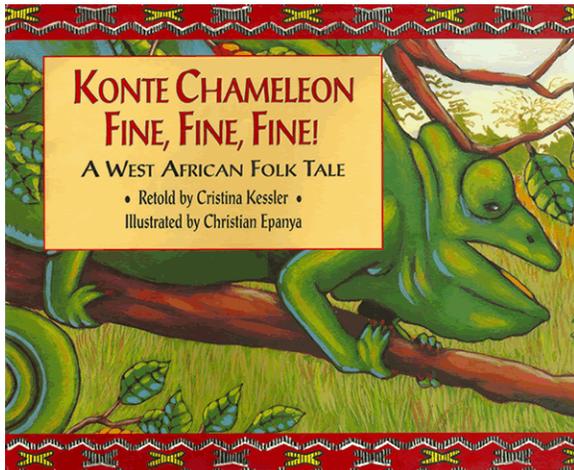




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Konte Chameleon, Fine, Fine, Fine!



Parent-Teacher Guide

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There is nothing like a book that makes the reader smile through the whole story. That's what *Konte Chameleon, Fine, Fine, Fine!* does. The repetitive sounds and vibrant illustrations by Christian Epanya combine to create a fun learning experience for young readers.

Kids have demonstrated for me all around the world their interpretations of the different sounds of Konte laughing, worrying, eating, jumping, following Dr. Jalloh orders and celebrating his discovery that he is Fine, Fine, Fine!

It's easy to make this book very interactive. One teacher had her class divided into different sounds, and when she pointed at them, they said in unison, snoo, snoo, snoo, or kurr, kurr, kurr. Or whatever their phrase was. It was a joy to watch as all the kids joined in for Fine, Fine, Fine!



1. Facts About Chameleons:

- Chameleons change colors to attract a mate, to fix their body temperature, or avoid predators.
- There are 202 types of chameleons around the world.
- Some have tongues that can stretch 2 feet long as they snap out of the rolled-up position in their mouth.
- The tongue snaps out up to 13 miles per hour!
- Most chameleons live in the forests and deserts of Africa.
- They can change colors because their outer skin is see-through. The brain sends messages to the little cells inside packed with colors to get bigger or smaller. This is what changes the outside color of the critter.
- They range in size from as small as your thumbnail to as big as a housecat.
- Their eyes are also unusual. Each eye moves independently of the other, giving them a view of life on both sides of their heads.
- Chameleons don't have ears, but they can still detect sounds.
- Chameleons can live from 2 to 10 years, depending on the type of chameleon.
- Their movement is always very, very slow, calculated and intentional.
- They are solitary.
- They sleep about 12 hours a day, from sunset to sunrise.
- They love to eat crickets and walking sticks.

2. Discussion topics:

1. What is Konte doing when we first meet him?
2. What makes him upset?
3. What kind of an animal is Dr. Jalloh?
4. Did the doctor give Konte the right advice?
5. What did he tell him to do?
6. What colors does the Dr. send Konte to?



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7. What is Konte's biggest lesson or discovery?
8. Have you ever had a surprising lesson that gave you good news about yourself?
9. How would you describe a Fine, Fine, Fine! day for yourself?

I hope your students enjoy Konte's learning experience. A little guy in Dubai told me that his new favorite phrase was Fine, Fine, Fine! I wonder if he still says it all these years later!

