

## Calm Collaboration Answer Key

1. B
2. C
3. D
4. A

### Short Answer (sample responses):

1. He took deep breaths and listened instead of interrupting.
2. It allowed everyone's ideas to be included, making the project stronger.
3. By waiting for others to share, staying calm, and working together respectfully.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** Teach middle school learners that patience supports teamwork and leads to better group outcomes.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - Read the passage aloud for students who need listening support.
  - Highlight key vocabulary like "frustrated," "cooperating," and "successful."
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Have small groups act out the story, switching roles between Alex, Zoe, and Jordan.
  - Discuss how patience feels in real-life teamwork situations.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Assign students to write a short reflection: "A Time I Had to Be Patient with Others."
  - Create a classroom "Patience Wall" where students post examples of patience in action.