

Dinner Sorted!

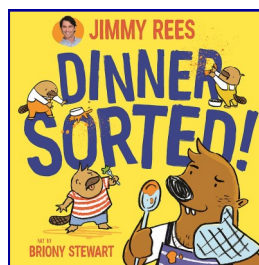
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Who said dinnertime was hard? Dad's got dinner sorted! Lenny and the twins sit at the table, ready to dig in. Dad has cooked a delicious meal - Lenny's favourite! - and there is enough for everyone to have seconds. Perfect! But then - What's that green stuff? I need a spoon! I need a bowl! It's too hot! It's too cold! Can I have dessert yet? From one of Australia's best-loved comedians and children's entertainers Jimmy Rees and illustrator Briony Stewart comes a story about the dinnertime drama that families everywhere will know all too well.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Excuses
- Routine
- Family

Discussion Questions

Comprehension

- Where is the family at the start of this book? What are each of the family members doing?
- Who cooked the dinner for Lenny and the twins?
- What is the deal that Mum and the kids make before they sit down to dinner? Do you get asked to wash your hands before you eat your dinner, too?
- Do you think Dad made a mess when he cooked dinner? Can you find a page that shows this mess? Dad says that he has cooked Lenny's favourite for dinner. Have a look at the meal Lenny is eating. What kind of food do you think this is?
- What do Lenny and the twins want to eat instead of dinner?
- What type of dessert do they eat?
- Describe some of the toys that you see in this book.
- What is Mum doing while the kids are eating dinner?
- What type of animal does the family have as a pet? Can you list some things that the pet is doing in this book?

Social and emotional development

- Lenny certainly has a lot of reasons why he can't eat dinner! Have you ever used any of the excuses that Lenny makes?
- If you were Lenny, would you have made all those excuses?
- Flip through the pages and look at Dad's face on each page. What kind of expressions does Dad have? When does he look the most and least happy?
- Why do you think Dad is unhappy about Lenny and the twins not eating their dinner?
- Do your siblings ever 'copy' what you do at home? Can you spot some examples of the twins copying what Lenny is doing?

Literacy

- Flip through the book again and have a look at pages that have bigger writing. How does your voice change when you read this writing? Do you say these words louder or in a different voice?

Numeracy

- How many excuses does Lenny make? Which was the funniest?
- How many different types of food can you count in this book?
- How many spoons did Dad need to find?
- How many stripes does Dad's apron have?
- How many times does Mum change her clothes? Why does she need to do this?

Activities:

- Complete the activities that are attached.

ACTIVITY ONE: DREAM UP A PERFECT DINNER!

Imagine that you are making the best ever dinner for your family. Write a list of all the things you'd like to make and eat! If it's a very fancy dinner, you might like to include ...

- What you're eating as a starter.
- The main meal and any side dishes.
- The dessert. (Or maybe you have more than one!)

Perhaps you'd like to make an invitation to your dinner? You can fill in the invite below, if so!

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DEAR

YOU ARE INVITED TO MY DINNER PARTY! PLEASE MEET ME

AT PM. WE WILL BE EATING IN

FOR DINNER, WE WILL BE EATING

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FOR DESSERT, WE WILL BE EATING

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I REALLY HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!

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ACTIVITY TWO: DRAW YOUR DINNERTIME!

You could show your family enjoying their dinner, or perhaps you'd just like to draw your dinner plate full of yummy foods?

