

# Facing big challenges



Recommended  
5th grade



Length  
50-100 minutes

## About this lesson

In this lesson, students learn about the importance of perseverance when faced with big (and small) challenges. They define perseverance and the qualities that help someone persevere, uncover the importance perseverance plays in what they do and achieve, explore ways to demonstrate perseverance, and describe examples of perseverance from their own lives

## Learning objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will:

- Define perseverance and the qualities that help someone persevere
- Uncover the importance perseverance plays in what they do and achieve
- Explore ways to demonstrate perseverance
- Describe examples of perseverance from their own lives
- Research a person of interest and describe how they persevered when faced with a challenge

## Driving question

What does it take to overcome a big challenge?

## Future-ready skills

Grit

Perseverance

Positive attitude

## Lesson breakdown

30-40  
minutes

### Activity 1 - Mission: Facing big challenges

Direct students to complete **Mission: Facing big challenges**, where they will consider what it takes to overcome a big challenge

20-60  
minutes

### In-real-life mission: A person who persevered!

In this extension activity, students research the perseverance story of someone famous or someone they know. They can use the handout to record their findings, or create a video, audio recording, or photo collage of their mission. They then upload the artifact to **Storyboard**, and reflect on what they learned.

## Xello entry point

Students will add at least 1 achievement before beginning **Mission: Facing big challenges**. As part of the extension activity, students will upload their handout or artifact to **Storyboard** and reflect on what they learned about the topic and themselves.

## Vocabulary

- Perseverance
- Obstacle
- Resilience
- Attitude
- Focus
- Patience

## Student handouts

Click the link below to open the handout in Google Docs. Click **File** and **Make a copy** to save it to your own Google Drive. Now you can make your changes to the handout before sharing with students! Or, under **File**, click **Download** so you can begin sharing the PDF, as is.

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