

## **A Pair of Pears and an Orange**

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An adorable story about making new friends and finding creative solutions to playground problems.

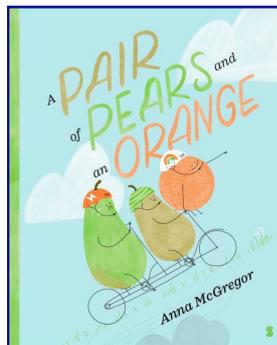
A pair of pears rocked on a seesaw.

A pair of pears played ping-pong.

A pair of pears rode their tandem bike.

Until one day, someone new wanted to join their fun.

Big Pear and Little Pear love playing together. But when Orange joins in, their games don't work and Big Pear feels left out. A relatable, hilarious, and kind-hearted tale about navigating friendship when three definitely starts to feel like a crowd! From the author of much-loved *Anemone is not the Enemy*.



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### **Themes:**

- Friendship
- Games
- Creative problem-solving
- Imagination and play
- Friendship triangles
- New experiences

### **Discussion Questions and Activities:**

- How do you feel after reading this book?
- Which was your favourite page, and why?
- Have you ever found it tricky to be the new kid in a social situation? What helped you to settle in — or did you move on and find a group or person who you were better suited to? If you're struggling right now to make friends, what would your ultimate friend be like?
- Have you ever found it hard to include someone new into your friendship group? How did you work this out?

### **Activities:**

#### *Word play*

- The title of this story contains a homophone. A homophone is a word that sounds the same as another word but has a different meaning, like 'pear' and 'pair'. As a group, can you brainstorm a list of other homophones?

#### *Craft*

- Make some fruit friends! Pears and oranges are great choices, but you could make a cute character out of lots of other fruits, such as bananas, apples, lemons, avocados (did you know they're technically fruit?!), or even a vegetable such as a capsicum or carrot.
- You could stick on some googly-eye stickers for the eyes and use twigs or toothpicks for arms and legs. How will you make the mouth? You could cut a mouth shape into the fruit/vegetable, use a sticker, or even attach a raspberry with a toothpick.
- Make a stop-motion animation with your new characters. If you've made pear and orange pals, you could use them to make an animation of the story you've just read. Once you're done, eat your fruit n veg!