

Cosmo's Connected Community

Why did the chameleon climb to the other side of the tree? He wanted to *branch out!*

Hi! I'm Cosmo, a chameleon. I love laughing and telling jokes with my friends. There are many kinds of chameleons, with over 150 species in different sizes, shapes, and colors. We're famous for *changing* colors—we can turn brown, green, blue, yellow, red—and even patterned. We change because

of light, temperature, or to show our moods.

I've heard that some humans with different skin colors have trouble getting along. How crazy is that? I love all of my friends—it doesn't matter if they're green, blue, or striped. If everyone were the same, it would be borrrrr-ring! When all humans appreciate diversity, the world will be a happier place—and that's no joke!

Use the letter pairs to complete Cosmo's tips about getting along with diverse friends. Each pair is used only once.



TIPS FOR BRANCHING OUT

- Welcome new friends with **C A** _____ words and a smile.
- Watch for ways to _____ others.
- Speak up when you see _____ being bullied.
- _____ and be open-minded when you hear different opinions.
- Ask others about their _____ traditions and celebrations.
- Learn _____ phrases in a friend's language.
- Use respect and _____ manners—like “please” and “thank you”—even with pals.
- Ask a _____ to join you to sit with new kids at lunch.
- Remember that some cultures may be uncomfortable with eye contact, touching, or _____ voices.
- Apologize if you tell a _____ that accidentally hurts someone's feelings.