build extraordinary projects every day. Among their creations are a roller coaster through town, a beach in their backyard, a time machine, a rocket ship, a haunted house, and the list goes on and on. One of the coolest things about their creations is that they rarely do it by themselves. In each episode, they enlist help from several of their friends and work together to do amazing things. Check out the first episode of *Phineas and Ferb*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLWBx37eKBM>. As you watch, notice how they work together to create something way better than they could have done on their own.

BE IT:

Get together with a group of friends or family members and come up with a project to work on together. You may want to build something cool, create a game to play, tackle a chore at your house, or even a service project to help someone in your community. Discuss how each person in your group can help make the project better and easier. As you work together, keep in mind: "Teamwork makes the dream work!"

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It's pretty simple – the words we use with kids matter.

Our words have an impact each day on what kids think of themselves, their future, and their interactions with the world. Here are some words you can use every day:

Good morning!

I love you

I have noticed...

I hope you know...

Have fun!

Keep trying

I'm really proud when...

Work hard

I've been thinking...

I'm sorry

Be kind

I can always count
on you to...

So don't miss it. It's just a phase! Make sure you are using words every day to build up the skills you want to see in your child.