

Dr. Kookaburra - Water

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It is a bright beautiful day. We see Tino, Yindi, Oscar and Kel out on the Wing-ball field (it resembles a soccer field but with basketball hoops). They're playing against a rival team. Time to huddle up.

KEL

Ok team, bring it in!  
There's eight seconds left on the  
clock and the other team is up by  
two points...

We see the other team smiling menacingly back at them.

KEL (CONT'D)

But we can win this thing!  
Who's ready?!

YINDI

(Confident)  
Ready!

OSCAR

(Confident)  
Ready!

TINO

(Nervous)  
Wait, uh, what do I do?

KEL

(To Tino)  
Tino you run upfield and I'll kick  
the ball to you!  
(To everyone)  
Aaand break!

Kel, Tino, Yindi and Oscar split from the huddle and run to their positions. They hold for a moment. Kel gives them a nod. The whistle sounds. Tino, Yindi and Oscar start running toward the goal. The other team advances on them. Kel kicks the ball to Tino, he looks nervous as it comes toward him but to his surprise he controls it well at his feet. Stunned, he can only stare blankly ahead and can't seem to move. The other team sprints toward him.

OSCAR

Go, Tino!!

YINDI

Run!!

Tino looks terrified now.

TINO

[Scared, stammering noises]

KEL

Over here!! Over here!!

Kel is in wide open free space ready to score the game-winning dunk.

TINO  
I - I can't!  
[Gasp!]  
[Scared scream]

The other team comes sliding in to tackle Tino, but just as they are about to make contact, Tino bolts wide awake at his desk.

2 INT. CLASSROOM (MORNING, OVERCAST)

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TINO  
Huh?...  
Oh thank goodness.

Tino slumps in his chair, relieved it was all in their imaginations. Kel, Oscar and Yindi come back to reality too.

OSCAR  
Ah! We were so close!

TINO  
Sorry guys, I - I froze up.

KEL  
That's ok team, this is why we practice in our imaginations - so we win for real on the field!

YINDI  
Do you really think we can beat the other team? They're SO good!

KEL  
Pff! They won't know what hit them! Trust me, we're gonna win today and NOTHING'S gonna stop us!

A huge tropical rainstorm suddenly starts pouring down outside. The kids race to the window to see.

OSCAR  
Except maybe that.

KEL  
Nooo!!

Dr. Kookaburra suddenly bursts into the classroom.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
(Celebratory)  
Yes!!  
Check out that beautiful rain!  
(MORE)

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)  
 Isn't it wonderful, class? So  
 relaxing and soothing...

YINDI  
 No, it's grey and sad!

OSCAR  
 And wet!

KEL  
 And our big wing-ball game today  
 will be cancelled!

TINO  
 (To himself)  
 Phew!

DR. Kookaburra notices Tino's relief. He thinks for a moment.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Hmm. I think we might have stumbled  
 into a new lesson plan for today.

The kids slowly return to their desks.

KEL  
 [Deep Sigh].

As he addresses the class, Dr. Kookaburra pours five glasses  
 of water from the water fountain and begins to hand them out  
 one by one.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Yes, the sky may be grey.  
 And yes, things are getting pretty  
 wet out there. BUT! Water is  
 nothing less than AMAZING.

As Dr. Kookaburra makes it to Oscar, he offers him a glass of  
 water. Oscar politely waves it away and instead pops a can of  
 'tropical blue cherry lemon blast'.

OSCAR  
 Explain.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Oh I'll tell you all about it, but  
 first...  
 (Raising his cup)  
 A toast! To water.

Everyone starts taking a sip.

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)  
 (Casual)  
 So anyway did you know the water we  
 drink used to be dinosaur pee?

Tino, Yindi and Kel all abruptly spit out their water in shock.

TINO  
[Disgusted noise]

YINDI  
[Disgusted noise]

KEL  
[Disgusted noise]

OSCAR  
[Smug chuckling]  
Good thing I stuck with soda!

Oscar takes another sip.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
Sorry to break it to you Oscar but  
that soda is made of mostly water  
too.

OSCAR  
(Sputters)  
Gah! I already swallowed it!!

TINO  
Doc, how can water be dinosaur pee?  
There ARE no more dinosaurs!

Dr. Kookaburra holds his clear glass of water up to his eye.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
Don't worry, class! All will become  
crystal clear on today's journey!  
Imagination stations, everyone!

KEL  
(Sulking)  
I hope we learn how to make this  
rain go away.

Tino, Oscar, Yindi and Kel place their hands on their desks  
and close their eyes.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
Everyone sitting in the front row -  
you're in the splash zone.

YINDI  
But, we ARE the front row.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
Exactly! Now, off we go!

Everyone launches into their imagination-selves and rockets  
out of the window, up toward space.

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EXT. SPACE, VIEW OF PLANET EARTH.

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YINDI

Aw, I love coming to space.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Never gets old, does it?

Dr. Kookaburra and class admire the view of Earth for a moment.

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)

More than two-thirds of Earth's surface is covered in water. But! Water is very, very precious.

TINO

Why? There's so much.

KEL

(Sulking)

TOO much.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Let me put it this way. Have you ever accidentally swallowed sea water?

KIDS (ALL)

Yuck!

OSCAR

It's so salty and gross!

DR. KOOKABURRA

Exactly! We need fresh non-salty water to drink. And less than one percent of all water on Earth is like that.

TINO

That's not that much.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Nope. Not to mention, we also need to use lots fresh water for many other things, like washing ourselves and to help grow our fruits and vegetables.

KEL

(Sulking)

Where did water even come from?

DR. KOOKABURRA

(Impressed)

Woah!

(MORE)

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)  
 I know you're still a little upset  
 about the wing-ball game, Kel, but  
 WOW! That's a doozy of a question!

Kel's spirits lift some. She and Dr. Kookaburra high five.

KEL  
 (Chuckling)  
 Boo-yah!

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 And a doozy question deserves a  
 doozy fact! Get this. About forty  
 percent of all water on Earth is  
 OLDER than the Earth itself.

The kids looked totally stumped for a beat.

YINDI  
 What?

TINO  
 How?

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Kinda' weird, right?!  
 Science doesn't quite have all the  
 answers to this one, but it is  
 true! Billions and billions of  
 years ago, while the Earth was  
 still forming, it was very, very  
 hot.

We see the Earth rapidly rewind to its' early stages. It's  
 now a hot molten rock.

TINO  
 It's like Earth was being baked in  
 the oven.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Hey! 'Terrific Tino' is here!

Dr. Kookaburra and Tino fist bump.

TINO  
 [Exploding fist bump noise]

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 That's good, that's good! Earth was  
 being "baked in the oven" and it  
 was far too hot for all of Earth's  
 water to be able to exist! And  
 yet...

We see the Earth rapidly fast forward to having developed  
 oceans.

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)  
 ...Earth's water IS here!  
 So, the best idea we have is that a  
 lot of it arrived here on ice  
 comets and asteroids from outer  
 space!

We see the Earth getting pummelled with lots and lots of  
 asteroids.

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)  
 All that space ice crash landed on  
 Earth and melted into the water we  
 have today!

OSCAR  
 Our water came from...

TINO  
 Outer space?...

Beat.

YINDI  
 (Happy rage)  
 THE EARTH HAS ALIEN WATER!!

TINO, OSCAR, KEL  
 [Laughter]

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 You said it best, Yindi!  
 Come on. Let's fly down for a  
 closer look at things.

4 EXT. EARTH, VARIOUS LOCATIONS (DAY) 4

Dr. Kookaburra leads the class flying through the sky.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Water is in just about EVERYTHING.  
 It's in the ground, the sea, the  
 sky, and in every living thing...

Suddenly the class is traveling through the Mariana Trench,  
 past some fish.

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)  
 ...Creatures from the deepest  
 depths of the ocean...

The class now flies over the Sahara, past a lizard.

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)  
 ...to the driest desert.



KIDS (ALL)  
 (Captivated)  
 Woah!

They fly back up to the sky and come to a stop.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 In fact, WE are mostly water. About  
 sixty percent of our bodies are  
 made of the stuff!

OSCAR  
 (Raising hand, straining)  
 Ooh ooh!

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Yes, Oscar?

We see a visualisation of Oscar's question.

OSCAR  
 Does that mean that when I go  
 swimming, technically, less than  
 half of me needs to actually swim?  
 And the water I'm made of can just  
 kind of float along in the pool?

Beat.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Ok, I'm not going to answer that  
 but I AM going to high-five you  
 because that was kinda' genius!

Dr. Kookaburra and Oscar high five.

OSCAR  
 Logic!

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Say. What do a cucumber and a  
 jellyfish have in common?

A cucumber and a jellyfish pop into existence.

KEL  
 What?

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 They're both about ninety-five  
 percent water!

Kel studies the jellyfish and cucumber up close. She recoils  
 at the jellyfish.

KEL  
 I know which one I'd rather eat  
 though.

TINO

Hey, Doc. What about that thing you said about the water we drink being dinosaurs'... you know...

OSCAR

Yeah! You said we drank their pee!

DR. KOOKABURRA

Ha ha! Indeedy I did! And indeedy we do!

YINDI

Whaaat? No way!

TINO

Come on, that's not true is it?

OSCAR

So gross. So gross. So gross.

KEL

How can we? They don't exist!

Dr. Kookaburra holds up his hands to quieten things down.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Allow me to explain.  
All of Earth's water is in a closed system - which means, no "new" water is made. It's always been the same water.

YINDI

If it's all the same, won't we eventually drink it all?

DR. KOOKABURRA

Well, what happens sooner or later after you drink water?

YINDI

I need to p- OH NO!

DR. KOOKABURRA

Ha ha! I think you're starting to get it! Come on, there's more.

Dr. Kookaburra leads the class back down toward the ground.

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EXT. EARTH'S SURFACE; FOLLOWING WATER (DAY)

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Dr. Kookaburra and class fly gently above the ground, following the various locations of the water as he describes them.

DR. KOOKABURRA

All the water down here, whether it's in this lake...  
This river...  
This ocean...

(MORE)

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)  
 This puddle...  
 Or yes, even flushed down a  
 toilet...

KIDS (ALL)  
 Eww.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 It will eventually - EVAPORATE!  
 Who knows what that means?

Yindi raises her hand.

YINDI  
 That's when the sun dries it up.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 ROO! ROO! ROO! Good answer!

Dr. Kookaburra and Yindi high-five.

YINDI  
 Yay!

We see a visualisation of Dr. Kookaburra's explanation.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Heat from the sun causes the water  
 to stop being a liquid and start  
 being vapour! That means it floats  
 up high into the sky and becomes...

KEL  
 (Sulking)  
 Something that ruins wing-ball!

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 (Nervous)  
 Otherwise known as a cloud. Yes.  
 (Cheerful again)  
 And when clouds get too big and  
 heavy full of vapour, the vapour  
 turns back into liquid water and  
 it...

KEL  
 [Groans]. Rains.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
 Right! And the whole thing goes  
 round and round and round again!

OSCAR  
 Even back in dinosaur times!

DR. KOOKABURRA

Exactly! The water we drink today is the same water that was drunk by the stegosaurus, triceratops, and yes... even the t-rex!

TINO

And I guess even dinosaurs had to wee.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Indeed they did! Then, the water inside that prehistoric dino weewee "EVAPORATED".

DR. Kookaburra gestures for the kids to repeat the word.

KIDS (ALL)

E-VAP-OR-RA-TED!

We see the water cycle come to life as Dr. Kookaburra explains it step by step.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Right! Dino wee water becomes vapour, becomes a cloud, becomes rain, becomes drinking water, and so on and so on and so on and so on, and well...

(Point made)

...there it is.

Beat.

OSCAR

Still feels kinda gross though.

TINO, YINDI, KEL

Yeah!

DR. KOOKABURRA

Ha ha! The important thing to remember is that the water we get from the tap has been CLEANED already. There's all sorts of nasty germs and bacteria that can get into water, so we're very fortunate to have access to such CLEAN drinking water.

OSCAR

Well, I guess if we've been drinking dino pee our whole lives anyway... it can't be THAT bad.

KIDS (ALL)

[Laughter].

DR. KOOKABURRA

Pretty much! Now. Can we all stop talking about gross dinosaur fluids?

TINO

Yes!

YINDI

PLEASE.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Alright! Moving on!  
Here's something fun. One litre of water... that's this much... weighs exactly one kilogram.

KEL

Oh! That's pretty clever.

Dr. Kookaburra quickly leans up close to Kel.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Like YOU!

KEL

[Chuckles]

Dr. Kookaburra zips back. We see visualisations of his water demonstrations come to life.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Also, water is the only thing on Earth that is found naturally in three different forms.  
Liquid - that one's easy.

OSCAR

Easy dinosaur-peesy!

KIDS (ALL)

[Laughter]

DR. KOOKABURRA

I thought I said no more dino pee pee please.

OSCAR

O-kayyyy!

DR. KOOKABURRA

But if we raise the temperature all the way up to one hundred degrees celsius, the water boils, becoming a GAS.

YINDI

Careful now!

DR. KOOKABURRA

Too right!  
Conversely, if we LOWER the  
temperature all the way down to  
zero degrees celsius... the water  
becomes a SOLID.

OSCAR

Ice!

DR. KOOKABURRA

Yep! Check it out! It's completely  
frozen stiff!

Tino suddenly looks worried. He has flashbacks to the wing-  
ball game where he imagined himself freezing up, unable to  
move.

TINO

(To himself)

[Uneasy, worried groan]

Dr. Kookaburra continues to show off with the ice.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Not much moving going on here! Hard  
as a rock! Just a solid, frozen,  
SLLOOOWWW-

TINO

(Interrupts)

Um, Doc?

DR. KOOKABURRA

yes, Tino?

TINO

How can you stop someone- UM!-  
something from freezing up like  
that? What if something needs to  
move forward but just... can't?

Dr. Kookaburra looks at the other students for a moment. They  
don't seem to have understood what Tino is really referring  
to. He turns back to Tino with a quick understanding nod.

DR. KOOKABURRA

I see.

Dr. Kookaburra takes a moment to choose his words.

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)

Well... the good thing, Tino, is  
when things are frozen stiff, it  
doesn't take much to get them  
moving again.

TINO

Like how?

DR. KOOKABURRA

With just a little encouragement.  
If we raise things by even just one  
degree celsius that's all we need  
to thaw the ice and unleash the  
free moving, flowing, SURGING  
water! The water that's in YOU  
Tino.

Dr. Kookaburra makes the visualised water experiment grow.  
More and more water pours out into a giant rectangular tank.

TINO

Really?...

The huge tank morphs into various shapes; a sphere, a  
pyramid, a figure-eight. The water splashes and sloshes  
around like crazy into all the different forms.

DR. KOOKABURRA

Absolutely! And the thing about  
water is; it can take any shape!  
It's fast, flexible, and if given  
even the tiniest gap it will ALWAYS  
find a way through!

Dr. Kookaburra cracks a small hole in the tank and water  
starts to burst through. The tank smashes completely,  
creating a rapid water slide. The class slides down super  
excitedly.

KIDS (ALL)

(Happily sliding)

Woah!! Yeeeah!!

They come to a stop and the water drains away. Dr. Kookaburra  
leans closely to talk just to Tino now.

DR. KOOKABURRA

The question is - what are you made  
of, Tino?

TINO

Um. Mostly water.

DR. KOOKABURRA

You're darn right you are.

Dr. Kookaburra give Tino a little bump on the shoulder and  
Tino smiles with growing confidence.

The school bell rings, snapping everyone back into reality.

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INT. CLASSROOM (DAY)

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DR. KOOKABURRA  
H-2-WOAH! It is that time already!

KIDS (ALL)  
Wow!

Dr. Kookaburra stands from his desk and fills a jug with water from the fountain.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
Before you go! Let's debrief!

Dr. Kookaburra approaches the kids desks and fills their glasses up with more water; Tino, Oscar, Kel then Yindi.

DR. KOOKABURRA (CONT'D)  
There's a lot we can learn from water.

TINO  
(Contemplative)  
There really is.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
It hydrates us...

Oscar eyes his soda can, but reaches for the glass of water instead.

OSCAR  
[Refreshed Exhale]  
Ahh!

DR. KOOKABURRA  
It helps the trees and grass grow.  
(Theatrically whispers)  
That includes the grass on the wing-ball court. We couldn't play wing-ball without it!

KEL  
(Realising)  
That's true.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
And when the rain clears, if we're super lucky, we might even get to see one of those.

YINDI  
Huh?

Dr. Kookaburra gestures outside. The camera pulls quickly back to reveal the sun is now shining in a partly-cloudy sky. A big beautiful rainbow has appeared.



KIDS (ALL)

WOW!!

YINDI

It's so beautiful!

OSCAR

Hey, it stopped raining.

KEL

We can play wing-ball!!

YINDI

(Happy rage)

WE CAN PLAY AND WE CAN WIN!!

(Suddenly cute)

Ooh look it's a double rainbow.

KIDS (ALL)

(Mesmerised)

Wow...

DR. KOOKABURRA

Ah, there's your homework, class.  
See what you can learn about  
RAINBOWS! Where they come from,  
what they're made of, tell me  
everything!

KIDS (ALL)

(Excited)

O-Kayyy!

Kel jumps up on her desk.

KEL

Come on! We've got a game to win!

OSCAR

Yeah!!

YINDI

Yeah!!

TINO

Ok. Let's do this.

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EXT. SCHOOLYARD, WING-BALL FIELD (DAY)

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Tino, Yindi, Oscar and Kel are on the wing-ball field. It's a little slippery and wet. We see the rival team score a point.

RIVAL TEAM KID #1

Yeah!

RIVAL TEAM KID #2

We got this!

Kel calls for a huddle.

KEL  
 Ok team, bring it in!  
 It all comes down to this. We can  
 do it! Who's with me?

YINDI  
 (Confident)  
 Ready!

OSCAR  
 (Confident)  
 Ready!

TINO  
 (To himself)  
 I am water.

KEL  
 Aaand break!

KIDS (ALL)  
 Hup!

The kids ready themselves. Kel gives a nod. The whistle sounds. The rival team begin to advance on them, Kel launches the ball forward, it finds the head of Oscar, to the feet of Yindi, to just in front of Tino. Tino looks up and sees the entire rival team sprinting toward him. He hesitates.

KEL  
 Tino!

YINDI  
 Go, go, go!

OSCAR  
 Ruuuun!!

Tino takes a breath - then BURSTS forward. Sprinting, dribbling the ball at his feet. The first rival player approaches and Tino rounds him with ease. The next two players slide in and Tino flicks the ball up and over them. Finally the last player, the biggest and most determined kid, is blocking Tino's path well with seemingly no way through!

TINO  
 I AM WATER!!

Slow-mo shot. Tino slides down low to the ground, pushing the ball forward with his extended foot. Water from the wet grass splashes and sprays wildly all around. Tino slides right between the rival kids' legs.

RIVAL TEAM KID #1  
 What?!

Slow-mo end. Tino springs up to his feet. He stops.

TINO  
 Well, mostly. About sixty percent  
 or so.

We see Kel frantically waving her arms up ahead.

KEL  
Tino!! I'm open, I'm open!!

TINO  
Oh! Right!

Tino hoofs the ball forward to Kel. She catches it mid air, performs an impressive flip, and slam dunks the ball in the hoop right at the buzzer. Tino, Oscar and Yindi race up to join Kel. They win!!

KEL  
We did it!!

YINDI  
(Happy rage)  
Victory!!

OSCAR  
Tino that was amazing!!

TINO, OSCAR, YINDI, KEL  
[Happy celebrating]

RIVAL TEAM KID #1  
Ok, that was pretty cool.

KEL  
(Calls)  
Good game, guys! You wanna play again?

RIVAL TEAM KID #2  
Oh, you're On!

KEL  
Let's go!

TINO  
Woo!

YINDI  
Yay!

RIVAL TEAM KID #1  
Yahoo!

OSCAR  
I just need to hydrate myself with some stegosaurus pee!

RIVAL TEAM KID #1  
Wait, what?

We see the kids run off to start another game. The camera moves to the sidelines to reveal Dr. Kookburra, who's been watching on proudly from the stands the entire time. He's leaned back, relaxed, holding a glass of water.

DR. KOOKABURRA  
(To himself)  
[Chuckles]  
Water way to win.

The camera cranes up to reveal the double rainbows still shining brightly in the sky.

END.