

WAGON TRAIN AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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During the reading of the phrases below by the narrator, the audience should shout the associated phrase:

- “Head out!” for Wagon Train
- “Circle up!” for Challenge/Challenges
- “Keep trying!” for Persevere/Perseverance
- “Come and get it!” for Chuck Wagon
- “Clippety clop! Clippety clop!” for Horse/Horses

The Story

Once, there was a young man who wanted to travel west to the frontier lands. He was aware that he would face **Challenges** along the way, but he was determined to **Persevere**. Thus, he purchased a **Horse** and joined a **Wagon Train**.

This **Wagon Train** was quite unique as it consisted of seven **Chuck Wagons**, each with a team of seven **Horses**. All the **Horses** were named **Perseverance**, and every **Chuck Wagon** had a cook called Cookie. While traveling with the **Wagon Train**, the young man expected to encounter **Challenges**, but he was puzzled as to why all the **Horses** for the **Chuck Wagons** shared the same name, **Perseverance**.

So he inquired of the man in charge of the **Wagon Train**, “Why are all the **Chuck Wagon** *(pause)* **Horses** named **Perseverance**?”

To which the man responded, “Well, on this **Wagon Train**, the biggest **Challenge** most people face is digesting the food from the **Chuck Wagon**. Nevertheless, we all know that we need to eat to keep our strength up, and so we named the **Horses** *(pause)* **Perseverance** to remind ourselves that even in the most difficult **Challenges**, we must keep trying and not give up. Just as with any other **Challenge** we face, we must **Persevere** to succeed.”