

A Trip to the Top of the Volcano with Mouse

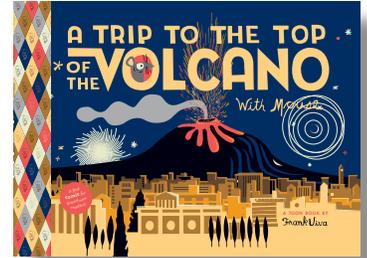
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FOR VISUAL READERS
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CCSS-aligned Guided Reading Lesson Plan

Standards indicated for grades K and 1 - (See page 7 for other grades.)

Overview	A boy and his hungry mouse friend climb to the top of a volcano. On the way, they learn a great deal of important information about volcanoes.
Science	Science
Grade Level	K-1
Suggested Time	40 minutes
Materials	Pencil, paper; red, orange, and gray colored paper; a pail or a box
Objectives	Students will learn what a volcano is, what is needed to explore one, what things live on it, its parts, and how it works.
BEFORE READING	
RI.K.5, RI.1.6	Look at the cover. What do you see? How does it make you feel?
RI.K.6	Who is the author and artist of this book?
RI.K.1, RI.K.2, RI.K.4, RI.1.4	What is a volcano? <i>A volcano is a mountain made of cooled lava. See the explanation below for pages 24-25.</i> Have you ever seen a volcano? What was it like? If you haven't, would you like to?
RI.K.4, RI.K.5, RI.1.4	What do you think the orange stuff coming out of the volcano is? <i>If they don't know, tell them it's lava, hot molten rock.</i>
RI.K.7, RI.1.3, RI.1.7	Do you think the city below the volcano is safe?

DURING READING

RI.K.3, RI.K.7,
RI.1.3, RI.1.6

Pages 4-5: This story takes place in Sicily, an island that is part of Italy. How do the boy and Mouse get to Sicily?



RI.K.1, RI.1.1

Pages 6-7: What is the name of the volcano? What does Mouse want?



RI.K.3, RI.1.3

Pages 8-9: When will the boy and Mouse climb the volcano?

RI.K.1, RI.K.3, RI.1.1,
RI.1.3

Pages 9-11: What will the boy and Mouse need to climb the volcano? Why will they need those things?

RI.K.1, RI.1.1, RI.K.7,
RI.1.7

Pages 12-14: What is grown at the bottom of the volcano? Which of those things do you like to eat? (See activity below.)



RI.K.1, RI.K.3, RI.1.1,
RI.1.3

Pages 16-17: How is the temperature changing? Why?



RI.K.1, RI.K.3,
RI.K.4, RI.K.7,
RI.1.1, RI.1.3, RI.1.4,
RI.1.7

Pages 19-21: What does the boy see as he gets close to the top of the volcano? What is steam? What are vents? What is lava?



RI.K.1, RI.K.2,
RI.K.3, RI.K.4,
RI.K.7, RI.K.8, RI.1.1,
RI.1.2, RI.1.3, RI.1.4,
RI.1.6, RI.1.7, RI.1.

Pages 24-25: How does a volcano work?

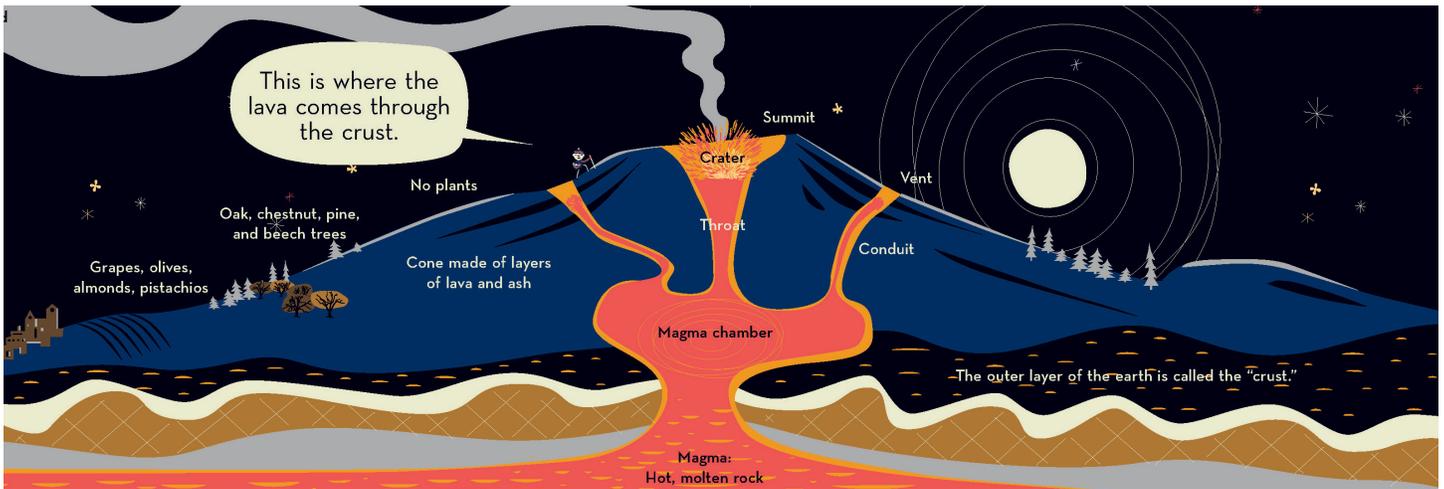
Magma is hot, molten rock beneath the surface of the earth. Because it is lighter than the rock all around it, it rises and accumulates in a magma chamber. As more and more magma enters the chamber, pressure builds, and the magma pushes through cracks in the earth's crust, its thin outer layer. When the magma exits or erupts from the volcano, it is called lava. Ash, rocks, smoke, and gases come out of the volcano as well. The lava cools and piles up, making the mountain taller at every eruption. The diagram on these pages shows all the parts of the volcano.

RI.K.7, RI.1.6, RI.1.7

How does the artist show that the lava is hot?

RI.K.1, RI.1.1, RI.K.7,
RI.1.7

You can see more things that grow on the side of the volcano: oak, chestnut, pine, beech, lemon, and pistachio trees.



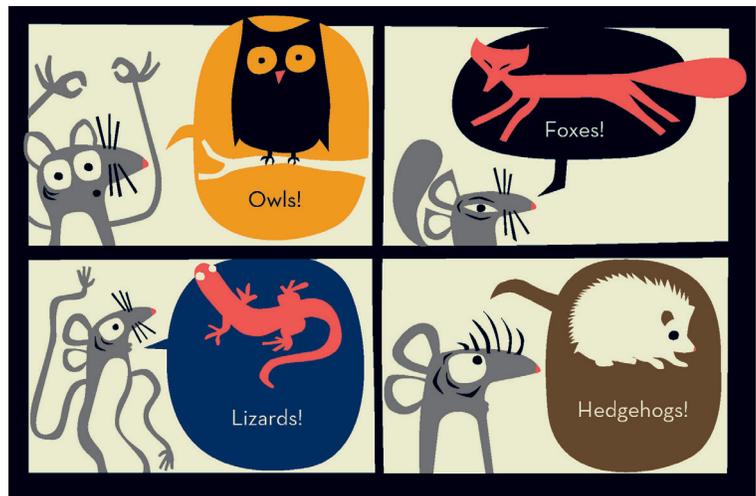
RI.K.1, RI.K.2,
RI.K.3, RI.K.7, RI.1.1,
RI.1.2, RI.1.3, RI.1.7

Pages 28-29: Why do you go back in time as you go down a volcano?



RI.K.1, RI.K.3,
RI.K.7, RI.1.1, RI.1.2,
RI.1.3, RI.1.7

Pages 30-31: What animals do the boy and Mouse see on their way down?



RI.K.1, RI.K.3, RI.1.1,
RI.1.3

Page 33: Does the mouse ever get his pizza?

Do you like pizza? What do you like to put on it?

What is patience? Do you think Mouse is patient? Mouse has already been to the bottom of the world (Frank Viva's *A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse*, TOON Books). Where else would you like to see him go?

VISUAL EXPRESSION

RI.K.2, RI.1.2

Ask children what they remember about the text.

RI.K.7, RI.1.7

Ask them how the illustrations help them to remember.

RI.K.7, RI.1.6, RI.1.7

What can you tell about the boy and Mouse that the author/artist shows us in pictures but doesn't say in words? (*Their personalities and their relationship, for example.*)

RI.K.7, RI.1.6, RI.1.7

What kinds of colors does the artist use? Why do you think he chose them? (Notice that the colors the boy wears when he visits the volcano are the same ones the artist chooses for the volcano itself.)

Look at Mouse's eyes when he says "Owls!" and "Foxes!" Why did the artist choose to make them that way?

RI.K.7, RI.1.7



AFTER READING

More about volcanoes:

RI.K.3, RI.K.4,
RI.1.3, RI.1.4

An *active* volcano is one that has recently erupted. It could erupt again soon. Mount Etna is one of the world's most active volcanoes. Do you think it's a good idea to live on or near an active volcano?

RI.K.4, RI.1.4

A *dormant* volcano has not erupted for a long time. However, it may erupt some time in the future.

RI.K.4, RI.1.4

An *extinct* volcano erupted thousands of years ago and will not erupt again.

There are different kinds of volcanoes. Here is a website with clear, accurate information about volcanoes for children who read well and might want to learn more:

<http://www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-volcano.htm>

There are volcanoes in the western United States and in Hawaii.

Activities:

Teachers can make a volcano that erupts safely with vinegar, baking soda, liquid soap, and food coloring. Or children can make one with their parents. Here are step-by-step instructions:

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Volcano>

And here's a video, with Science Bob:

<https://sciencebob.com/make-your-own-volcano/>

RI.K. 2, RI.1.2

Have children make their own version of the drawing on pages 24-25 (see the attached activity sheet.) Ask them if they can explain how a volcano works.



Have children act out the book in pairs. One student can be the boy (or girl), and the other can be Mouse. Then they can reverse roles.



Students can act out a volcano. Have a group of students form a circle and put their arms up, toward the center. Have another student with a pail or box of scraps of red, orange, and gray paper stand in the middle. At a given signal, have the student in the middle throw the scraps of paper into the air. You can have the students pick up the paper and then ask another child to go to the center to start again.

Take a survey of which of 4 or 5 things that grow on or below the volcano is their favorite to eat. Then make a graph of the results to display in the classroom.

Further research:

Have children do simple research on where there are volcanoes in the world. Where is the biggest one? Do you see any pattern to where they are located?

What is a volcanic crater? What is a caldera? What is the Ring of Fire?

Here are two videos of erupting volcanoes that you can show your students. Show only the first 40 seconds of the second one. Many videos of erupting volcanoes are scary.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FEvv8hgk04>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNrJ7g0QFCM>



A Trip to the Top of the Volcano with Mouse Activity Sheet

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Draw your own comic of a volcano spewing lava.

The volcano is quiet.

Magma comes up.

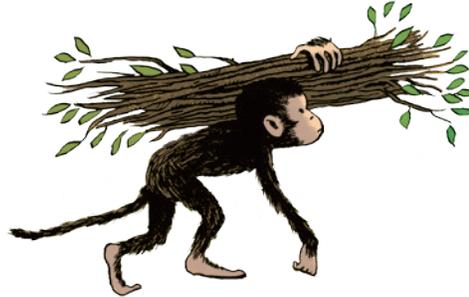
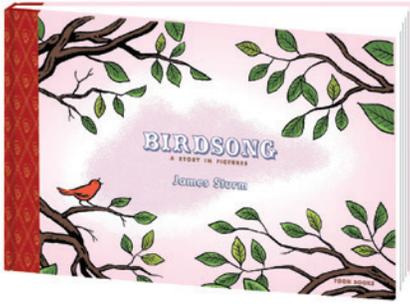
The volcano erupts!



Below are the ELA Common Core State Standards for Reading for Information addressed in this book by grade level.

	Key Ideas and Details	Craft and Structure	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
K	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.4 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.6 Name the author and illustrator of a text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text.	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.7 With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the text in which they appear (e.g., what person, place, thing, or idea in the text an illustration depicts). CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.8 With prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.
1	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.1 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.4 Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words or phrases in a text.	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.7 Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.8 Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.
2	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.2 Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.5 Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.6 Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.7 Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text.
3	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur). CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.8 Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence).
4	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.7 Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.8 Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.

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Guided Reading Level = WB

ELA COMMON CORE STANDARDS (GRADES K-1)

KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
<p>Look at the cover and opening pages. What do you think this story will be about? Where will it take place? How do you think it will make you feel?</p> <p>On p. 5, what are the children doing? Talk about their body language and facial expressions. What kind of mood do they seem to be in? Would you want to meet them?</p>	<p>RL.K.1 RL.1.1</p>
<p>How do the children end up at the top of the mountain? Whom do they meet there? On pages 9-15, how does the artist use color to focus our attention on the bird? Can you find any visual clues that tell us that the old man and the bird are somehow connected?</p> <p>How do the animals feel when they are threatened by the tiger? What do the hunters do with the animals? Do you think this is the right thing to do?</p>	<p>RL.K.2 RL.1.2</p>
<p>What are the two animals doing on p. 37? How do the children use the stick on p. 7? How do they use a stick on page p. 43? What do these details tell us about the ways they have changed?</p> <p>On p. 40, why do you think the bird returns? After the bird returns, how does the mood of the story change? Look for and discuss changes in the artwork that tell us that the story is coming to an end.</p>	<p>RL.K.3 RL.1.3</p>

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
<p>Talk about the setting on p. 29. Pay close attention to the words on the signs. What do they tell you about the way the “chimp children” are being treated? Do you think this is fair?</p> <p>Define the word <i>empathy</i>. Ask students to describe instances when characters from <i>Birdsong</i> who show empathy. What is the opposite of empathy? Ask students to talk about characters who fail to be empathetic.</p>	<p>RL.K.4 RL.1.4</p>
<p>Talk to students about the different ways to communicate a story. Discuss oral tradition, written books, illustrated books. Introduce <i>kamishibai</i>, the Japanese method of story telling that uses pictures and spoken word and is performed. Refer to <i>About Kamishibai</i> on p. 54 for more details. Explain that the narrative can change from storyteller to storyteller, and encourage students to be creative while they read.</p> <p>Compare the <i>kamishibai</i> format of <i>Birdsong</i> to a traditional picture book. You may even want to make the differences explicit by contrasting the two books in a side-by-side manner. In <i>Birdsong</i>, why do you think the author left a blank page in each spread?</p>	<p>RL.K.5 RL.1.5</p>
<p>On pp. 31 and 33 how do the animals feel about their new home? How can you tell? the animals are looking out. Whom do you think they are looking at? (possible answers include the taskmaster, or the audience of the show or the reader.) How does make one feel when someone looks at you?</p>	<p>RL.K.6 RL.1.6</p>

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INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS

The children turn into animals that look like chimpanzees, but have tails like monkeys. (Chimpanzees don't have tails.) Explain this to students, then ask: Why would the author choose to draw an animal that doesn't exist, a mythical creature, for this story?

RL.K.7
RL.1.7

Ask students if they know any other stories that involve a character's transformation from human to animal. Some examples could be *The Princess and the Frog*, *Beauty and the Beast*, or the Greek myth of Arachne. In those stories, why and how do the characters change into animals? How is the story of *Birdsong* different?

RL.K.9
RL.1.9

Kamishibai is not the only storytelling tradition that uses pictures without written words. Another example of a wordless storytelling tradition is African-American quilt stories. In this tradition, scenes are recorded on squares and then sewn together to form a story—and a quilt! For more about story quilts, see Faith Ringgold's "Street Story Quilt" at <http://www.faithringgold.com/ringgold/d36.htm>

SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING

Ask students to discuss in groups: How did they feel when they saw the children's treatment of the bird and the turtle at the beginning of the story? How do they think the bird and the turtle felt? Did the children deserve to be turned into animals? How do you think the animals feel as they build their new home towards the end of the story?

SL.K.2
SL.1.2
SL.K.4
SL.1.4

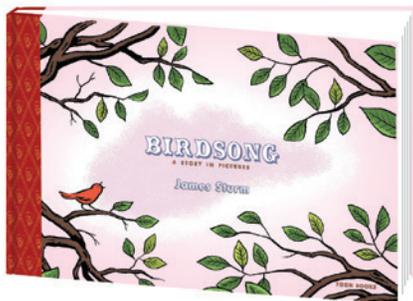
What happens to the children that changes the way they treat the turtle and the bird at the end of the story? Do you think that the animals change into birds once they hear the birdsong? How do we change by listening to others? What do you think the characters have learned?

Revisit pages 9-19, and ask students to tell what is happening through different points of view. How would they tell the story if they were the boy, the girl, the red bird, or the old man? Ask students to choose a character and act out the story from his/her perspective, paying attention to what their character is thinking and feeling.

Ask students to talk about their pets or favorite animals they have met. If they could be any animal themselves, which would they be and why? Ask them to create their own series of pictures about themselves as an animal and perform it for the class.

WK.K.3
WK.1.3

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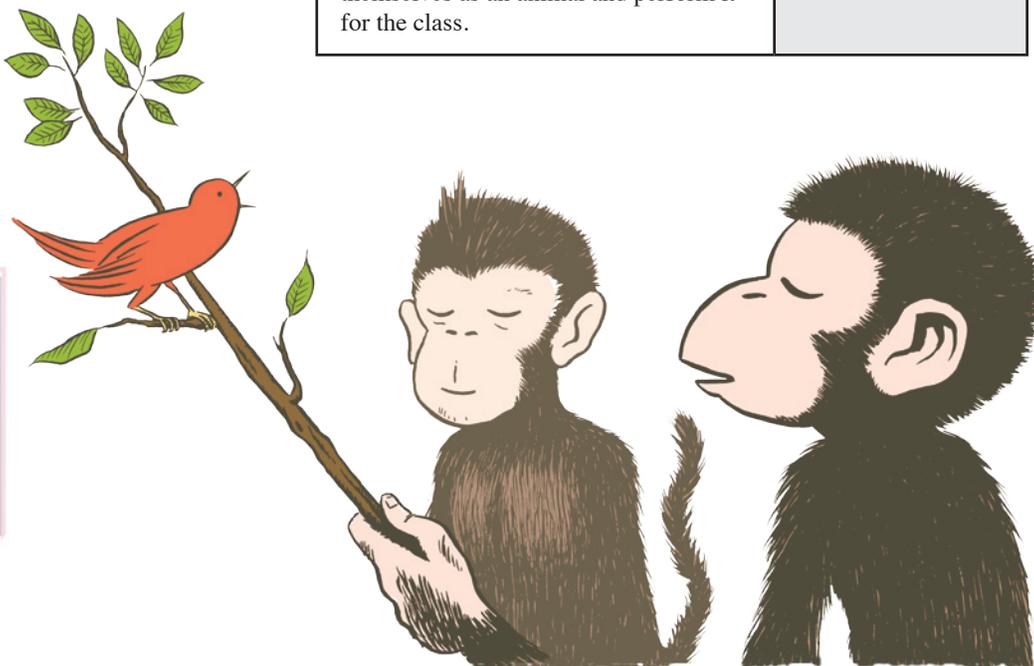
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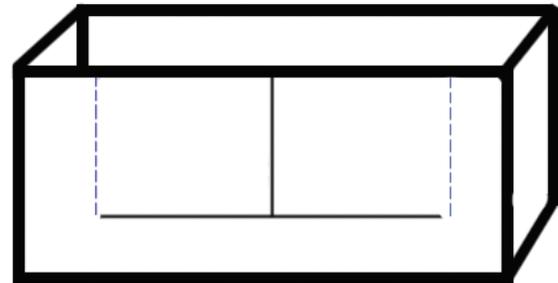
Kamishibai is the Japanese storytelling tradition that uses pictures, but no written words, to tell a story. Follow the steps below to build your own *kamishibai* stage from an old shoebox!

1. Draw your own *kamishibai* cards. Each card should show one scene from your story. Make sure that each card is the same size as the long side of your shoebox.

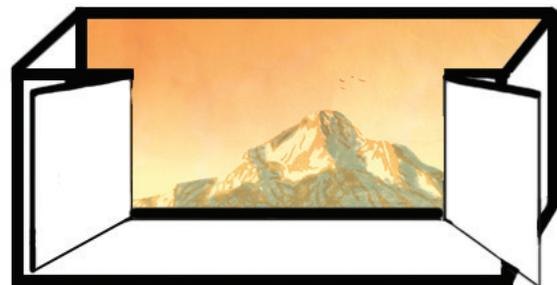
2. Cut a line down the center of the shoebox. Then cut two lines towards each corner.



3. Fold back the flaps outwards along the dotted blue lines so that they look like two doors.



4. Place your *kamishibai* card on the inside of the "stage" so that your audience can see the image. Now you can perform your story like a real *kamishibai* man!



Bonus: For more about *kamishibai* storytelling, read Allen Say's book *Kamishibai Man* (2005).

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BIRDSONG ACTIVITY SHEET



Name: _____

Date: _____

Find each of these characters in the book and make a list of all the details you see. Are their facial expressions important? How about their actions?

page #	the animal children	the turtle	the red bird	the circus trainer

Bonus: Which character would you want to have as a friend? Why? When you explain your answer, be sure to use the details you saw in the pictures!



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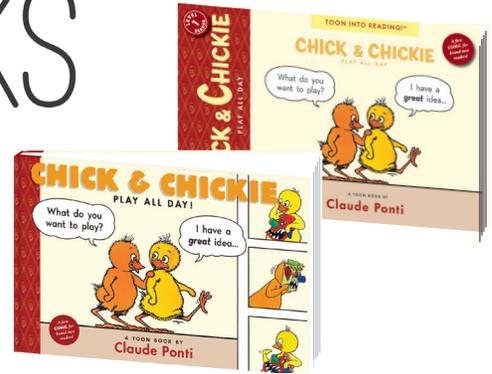
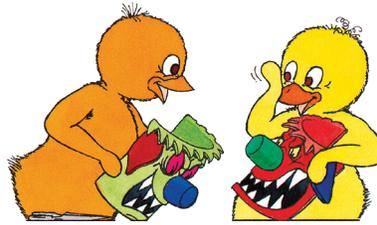
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ELA COMMON CORE STANDARDS

KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
What are Chick and Chickie doing in this story? Why do they have paint, string and paper in the beginning, and what do they make with them?	RL.K.1, RL.1.1
Ask students to retell the story in their own words, listing the activities that take place. Ask students to retell the 'A' story. What makes the 'A' laugh? Look at page 20, and see if students can predict what will happen on page 21. What makes the 'A' afraid? Do the same for page 26.	RL.K.2, RL.1.2
Who are Chick and Chickie and how can you tell the difference between them (hair, color, bottom of their feathers)? Are the two characters friends? What information can you use to figure out their relationship?	RL.K.3, RL.1.3

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	
Look at the pages 7 and 9, where Chick and Chickie put on their masks and yell, "BOO!" How does Chick or Chickie feel when the other puts on his mask and yells? How can you tell from the picture? Have students list specific details (hands to face, drops of sweat, etc). On page 12, how have the masks changed? Go through the story with the A. How does the A feel after each action Chick and Chickie take? How are they nice to the A? How are they scary?	RL.K.7, RL.1.7
At the end of the story, the A runs away. Why? Compare his experience playing with Chick and Chickie with their experience.	RL.K.9, RL.1.9

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
Have students identify what they think a "mask" is. What is the difference between a mask and a face? What are Chick and Chickie doing when they "look scary" to the A (page 27)? Why would the A be scared of them? Use details from page 26 to make your inferences.	RL.K.4, RL.1.4
Explain to your students what a comic is, showing them how it is different from a picture book. Point out details like speech balloons, panels, etc. Give students instructions and materials to make masks, and then have them write their own instructions for making a scary mask.	RL.K.5, RL.1.5
Have students name the author of the book. Explain that in comics, the author of the book can also be the illustrator. When is Chick speaking, and when is Chickie speaking? How do you know? Explain how in speech balloons, the tail points towards the person who is speaking.	RL.K.6, RL.1.6

SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
Have students go through the 'A' part of the book. Split them into groups of three, with one person reading Chick, another Chickie, and the last the 'A.' Read the lines out loud, then switch who is reading each character's lines.	SL.K.2, SL.1.2, SL.K.6, SL.1.6
Give each student a different letter. Have them write at least five different things they could do to that letter, and then have them draw pictures of the letter to show how it feels as a result.	W.K.3, W.1.3, W.K.8, W.1.8

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Lesson Plan for *Chick & Chickie Play All Day!*

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Elements of Story in *Chick & Chickie Play All Day!*

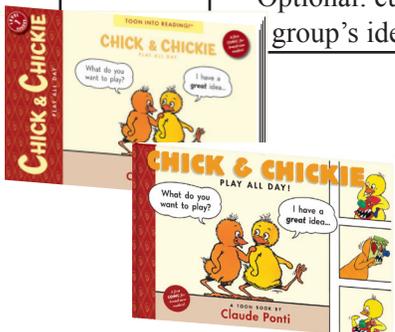
Plot	Chick and Chickie love to play, and, lucky for any emergent reader and their loved ones they love to play with key emergent literacy skills: letters, sounds, letter-sound correspondences, and basic sight words.
Characters	Chick, Chickie, and the letter A
Setting	Chick and Chickie have found an excellent place for playing and exploring their new emergent literacy skills; they could be at home, at school, or anywhere that your emergent reader may imagine them.
Themes	Play, Friendship, Letters and Sounds, Basic Sight Words, Creativity, Imagination
Suggested Literary Pairings	<i>Little Mouse Gets Ready</i> by Jeff Smith, <i>Silly Lilly in What Will I Be Today?</i> and <i>Silly Lilly and the Four Seasons</i> By Agnes Rosenstiehl, <i>Jack in the Box</i> by Art Spiegelman.

Alignment to Applicable IRA/NCTE Standards for Teaching Reading and Writing to Early Readers

Standard #3: Students apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate texts. They draw on their prior experience, their interactions with other readers and writers, their knowledge of word meaning and of other texts, their word identification strategies, and their understanding of textual features (e.g., sound-letter correspondence, sentence structure, context, graphics).

Guided Reading Lesson Plan

Before reading:	Invite students to make a mask using construction paper, markers, glue, pipe cleaners, felt, cotton balls, etc. (It may be wise to have your own mask made ahead of time so students can see it and use it as an example.)
During reading:	Ask students to keep their masks close at hand. Read pages 5-13 aloud and together. At the end of page 13, ask students to take a minute to share their masks with each other, and ask if the masks are 'scary' or 'scared'. When students are done sharing their masks, like Chick and Chickie did, ask if there are any volunteer who want to share their masks with the entire class. Then, continue reading pages 14-31. While reading, periodically stop and ask students how Chick and Chickie are playing with the letter A: "What are Chick and Chickie doing as they play with the letter 'A'?" and "How does the letter A feel about all of this playtime?"
After reading:	In small groups, provide students with materials to finish their activity sheet, by coloring and decorating a letter A of their own. Help brainstorm and write words that begin with the letter a, like "ant" or "apple." Optional: cut out the letter A and encourage students to have fun and use it as a prop to act out their group's idea of playing with the letter A.



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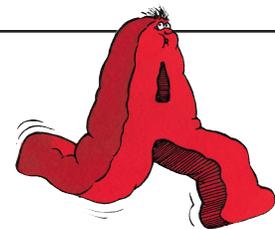
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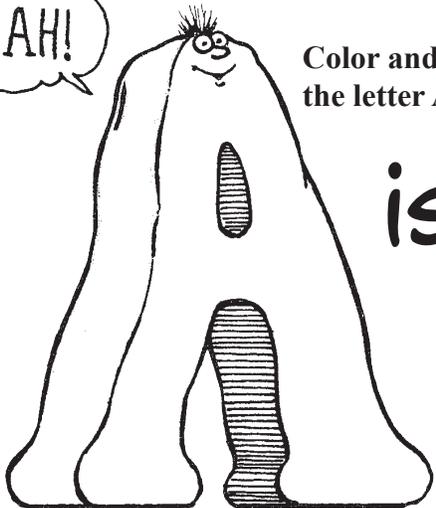
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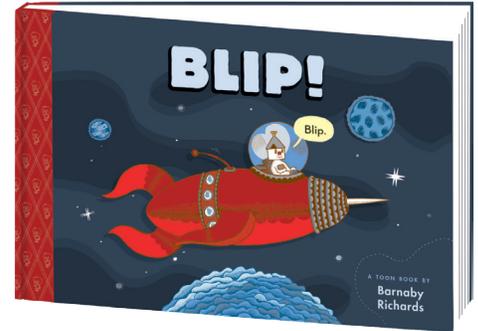
Lesson Plan:

Finding your place in the world

Blip!

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Overview	Using few repeating words and expressive characters, <i>Blip!</i> tells the story of overcoming your initial fears and finding your place. The detailed illustrations of unique environments and creatures in this early reader comic book <i>Blip!</i> demands careful examination of each page. Any student that has had difficulty fitting in will relate to Blip’s misadventures on a new planet and enjoy the satisfying conclusion.
Subject	English Language Arts
Grade Level	Kindergarten – 1st Grade
Objectives	Students will learn how to look closely for important details in text and images. They will learn to pronounce onomatopoeia and read words with the appropriate intonation given context cues.
Before Reading	Ask students about how they felt on their first day of school. Were they worried? Did they have trouble making friends?
During Reading	For the first reading, ask students to pay close attention to the pictures. Have students point out the subtle changes between pages. Ask students what they think an object/shape will turn out to be before turning the page. Have students sound out the sound effects (ROAAR, SPLASH! BANG!).
After Reading	On subsequent readings, conduct a reading aloud with the class. Have students practice intonation when reading out loud as Blip the robot. Have them pay special attention to the context and punctuation of the word before speaking. For example, the “Blip!” when the robot is excited may sound differently from when it is scared and running away. Ask students how they feel now since the first day of school. Explain how everyone views the world differently. Have them discuss experiences in which people did not act as they expected. Allow students to share their own ideas about how to explore an unfamiliar world. Brainstorm ways to approach potential friends.

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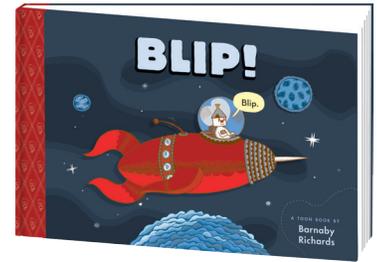
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**ELA COMMON CORE STANDARDS
 (GRADES K-1)**

KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS		CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
How does Blip interact with each creature? How do the creatures react to Blip? Are the creatures friendly or dangerous? How does Blip handle rejection from the creatures?	RL.K.1, RL.1.1, RL.2.1	Have students sound out the words said by the robot (Blip! Blip? Bleep! Boo?). Does the “blip!” when the robot is happy sound different compared to the “blip!” when it is scared? Discuss how punctuation is used to convey various expressions.	RL.K.4, RL.1.4 RL.2.4
Ask students to identify and describe Blip’s various facial expressions and what they mean. Have students describe how Blip feels before and after meeting each new creature.	RL.K.2, RL.1.2, RL.2.2	Through Blip’s adventures we see that normal objects turn into monsters and that monsters can be both scary and friendly. Discuss how the author/illustrator shows the same creature first as frightening then less so.	RL.K.5, RL.1.5, RL.2.5
In the full-page map spread (p.25-26), we see all the creatures that Blip encountered. Look closely at the larger creatures that Blip ran away from. Do they seem less dangerous?	RL.K.3, RL.1.3 RL.2.3.	Have students describe each of the five environments that Blip travels through. Then look at the two maps (p. 25-26, p. 27). What does the second map remind you of? Why do you think the illustrator shows us two versions of a map?	RL.K.6, RL.1.6 RL.2.6
INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS		SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
Ask students if they know how to say “hello” and “goodbye” in other languages. Have they ever been to a foreign country where they didn’t know the native language? How would they try to communicate with someone who didn’t understand their language?	RL.K.7, RL.1.7, RL.2.7	Have students talk about a time when they were in a new, unfamiliar setting like Blip. Have them explain how they felt. Scared? Uncertain? How did they overcome their initial fears?	SL.K.1, SL.K.6, SL.1.5, SL.1.6, SL.2.5, SL.2.6
Explain the Home-Away-Home story structure to students and how it applies to <i>Blip!</i> Does the adventure on the strange planet change Blip? What does Blip learn? How does Blip return “home” or to a familiar setting? Have students think of other stories that follow this structure, such as <i>The Hobbit</i> , <i>Finding Nemo</i> , or <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i> .	RL.K.8, RL.1.8, RL.2.8	Have students write about how they became friends with someone. Have them describe how they would approach a potential friend.	W.K.1, W.K.3, W.K.6, W.1.1, W.1.3. W.1.6 W.2.1, W.2.3. W.2.6

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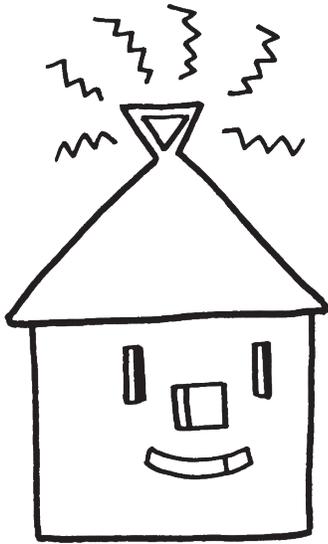
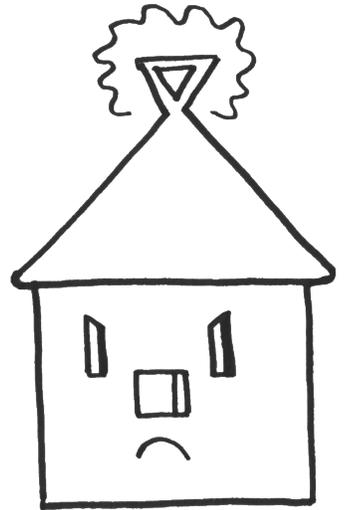
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- How does Blip feel? Match the word to the face.



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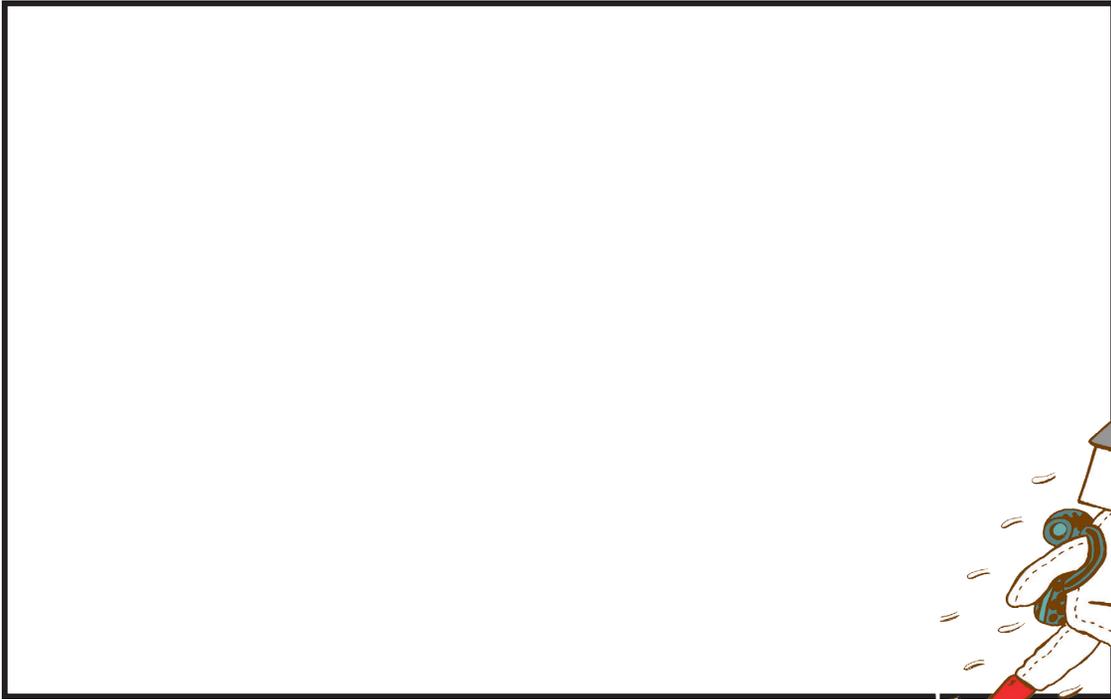
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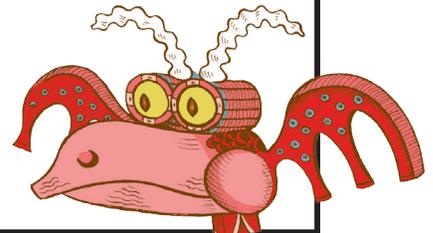
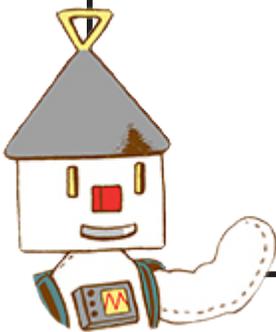
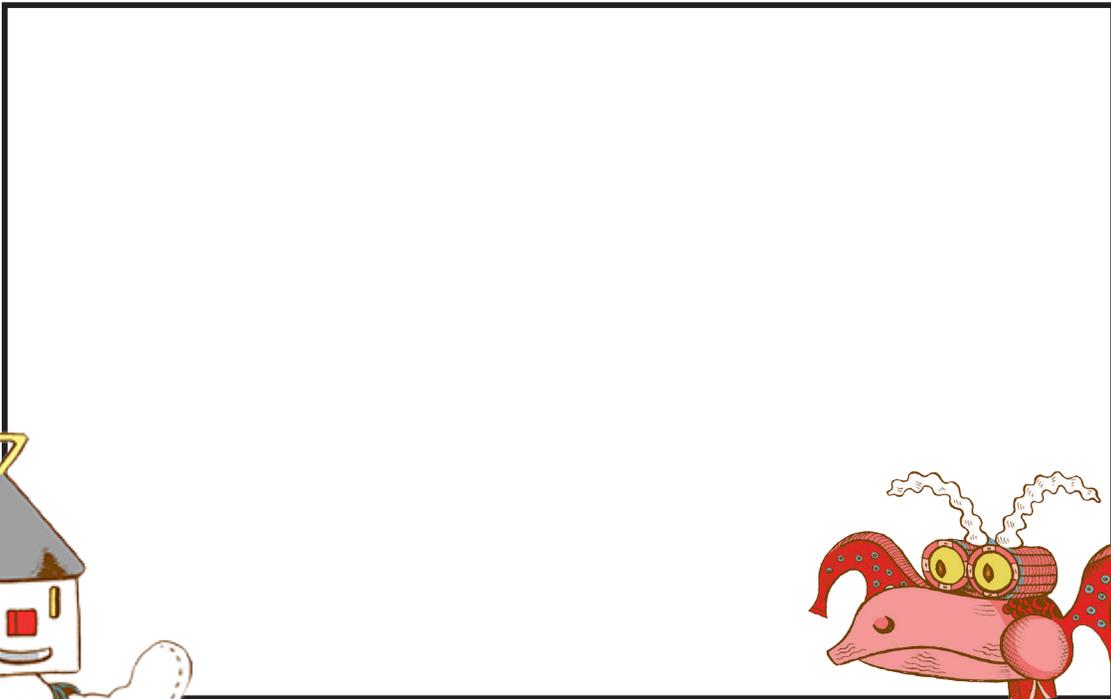
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Draw your own scary creature that Blip is running away from!



Now draw your creature being friendly.



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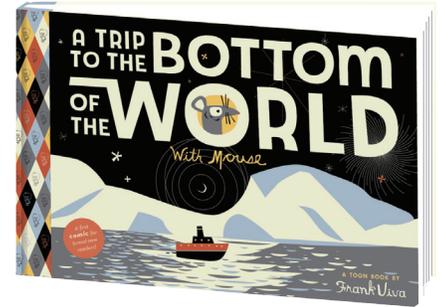
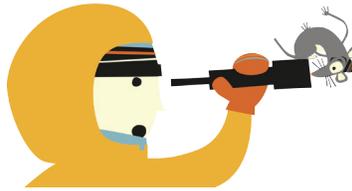
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ELA COMMON CORE STANDARDS

KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
Ask students: Where did Mouse and his friend go on their journey? How do you know? Why did they put on boots, mittens, hats and scarves?	RL.K.1, RL.1.1
Ask students to retell the story in their own words, listing the animals they see in the book. Ask students to retell the story from Mouse's point of view. Why did he want to go home at the beginning? What does he ask at the end?	RL.K.2, RL.1.2
Who are the two friends in this story? Is one friend more adventurous and curious? Which friend would prefer to stay home? Is the Bottom of the World their home?	RL.K.3, RL.1.3

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
On the page with the word "guppy," ask students if they can tell what a guppy is from the pictures? Using contextual evidence, have them determine whether it's a big fish or a little fish. What does the man mean when he says "the big sky makes him feel small"? What does Mouse mean when he says that the waves make it hard to stand?	RL.K.4, RL.1.4
This story was inspired by the author's real journey to Antarctica. Show students photographs of that journey paired with drawings at: http://toon-books.com/atriptothebottomoftheworld/franks-real-trip-to-antarctica/	RL.K.5/ RI.K.5, RL.1.5/ RI.K.5
Point out that the author and illustrator of this book are the same person. Ask students to identify speech balloons and find clues determining which balloon belongs to which character.	RL.K.6, RL.1.6

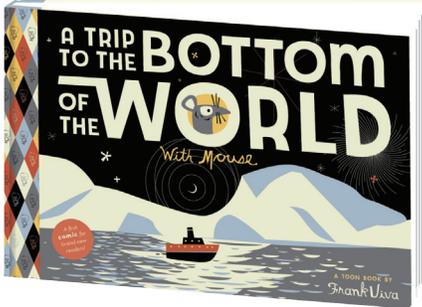
INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	
On the page where Mouse lists the warm clothes they must put on, what is happening to Mouse as he says each item? On the page where Mouse lists what whales do ("jump, bump, play, dive and splash!") what does mouse do as he says each word?	RL.K.7, RL.1.7
Compare how Mouse and the man feel about the journey. Then ask students to share what they know about the North or South Pole, and if they can, list the source (books, movies, etc.) Bring up the different animals living in each environment (penguins are in South Pole; polar bears in the North Pole.)	RL.K.9/ RI.K.9, RL.1.9/RI.1.9



SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
Pair students up and have them each read either the man or Mouse's lines. Then have them read it again, switching roles. Ask them to describe their favorite parts. Ask students to describe trips they have taken, prompting them for details. Who and what did they see?	SL.K.2, SL.1.2, SL.K.4, SL.1.4
Ask students to compose a comic narrative about one of their trips. Then ask them to label and describe what they have chosen to draw and write about from their trip.	W.K.3, W.1.3, W.K.8, W.1.8



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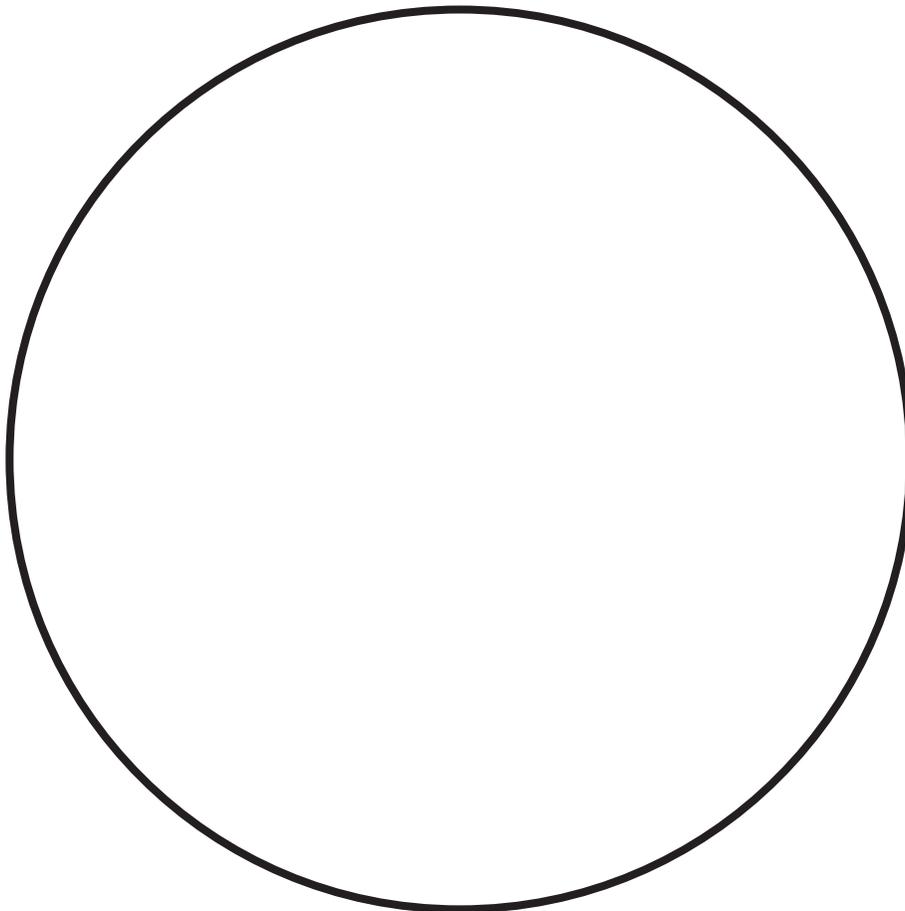
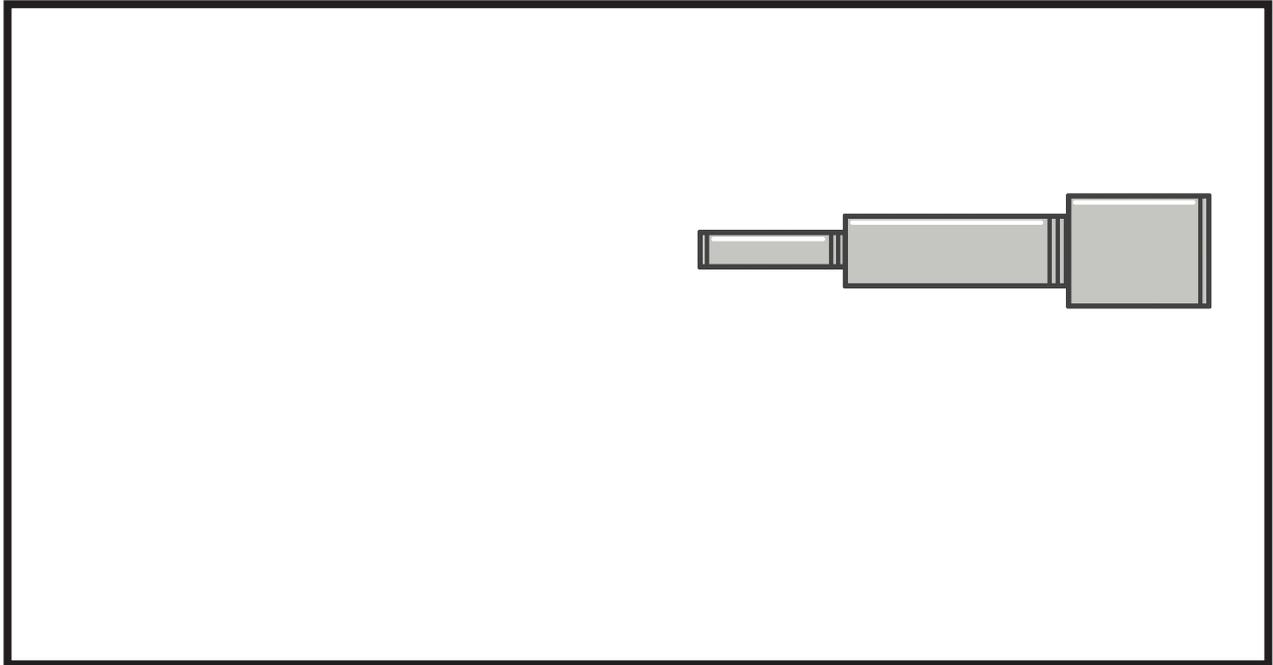
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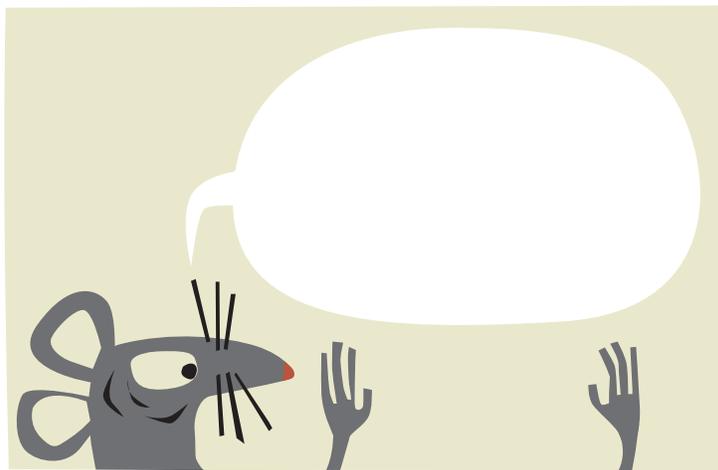
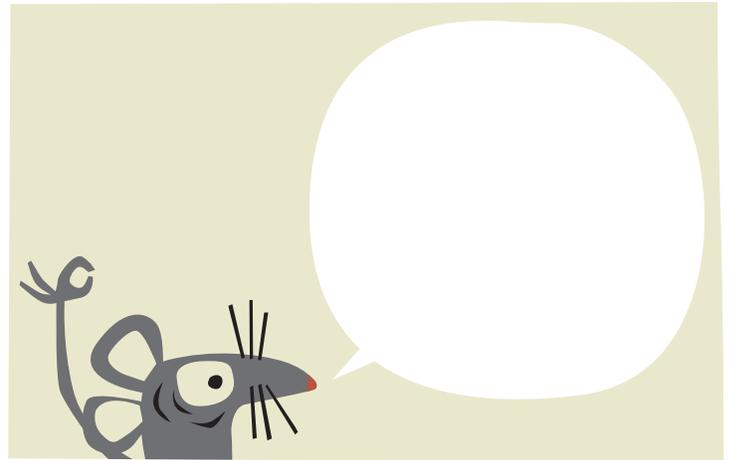
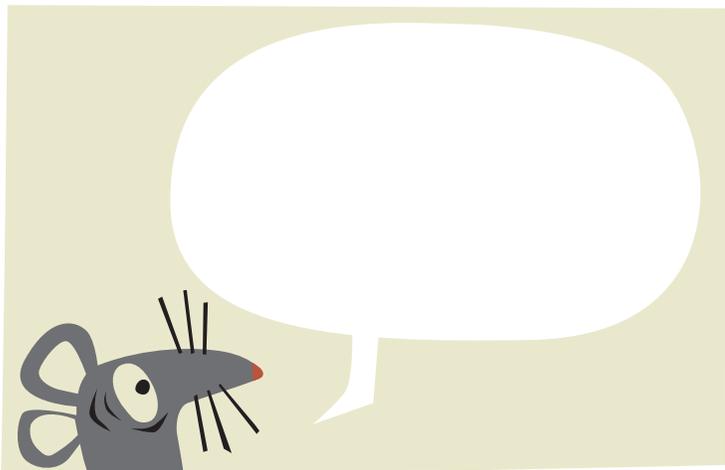
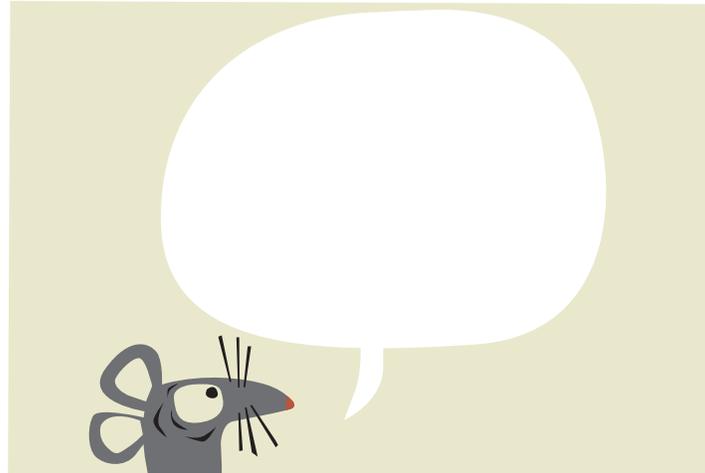
<p>Before Reading</p>	<p>1. Ask students what they know about Antarctica. What might you expect to find there? What do you imagine a trip to Antarctica might be like? What would you need to pack for the trip?</p> <p>2. The graphic format of this book is very similar to most picture books, but sometimes a page is broken into panels. Preview the book by looking at the spread with the three panels showing the boat riding the waves. Discuss how the panels should be read left to right to show the progression of the action.</p>
<p>During Reading</p>	<p>1. During the opening pages of the book (including the front liner), ask students to point out the direction the boat is facing. What does it mean when the boat changes directions? Is the boat getting nearer or farther away?</p> <p>2. Look at the pictures of the boat on the waves. How does the illustrator show motion? Point out the changing position of the boat and the shape of the waves. Do the lines drawn on the waves help you have a sense of motion?</p> <p>3. On the first page containing 4 panels, we are given a list of things that are difficult to do on a boat. Have students look at this page and the preceding spread to make a connection between the boat's movements and the pictures in the panels. Expand the narrative of each panel to explain exactly what is going on as the characters try to eat, sleep, kiss, or draw.</p> <p>4. We are used to looking at a window and seeing a kind of picture frame around what is outside. Can you find an example of this in the book? What is going on with the spread showing different kinds of penguins? Are we looking out the window? Or are we looking through a spyglass? Are the penguins really as big as they appear? Notice how the pages before and after the penguins help us to know what is going on.</p>
<p>After Reading</p>	<p>Have students draw a short comic about a character looking through binoculars or a spyglass, using a similar method to the one in the book: a panel or picture showing the character using the spyglass to look at something, and then a panel or picture showing what the character sees through the lens.</p>



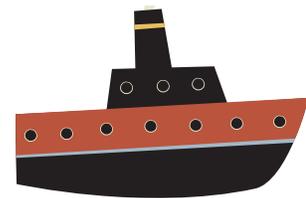
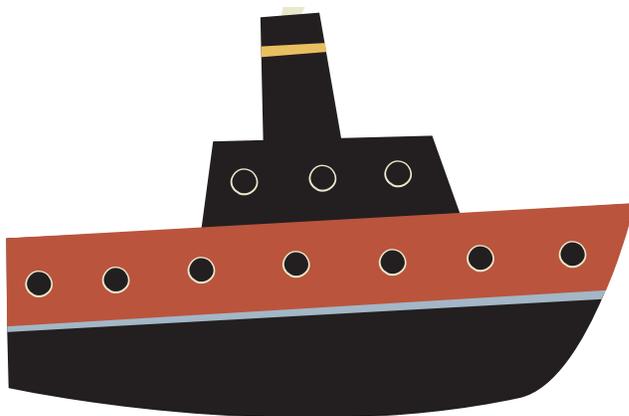
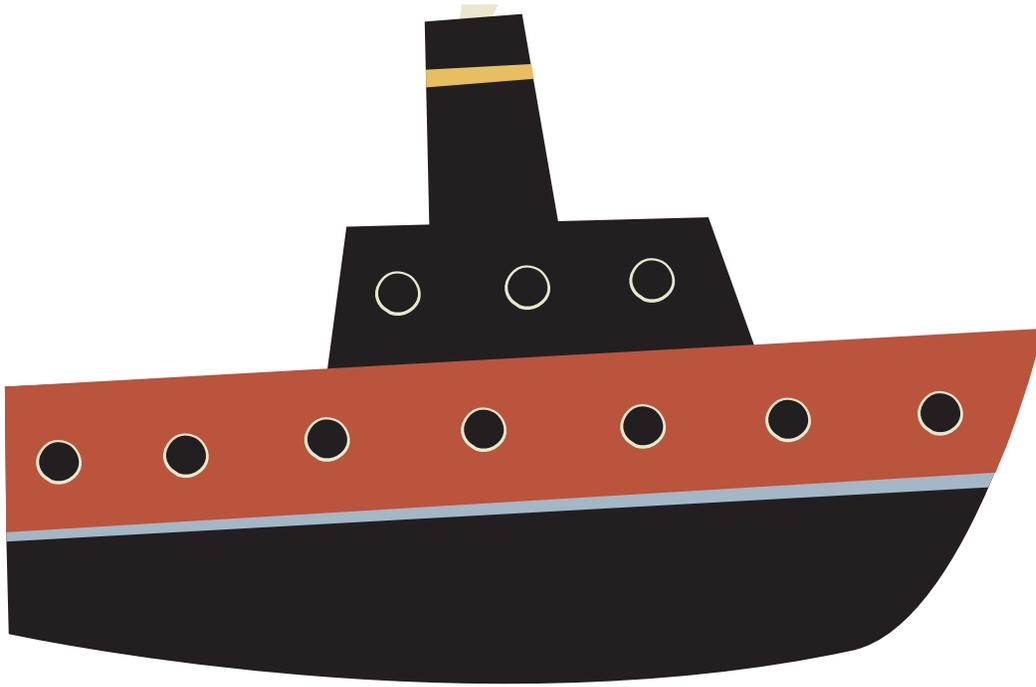
Make a comic! Draw a character looking through the spyglass in the first panel. Then, draw what they see through the lens.



Mouse wants to tell you about the things he saw on his trip.
Fill in the speech bubbles with one thing in each bubble.
Write the word for the thing below the drawing.



Cut out these boats and arrange them in the right order
to show that they are getting farther away.
What if you wanted to show that the boat was coming closer to you?



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KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS

Penelope goes on a journey? What is she looking for? Hint: look at the first three pages.	RL.K.1, RL.1.1
After Penelope drops her heart, it continues to travel further away from her. Why does her heart keep moving? Recount the journey her heart takes, including all of the characters it encounters.	RL.K.2, RL.1.2
Does Penelope find her heart? Does she find something else instead? What might this be?	RL.K.3, RL.1.3

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE

On the second-to-last page of this story, the chicken tells Penelope, "Don't be blue." What does "blue" mean in this context? How does the yellow background (point out that it is the same yellow used at the beginning of the story) inform your understanding of this phrase?	RL.K.4, RL.1.4
On the first three pages of <i>Hearts</i> , you see Penelope with a friend. How are these pictures connected to the story?	RL.K.5, RL.1.5
The author and illustrator are the same person for this book. Point out how few words the author uses and how the words help to tell the story.	RL.K.6, RL.1.6

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS

Point out how the heart keeps moving further and further away from Penelope as she chases it. What propels the heart? Look at the pictures to see how it moves. After walking to the right for most of her journey, Penelope starts walking to the left in the garden of lost things. Why does she do this? Where do you think she is going?	RL.K.7 RL.1.7
Compare this story to <i>I Want My Hat Back</i> by Jon Klassen, or another story in which a character must retrieve something he or she has lost. How are these stories different? How are they similar?	RL.K.9, RL.1.9

SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING

Though there are some words in this story, for the most part it is told visually. Have students rewrite the story using only words. Notice how many more words it takes to tell a visual story like this verbally.	W.K.2, W.1.2, W.K.3, W.1.3, W.K.5, W.1.5
This story takes readers through many fantastical settings. Have students pair up. One at a time, have each student describe one of the scenes in this story without showing the picture. Have the other student draw the scene based on his or her partner's description.	SL.K.2, SL.1.2, SL.K.3, SL.1.3, SL.K.4, SL.1.4, SL.K.5, SL.1.5

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HEARTS ACTIVITY SHEET

Name: _____

Date: _____

Describe one scene from the book *Hearts* using only words.



Now draw a scene based on your partner's verbal description:

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Lesson Plan for *Jack and the Box*
 by Art Spiegelman

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Overview	On the surface, <i>Jack and the Box</i> is a simple story about a boy and his new toy, but there's a lot going on here. The way Jack feels about the toy changes dramatically over the course of the story, and it speaks to how we all feel about new experiences. You will explore this theme and teach your students about how all stories use theme.
Subject	English Language Arts
Grade Level	K-2nd grade
Suggested Time	45 minutes
Materials	Pens, pencils, notebook paper.
Objectives	Students will learn about theme and how to identify it in a story. They will listen to a read aloud, discuss a new concept with their partners, and write an opinion piece on this book and its theme.
Before Reading	What is theme? Open the floor to discussion in order to activate your students' prior knowledge. Theme is the message that the author is trying to convey to the reader. How do you know what the theme of a story is? One way you might know is if characters learned a lesson or there was a lesson for the reader in what happened to the characters during the story. There are often multiple themes in any given story. If you have evidence for why you think something is a theme, then you are right – it's a theme!
During Reading	<p>Preview the book with students, drawing attention to the graphic format. You may even want to make explicit <i>Jack and the Box's</i> lack of non-dialogue text by contrasting it with another book (graphic or not) in a side-by-side manner. Explain to students that they themselves will be able to act as the storyteller or narrator.</p> <p>Model the process by using the splash page and saying, "If I were telling this story, I could say, 'One day when they were all at home, Jack's parents surprised him with a present...'"</p> <p>When you are finished reading, have students Turn and Talk to their partners. Discuss: What is the theme of the story you read aloud today, <i>Jack and the Box</i>? Prompt their thinking about the theme of today's book with questions such as: Does Jack's reaction to his toy change over the course of the story? What emotion does a Jack-in-the-box normally inspire? What other things can inspire similar emotions?</p>
After Reading:	Now that you have read through <i>Jack and the Box</i> ask students to identify the theme. Have students turn and talk with their partners to figure out what they think the theme is and why. Then have students write about the theme of this book. Why do they think this is the theme? Do they like the book? How would they play with a jack-in-the-box?

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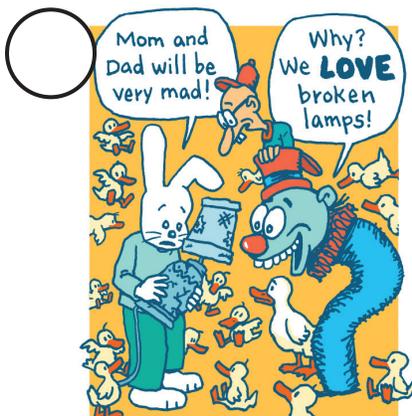
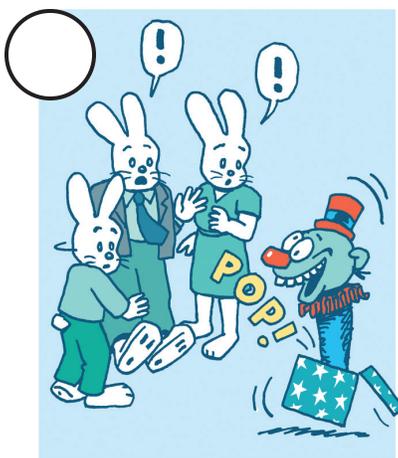
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JACK AND THE BOX ACTIVITY SHEET

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In what order do these events take place in the story? Write the number 1 next to the first thing that happens, and 2, 3, and 4 next to the others in the correct order.



Choose the best word to say before each of the pictures then write the word at the beginning of each picture. Use each word only one time. **Then... First... Finally... Next...**



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**Silly Lilly
 and the Four Seasons**

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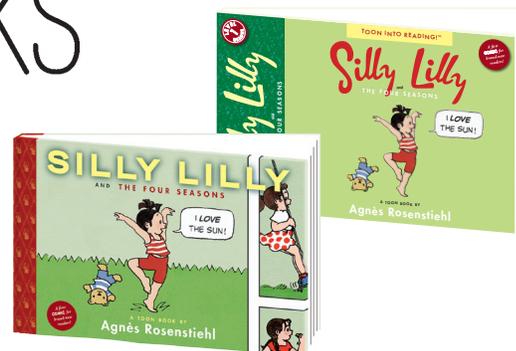
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KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
After reading, ask students about the illustration on the copyright page. What does this picture show? Have students guess, based on this illustration, why the author included “Spring” stories at both the beginning and the end of the book.	RL.K.1, RL.1.1
Ask students to retell the story in their own words. What seasons were shown? What did Lilly do in each season? Ask students to retell the story while focusing on Lilly’s activities and emotions. Do they like to play in the same ways as Lilly does each season?	RL.K.2, RL.1.2
Before you read the book, have students predict the different clothes Lilly might wear in different seasons. Then, lead them through the stories and have them describe what she does wear, and why she would be wearing those clothes.	RL.K.3, RL.1.3

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
Help students identify compound words like “snowball”. Can they tell what a snowball is from the pictures? Ask them to look at page 27 and guess what makes a snowball “good” or “great”. On page 23, Lilly describes the apple as “not so pretty”. What about the apple is not pretty? What does Lilly mean on page 35 when she says, “I’m flying!”	RL.K.4, RL.1.4
This book gives information about seasons changing and tells a story about a little girl. Point out that Lilly is not a real person, but the world really does go around. Ask them to point out other facts presented in this book.	RL.K.5, RL.1.5
Point out that the author and illustrator of this book are the same person. Ask students to look at the last panels on pages 17 and 35. Who is saying “Ha!” in these panels? Why is this word red and outside the speech balloons?	RL.K.6, RL.1.6

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	
On pages 10-11, what does Lilly do as she says, “I like to dance...I like to jump... And I like to nap!” Can you find other examples of Lilly acting out words? On page 17, the first panel shows Lilly holding a shell and asking, “Hello... Anybody there?” In the second panel, she says, “Ha! Yes there is!” What changed between the two panels?	RL.K.7, RL.1.7
Ask students to look at Teddy’s face throughout the story. Does his expression change? Point out that he is smiling on page 9, serious on page 10, and angry on page 29. Ask students to compare his expressions with Lilly’s.	RL.K.9, RL.1.9

SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
Pair students up and have them each read either Lilly’s lines or the title text. Then have them read it again, switching roles. Ask them to describe their favorite parts. Ask students to describe similar ways they have played in each season. Prompt them for details: have they picked apples? Have they made snowballs?	SL.K.2, SL.1.2, SL.K.4, SL.1.4, SL.K.6, SL.1.6
Ask students to compose a comic narrative about their favorite season. Then ask them to label and describe what they have chosen to draw and write about from their favorite season.	W.K.3, W.1.3, W.K.8, W.1.8

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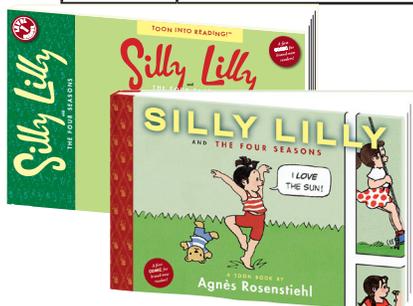
Lesson Plan for *Silly Lilly in the Four Seasons*

by Agnès Rosenstiehl

SUBMITTED BY MARGIE SANDBERG
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Subject	English Language Arts
Grade Level	1-2
Before Reading	Gain background knowledge of each season by creating separate lists of activities, clothing, and weather (example: the leaves fall in autumn). Conduct a picture walk of the comic you want the group to read. Focus on how this story is set up differently than the other stories they have read. Explain what a speech bubble does. While doing the picture walk have the students predict what Lilly is doing. Then have them find that word in the speech bubble, by using the word's first sound. Have the students point out any word walls they know.
During Reading	Focus on the word wall words for each individual story. Set a purpose for reading by focusing on the structure of the text. This unusual layout can be compared to the layout of regular texts. For "Silly Lilly at the Park": Focus on the word wall word you. Identify the letters in the word and have the students practice saying the word. Then use dry erase boards to have the students practice writing the word. For "Silly Lilly at the Beach": Focus on the word wall word see. Have the students practice writing this word in isolation and in a simple sentence with the word wall word you. For "Silly Lilly and the Apples": Focus on the word wall word one. Again, have students practice writing this word. Create a simple sentence for them to write using all three focus word wall words. For "Silly Lilly Plays in the Snow": Focus on the word wall word let. Have students practice writing and saying this new word using dry erase boards and review other word wall words focused in this book. For "Silly Lilly and the Swing": Focus on the word wall word come. Continue practicing writing all word wall words in this book. Dictate simple sentences for the students to write using the word wall words.
After	Any of these activities can be used with any of the different season stories. Copy a sentence from the story and cut it out into individual words. Have the students put the sentence back together and illustrate it using a speech bubble. Have the students retell the story. Fold a piece of paper into fourths. Each student should also receive four sentences to put in order to retell the story. They are to put a sentence in each box of the paper, so the sentences are in order. Then they can illustrate each sentence. They can retell the story to a friend. Choose one of the activities from the before reading list. Have the group work together to create another version of the story using an event from the list. Each student can create a cell for the story. Use speech bubbles and cell format for group version of the story. Compare two different seasons using comparison circles. In each outer circle the student should draw what was different about the seasons, and write a sentence for their picture. In the inner circle the student should draw what is the same about the two seasons, and include a sentence for their picture. Compare both spring season stories the same way two season stories were compared.

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by Agnès Rosenstiehl

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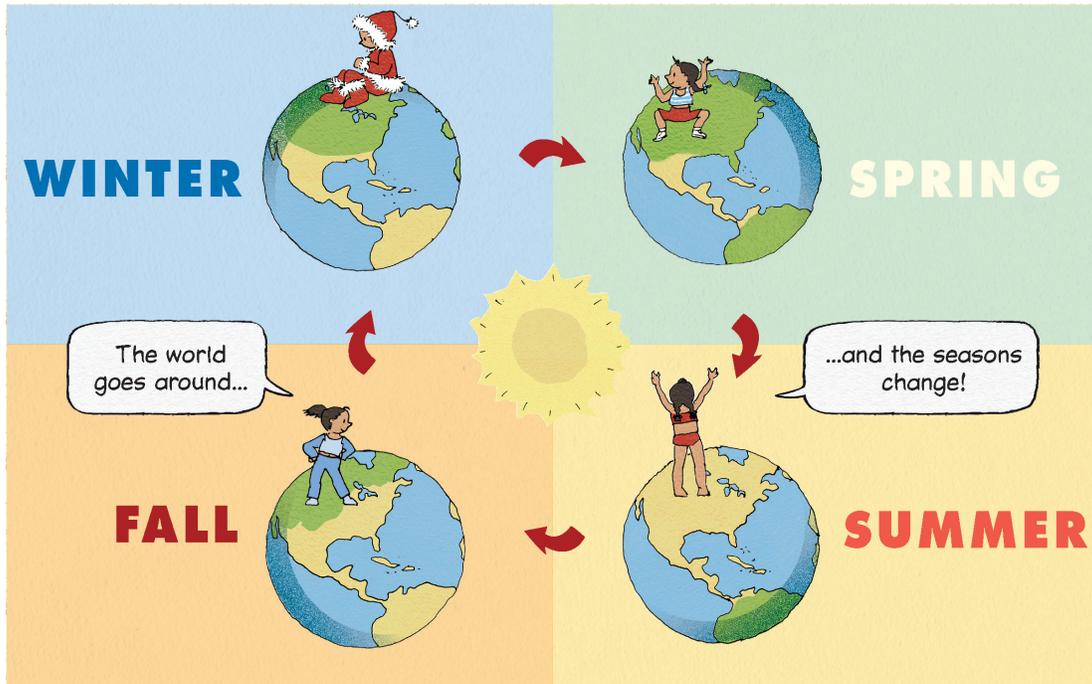
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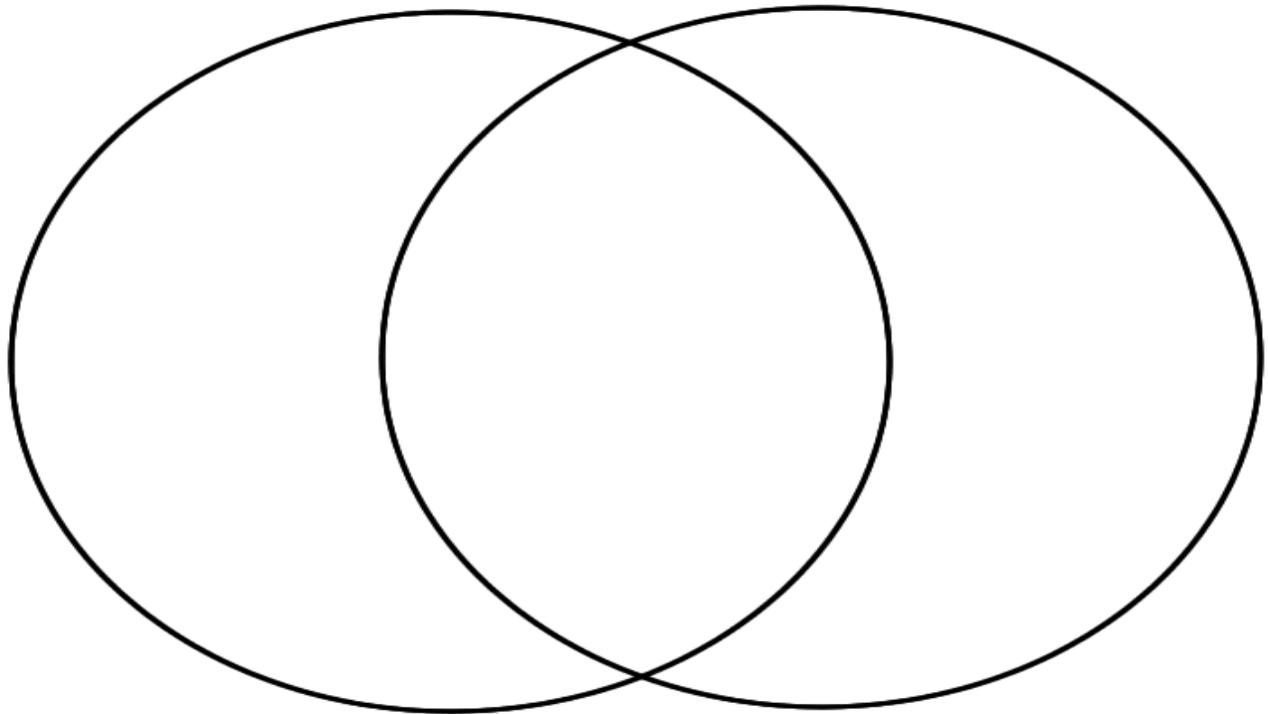
SILLY LILLY IN THE FOUR SEASONS ACTIVITY SHEET

Name: _____

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Directions: Choose two different season to compare and contrast using the venn diagram below. Write the name of the season you choose in the circles. In the outer circles, draw what makes the season **different**. In the inner circle, draw something you find in both seasons!



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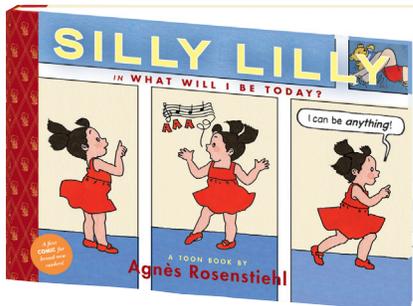


Lesson Plan for *Silly Lilly in “What Will I Be Today?”*
 by Agnès Rosenstiehl

SUBMITTED BY J.D. HO

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Overview	Through Lilly’s various “jobs,” this book introduces to students the days of the week and the pleasures of role-playing.
Subject	English Language Arts
Grade Level	Kindergarten and 1st grade
Objectives	Students will develop an understanding of sequential order.
Before Reading	Talk about days of the week and what you do on each of them. Do a picture walk through the book, discussing the step-by-step nature of the panels and Lilly’s speech bubbles.
During Reading	Focus on how the panels create a sequence in the story. In “Silly Lilly is a Cook” (pg. 6), identify the colors and talk about how they create a sequence, i.e. the accumulation of colors on Lilly’s hands/apron shows us the progress of Lilly’s “painting.” For “Silly Lilly is a City Planner” (pg. 10), follow the positioning of the cinder blocks. How do the blocks show the story progressing? Could you put the panels in sequence without any of the words to give you clues? For “Silly Lilly is a Vampire” (pg. 22), make a list of the order in which Lilly adds to her costume. Use sequence words such as ‘first’ and ‘then’ and ‘next’ and ‘finally’ to describe the action of the story.
After Reading:	Talk about similarities and differences between Lilly’s school and your own school. Activity sheet: Calendar template. Have students make a mini-calendar like the one at the end of this book, and illustrate something they did on each of the seven days. Remind them to use speech bubbles to describe what they are doing on each day.



Silly Lilly in “What Will I Be Today?”

by Agnès Rosenstiehl

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**SILLY LILLY IN "WHAT WILL I BE TODAY?" ACTIVITY SHEET
MY CALENDAR: WHAT I DO EVERYDAY**

Name _____

Date _____

Illustrate something you did on each of the seven days of the week. Don't forget to leave room for word balloons that are big enough for all your words!

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



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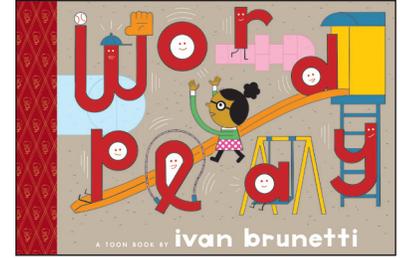
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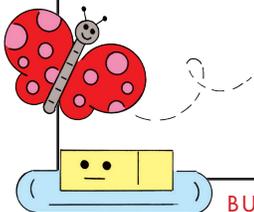
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Lesson Plan:
Compound Word
Wizards



Overview	If you're looking for a book to help your students learn about compound words, this is the one. In school, Annemarie and her classmates make a list of compound words. As they say each word, Annemarie imagines the literal meaning of the two words. The compound-word fun continues at home with her family.
Subject	English Language Arts – Language Strand
Grade Level	Grades 1-2
Objectives	Learners will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a compound word • Use the meaning of the individual words in the compound word to predict the meaning of the whole word • Create and share their own compound words [L.2.4.8]
Before Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The title of this book is <i>Wordplay</i>. What do you notice on the front cover? What are the letters doing? Do you like to play with words? • Today we are going to learn more about one type of word called a compound word. Does anyone already know something about compound words? [Provide time for students to share their prior knowledge.] • Let's read <i>Wordplay</i> to find out what Annemarie learns about compound words.
During Reading	<p>[As you read the book aloud, clarify the meaning of the compound words and compare Annemarie's literal interpretations of the words to the actual meaning of the words. Here are a few sample questions to get you started:]</p> <p>p. 5: What is Annemarie picturing in her mind when she says the compound word "homework?" How does the author show you that she's imagining houses doing work? [by using a thought bubble] [R.L.2.7]</p> <p>p. 6: What does Annemarie visualize when her friend shares the compound word "housework?" Is that what "housework" really means? What kind of "housework" do people in your family do? [L.2.5.A]</p> <p>p. 7 What does it mean to be "homesick?" Have you ever felt that way? Turn and tell a neighbor about a time you've felt homesick. [L.2.5.A]</p>
After Reading	<p>What did you notice about Annemarie's images of the the compound words?</p> <p>How did her images compare to the actual meaning of the compound words?</p> <p>[Use the idea below in your morning message or during word study. You may want to give students cut out letters to manipulate to make it easier for them to make a variety of words.]</p> <p>p. 19: Look at what Ivan Brunetti did here! He played with the letters in the words "word" and "play" to make many different words. I wonder if we could do the same thing.</p>



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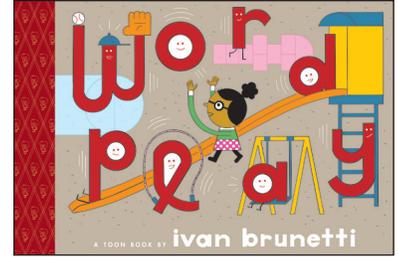
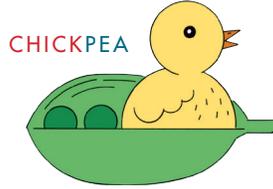
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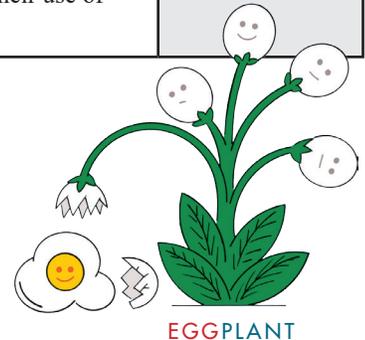
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KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
How did the teacher help her students learn more about compound words?	RL.1.1 RL.2.1

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	
How did the illustrations in this story help you to better understand compound words?	RL.1.7 RL.2.7

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
Use the following dialogue with your class: This time we're going reread this book and take turns being different characters. Who would like to be . . .the teacher? Annemarie? Annemarie's dad? [Note: Select students who can fluently and confidently read these parts aloud.] I'll read the rest of the parts. [After reading, discuss how readers change their voices as they read different characters' parts.]	RL.2.6

SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
Use what you've learned from reading the book <i>Wordplay</i> and discussing compound words to create your own compound word (See Activity Sheet).	W.1.8 W.2.8
After students have completed their compound word, invite them to share with a classmate or two. Say, "When you share your compound word with a friend ask your friend if they can use your word in a sentence. Then do the same with their word." As students are sharing, circulate and facilitate their use of complete sentences.	SL.1.6 SL.2.6



Create Your Own Compound Words

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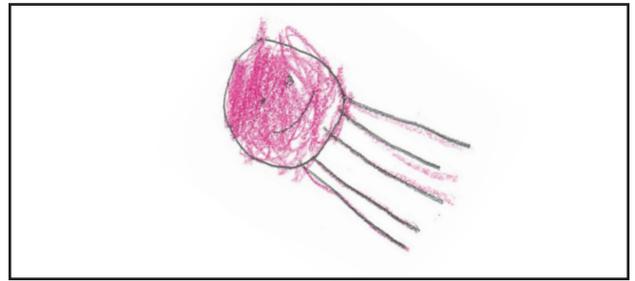
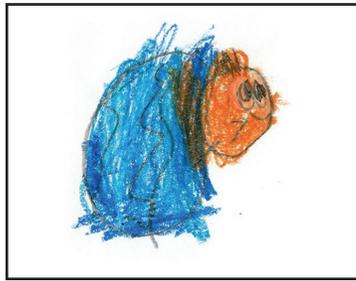
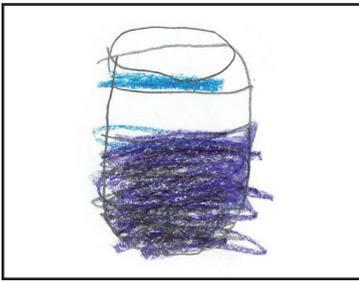
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STEP 1: Match a word from the top row to a word from the bottom row to create a compound word that makes sense.

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bow	brush	snake	bell	fruit	shell	fish	book	man	house
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STEP 2: Using the compound word you just made, draw a picture of each word separately and then draw a picture of the compound word. See the example below and then do your own!



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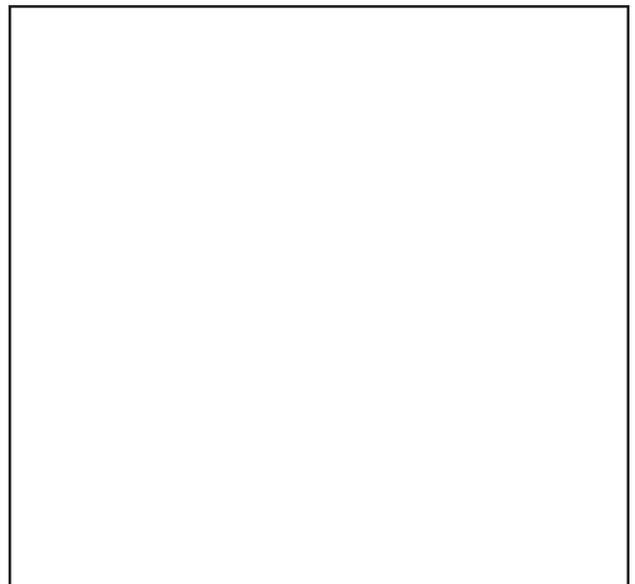
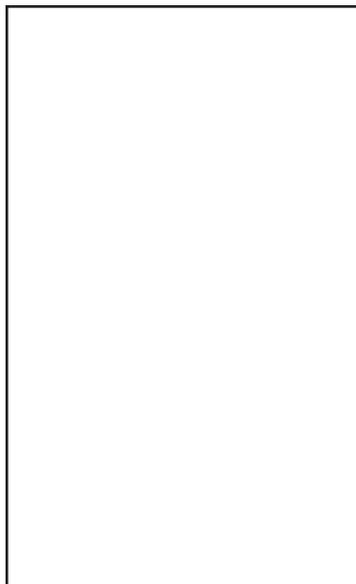
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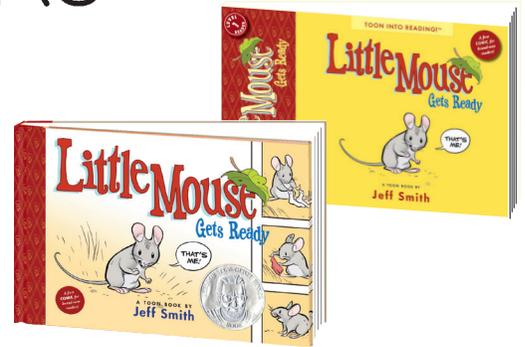
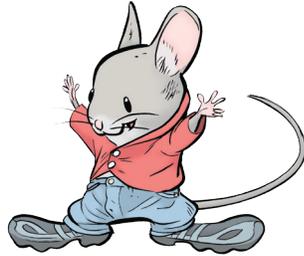
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KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
Ask students: What is Little Mouse getting ready to do? How does he get ready?	RL.K.1, RL.1.1
Ask students to retell the story in their own words, listing the steps that Little Mouse takes to get ready. Ask students to retell the story. Why is Little Mouse getting dressed? Why does he get undressed at the end of the story?	RL.K.2, RL.1.2
Who are the two characters in the story? Where is Little Mouse getting ready to go? Why is he excited to go there?	RL.K.3, RL.1.3

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	
From pages 8 to 21, Little Mouse is getting dressed. Look especially at page 10, on the first panel -- what do you see on the ground? What do you think he will do on page 11? How do you know? On page 13, second panel, Little Mouse says that "pants are next." Predict the steps he will take on the following pages.	RL.K.7 RL.1.7
While Little Mouse is getting dressed, his mother is waiting for him. How can you tell what she's feeling (look at page 16)? How does Little Mouse feel when she tells him that mice don't wear clothes, on page 26? What details help you draw that conclusion?	RL.K.9, RL.1.9

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
Lead students through the segment where Little Mouse is putting on his shirt, on pages 19 to 23. Is it easy for him to put on the shirt? What are the problems he runs into? How can you tell what Little Mouse is feeling?	RL.K.4, RL.1.4
Tell your students about comic books. Have students identify speech balloons, pointing out that the tail of the balloon points to the person talking. Look at the part where Little Mouse is putting on underwear. How are they different from real underwear? How do you know?	RL.K.5, RL.1.5
In this book, the author both writes and illustrates his work. Explain that one person both creates the words and the pictures. We don't see Little Mouse's mother till the end -- how do you know who's speaking? What clues help you figure it out?	RL.K.6, RL.1.6

SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
Pair students and have one read Little Mouse's lines and the other read Mama's lines. Then have them switch roles and read. Ask them to describe their favorite scenes.	SL.K.2, SL.1.2, SL.K.6, SL.1.6
Ask students to describe how they get ready in the morning, listing each step in sequence. Have them draw pictures to accompany each item, and label them.	W.K.3, W.1.3, W.K.8, W.1.8

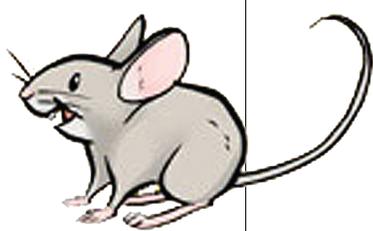
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Lesson Plan for *Little Mouse Gets Ready*

by Jeff Smith

Overview	Using visuals as prompts for the oral delivery of a first-person narrative can be a powerful way to build vocabulary and speaking skills. <i>Little Mouse Gets Ready</i> , which is essentially a graphic monologue, provides an ideal model for step-by-step/process structure and how visuals can support a speaker's points.
Subject	English Language Arts
Grade Level	Kindergarten
Suggested Time	50-80 minutes (1-2 class periods)
Materials	Crayons, colored pencils, or other drawing implements
Objectives	Students will build vocabulary by reciting new and familiar words, especially transition words used frequently in chain-of-events narratives.
Before Reading	<p>Complete the activity sheet yourself. Choose a process that children will be quick to grasp. You may want to transfer your four-panel strip to an overhead transparency or chalkboard.</p> <p>Preview <i>Little Mouse Gets Ready</i> by using the cover and title to encourage students to predict what the story will be about. Draw attention to the panels and the word balloon, and use them as a springboard to invite students to share what they know about comics and how they tell stories.</p>
During Reading	<p>Explain the uniquely graphic aspects of story by showing how each panel illustrates a specific action. Point out that just as Little Mouse follows a series of steps to get ready, so the cartoonist Jeff Smith tells the story one step at a time. Ask them to identify the action in each panel, Little Mouse's expression or feeling, and how this information connects to the panels that precede or follow.</p> <p>As you read, write the following "order" words on the board: <i>first, then, next, last, new, and almost</i>. Also write the following "content" words and phrases: <i>love, I can't wait, have to, hard, and done</i>. Have volunteers use the items in a similar context as it relates to their own lives. Estimated time for this section: 25-30 minutes.</p>
After Reading	<p>Share your four-panel strip that outlines the steps you take to "get ready" for an activity. Guide students to understand how you use "order" words to link the steps in sequence. Explain to the students that they will create similar "pictures that tell a story in steps." Advise them to choose a simple topic with only a few steps. Emphasize that they should identify the four steps before actually drawing in each panel. Estimated time: 15-25 minutes.</p> <p>Finally, have students use their personal narrative activity sheets to help present what they do to "get ready". Review the vocabulary words listed on the board and explain how using them will help listeners follow their talks. Each presentation should take no more than one minute. Estimated time: 10-25 minutes.</p>



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My Comic About Getting Ready

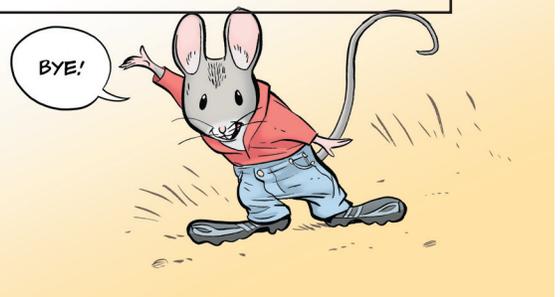
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Draw four pictures in the boxes that show you getting ready to do something you like.

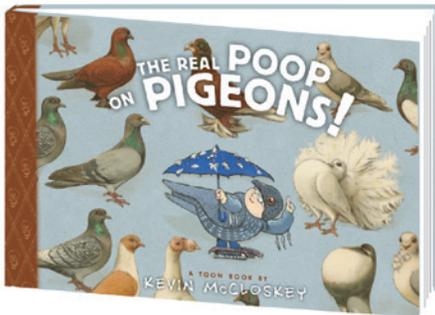
This is what I do when I get ready to

1 Start Here	2
3	4 The End!



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KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
In the beginning of the story, how does the man feel about pigeons? How do the children feel about pigeons? What facts do the children give to the man to change his mind?	RL.K.1 RL.1.1
What makes special pigeons different from common pigeons? Describe one of the “fancy” pigeons in the book. List as many visual details as you can.	RL.K.2 RL.1.2
Describe how the children in the story are dressed. Are they the ones learning, or are they the ones teaching? Why do you think this story is set in a park?	RL.K.3 RL.1.3

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
What is “breeding”? Why do people breed pigeons?	RL.K.4 RL.1.4
Look at the anatomy drawing. Which body parts do pigeons have that we don’t have? Which body parts do humans and pigeons share? How are they different?	
Some books tell stories; others give information. Some books do both. Which kind of book is this? How does the cover hint at which kind it is?	RL.K.5 RL.1.5
Why did the author sometimes use speech balloons and sometimes use plain text? How can you tell who is talking?	RL.K.6 RL.1.6

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	
What can you learn from the illustrations that you can’t learn from the words? Look at the page about the Victoria Crowned pigeon. Why do you think this pigeon was named after Queen Victoria? Use visual details to support your answer.	RL.K.7 RL.1.7
Look at the page with the dodo. Do we still have dodos today? What detail gives you a hint?	
There are lots of books about pigeons, including Mo Willems’ Pigeon series. Explain how those books are different from <i>The Real Poop on Pigeons!</i> ? How are they similar?	RL.K.9 RL.1.9

SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
Have students discuss in groups: what are the new facts that you learned about pigeons? What does “pest” mean? Before you read this book, did you agree with the old man that pigeons are pests? How do you feel about them now?	SL.K.2 SL.K.1 SL.K.4 SL.1.4
Look at the children on the last page of the story. What kind of animal costumes are they wearing? Why do you think that is? Tell your own story about the squirrel children on the final page.	W.K.3 W.1.3 W.K.8, W.1.8

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THE REAL POOP ON PIGEONS! ACTIVITY SHEET

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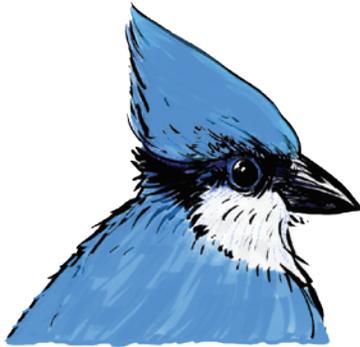
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Bird-watching is fun! Binoculars are useful, but all you really need is paper and a pencil to write the names of the birds.

Read the paragraph below to help you identify each bird.

Sparrows have black beaks. Starlings have dark feathers. Robins have orange or red breasts. Cardinals and blue jays both have pointy heads called crowns. Cardinals are red. Blue jays are, you know, blue!



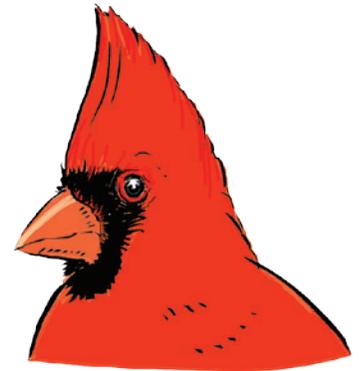
- ROBIN*
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- SPARROW*
- STARLING*
- BLUE JAY*
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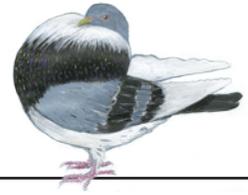
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BEFORE READING: What do I know about pigeons?
Make a list on the left, and draw on the right.



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AFTER READING: What did I learn about pigeons from reading *The Real Poop on Pigeons!*?
Examples: What do pigeons eat? Where do they live? Which artist was inspired by pigeons?

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Tippy and the Night Parade

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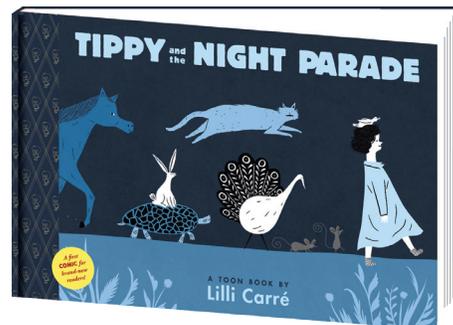
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KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
As Tippy sleepwalks a number of animals start to follow her, joining her at different points. Have students retell the stories of individual animals. When does the bear join Tippy?	RL.K.1, RL.1.1, RL.K.2, RL.1.2
The mole that joins Tippy's parade has an affinity for one of the other animals. Which one is it? How can you tell?	RL.K.3, RL.1.3

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	
Pause after you read the balloon "...and the trees." as you read the story aloud to your class. Why are the animals following Tippy? Where do you think they are going? What have you seen so far in the story that might give you a clue?	RL.K.7, RL.1.7
On the first page of the story, the name Tippy is written in all caps, with an exclamation mark, in a spiky balloon with a tail that comes from outside the picture. Point out to students how much information they can get from just that balloon.	
Do you know of other stories where the characters go on adventures when they are asleep? How is Tippy's journey similar or different?	RL.K.9, RL.1.9

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
Compare the orange pages to the blue pages. What do the differences signify? How can you tell she is asleep? Does she seem to be enjoying her dream?	RL.K.4, RL.1.4
Compare at Tippy's facial expression when she's shrugging on the third page to her facial expression when she's shrugging on the second-to-last page of the story. How does Tippy feel about the mess? Does she know how it got there? How can you tell?	
Is the story that Tippy tells her mother about how the animals get into her room the truth? Or is she just imagining? How can you tell?	RL.K.5, RL.1.5
At what point does Tippy start telling the story? Who is she telling it to? At what points is Tippy just a character (and not also telling the story)? Hint: Look at the orange pages. Who is telling the story at these points?	RL.K.6, RL.1.6

SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
Have students get together in small groups to discuss Tippy. What do they think of this story? Is it real or imagined? Have students use specific examples in the book to support their thinking	SL.K.2, SL.1.2, SL.K.3, SL.1.3, SL.K.4, SL.1.4, SL.K.6, SL.1.6
Have students write a list of activities they might do while sleepwalking. Then, have students illustrate these, using comic tools such as speech balloons and panels. Have students share these in small groups and give feedback.	W.K.3, W.1.3, W.K.5, W.1.5, W.K.7, W.1.7

TIPPY AND THE NIGHT PARADE ACTIVITY SHEET

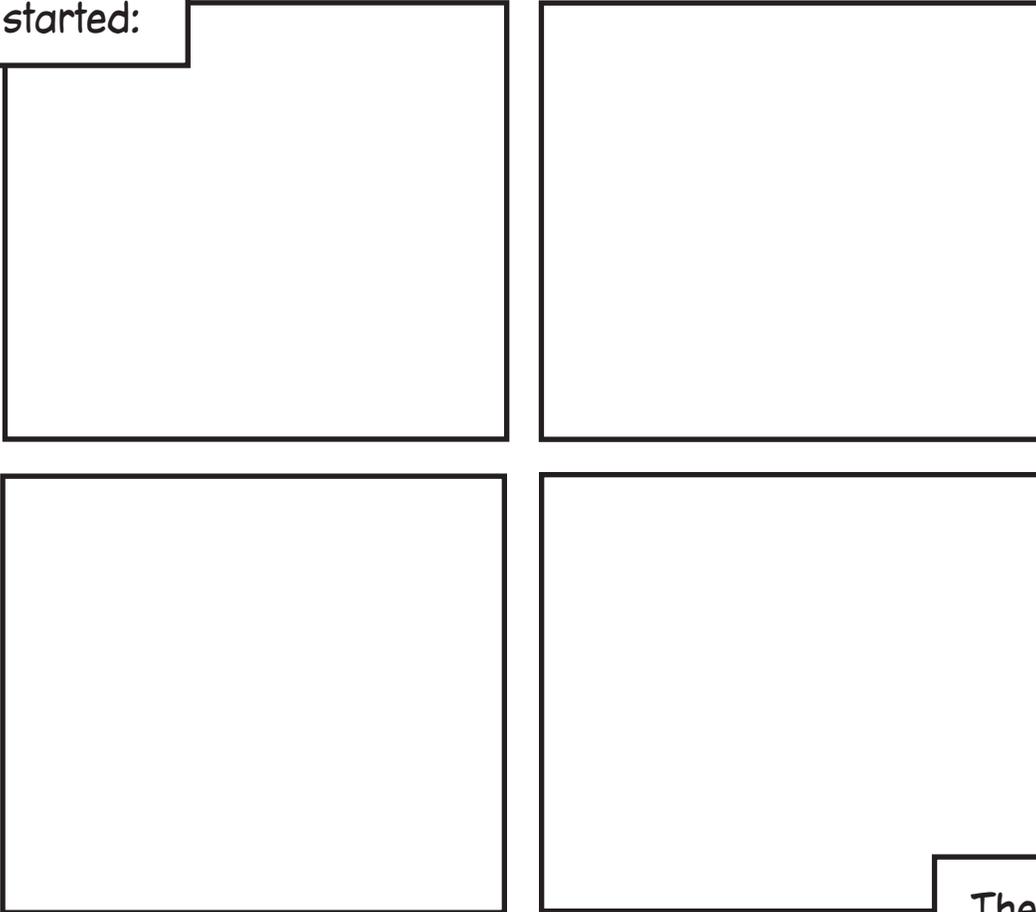
Name: _____

Date: _____

Oh no! Your room is a mess! Draw your room to show us the mess,
and then show us how it got that way.



How it started:



The end!

Tippy and the Night Parade
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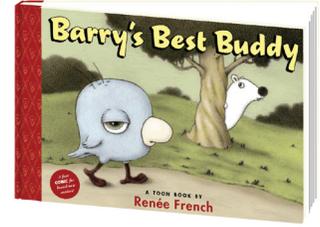
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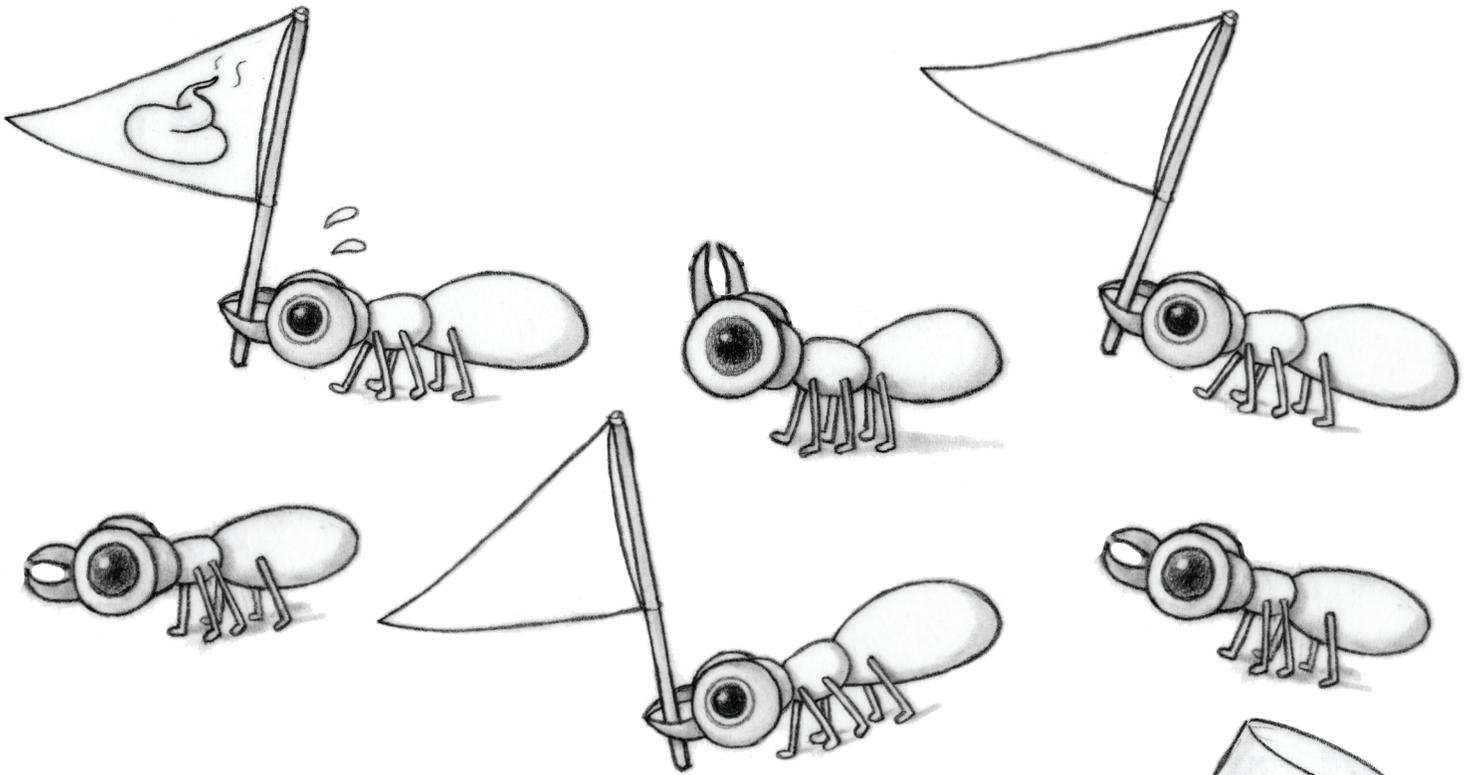
KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
<p>This book is built on a reveal. After Polarhog says, "You'll see," have students predict what the surprise is. Let students guess as the story goes on. At the end, have them review those predictions against their initial guesses.</p> <p>Have students predict where the ants are doing when Polarhog says "LOOK!" Then, go back and review what the ants were doing throughout.</p>	<p>RL.K.1, RL.1.1</p>
<p>Ask students to retell the events in this story, including both what happens with Barry and Polarhog, as well as with the ants.</p>	<p>RL.K.2, RL.1.2</p>
<p>What does Barry do with the hat he receives? Why? What can you tell about Barry's personality from this?</p>	<p>RL.K.3, RL.1.3</p>

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
<p>What does Barry mean when he says, "Oh tragedy. I must have dropped it"? What is a tragedy? Do you think Barry really dropped the hat accidentally? Why?</p>	<p>RL.K.4, RL.1.4</p>
<p>There are two overlapping narratives in this story -- Barry and Polarhog, and the ants. The storylines move in opposite directions -- have your students map out how these stories flow, and discuss why an author might choose to have overlapping stories in this way.</p> <p>Have students retell the story, paying special attention to Barry's surprise. When does Polarhog tell him that he has a surprise for him? What kind of hints do we get in the story?</p>	<p>RL.K.5, RL.1.5</p>
<p>Split students into groups of two and read aloud, assigning roles to Barry and Polarhog. Then have them switch roles.</p>	<p>RL.K.6, RL.1.6</p>

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	
<p>How does Barry feel when he sees his house? How can you tell? Have students list at least 3 details that help them describe Barry's feelings.</p> <p>Barry says he doesn't like ice cream -- but what does he do with the ice cream, judging by Barry's face on the following page? What can you infer about Barry's feelings towards ice cream from this?</p>	<p>RL.K.7, RL.1.7</p>
<p>Have students retell the story, first from Barry's perspective, then from Polarhog's.</p> <p>Compare the friendship in this book to that in "Frog and Toad," or another story about friends. How are they different? How are they similar?</p>	<p>RL.K.9, RL.1.9</p>

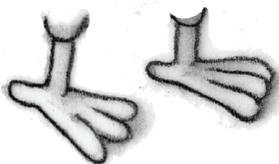
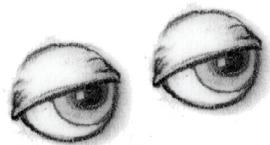
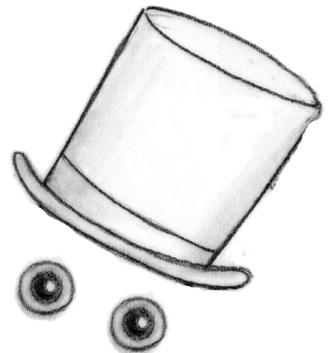
SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
<p>Ants don't usually decorate houses. But they are able to carry many times their body weight. Discuss some basic facts about ants, comparing it to the ants in the story.</p>	<p>SL.K.2, SL.K.3, SL.K.4, SL.K.6 SL.1.1, SL.1.3, SL.1.4, SL.1.6</p>
<p>Polarhog comes up with a great birthday gift for Barry -- have students write a description of what they would do for their best friend on his/her birthday.</p> <p>Have students exchange their ideas and comment on each others work. Allow them the opportunity to revise their work afterwards.</p>	<p>W.K.2, W.1.2, W.K.5, W.1.5</p>

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What are the ants above holding? Draw objects in their mouths and pictures on their flags.

Now draw your own best buddies using these feet, hands, eyes, and hat for guidance. Then color your characters and share them with your friends.



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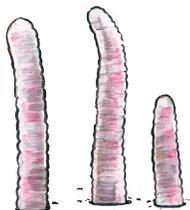
We Dig Worms!

by Kevin McCloskey

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KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
What does this book teach you about worms? Can worms see and hear and feel like we do? What do they eat? How do they change the dirt in the garden?	RL.K.1, RL.1.1
What is the message of the book? How does the author want us to feel about worms? How do you know?	RL.K.2, RL.1.2
Besides the worm, who else is in this book? How do the children in the story feel about worms? Do they all agree? Why is the bluebird so interested in the worm? How can you tell?	RL.K.3, RL.1.3

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
What does the girl mean when she says the worms have “cold blood?” Worms are born from cocoons. What are cocoons? What other animals are born from cocoons?	RL.K.4, RL.1.4
What clues does the book’s cover give about what is inside? Note the title, the picture of the girl, the pink border, and the recycled paper bag.	RL.K.5, RL.1.5
The author and illustrator are the same person for this book. What can you learn about the author from the back cover, “about the author,” and dedication pages? When is the worm speaking and when are the children speaking? How do you know?	RL.K.6, RL.1.6

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	
In the <i>Map of the Worm</i> section, how do the pictures help the words and how do the words help explain the pictures? Would it be harder to understand without the illustrations or without the words?	RL.K.7 RL.1.7
Scientists classify animals as vertebrates if they have bones, or invertebrates if they have no bones. Look at the map of the worm. Which group do worms belong in?	RL.K.9, RL.1.9

SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
How does this story compare to your own experience with worms? Have students write about a time that they found a worm.	W.K.2, W.1.2, W.K.3, W.1.3, W.K.5, W.1.5
Pair students up. Have one be the worm and one the child who asks the worm the questions the children ask in the book. Can they think of other questions they would like to ask the worm? Help them find resources to answer their further questions.	SL.K.2, SL.1.2, SL.K.3, SL.1.3, SL.K.4, SL.1.4, SL.K.5, SL.1.5

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WE DIG WORMS ACTIVITY SHEET

Name:

Date:

YOU CAN DRAW A WORM



1. ...even if you can't draw a straight line.
A wiggly line looks more like a worm.



2. Now try to draw an outline with bumps
to show the segments of a worm.



3. Next time leave a flat area near one end.



4. Add thin lines to show segments and shadows.



5. Lines outside a worm make it look like it's moving.

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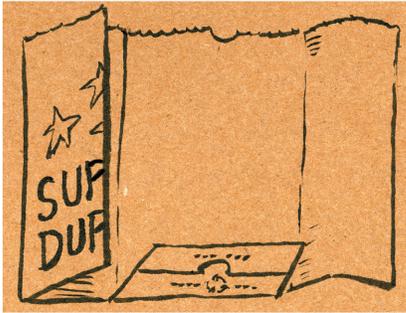
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WE DIG WORMS ACTIVITY SHEET

Name: _____

Date: _____

YOU CAN PAINT A WORM



Painted Toy Worms:
Cut open a paper grocery bag.
You will find lots of brown paper.
Paint a white worm shape.
Then add bright colors with paint,
markers, or crayons.



Cut out the worms to play with them.
They make cool bracelets or bookmarks!



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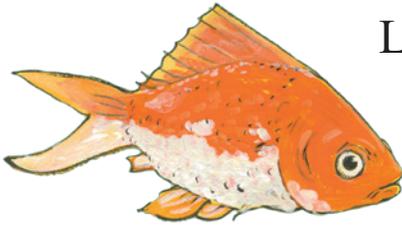
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Lesson Plan for *Something's Fishy*

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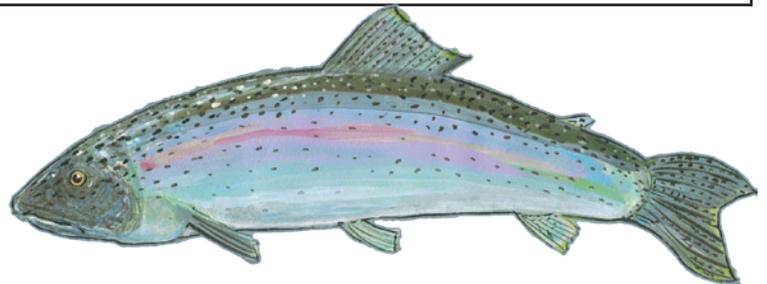
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Overview	<i>Something's Fishy</i> shares fun facts about fish but the book also offers a greater lesson about rules and exceptions. As McCloskey vividly presents a whole alphabet, giving a sense of the large diversity in the class of fish--he humorously includes jellyfish (which are not fish) and seahorses (which don't look like fish but are). You will guide students as they learn fun facts about fish and explore the idea of rules and exceptions.
Subject	Information Fluency, English Language Arts
Grade Level	1-2
Suggested Time	45 minutes
Materials	Pencils, activitiy sheet
Before Reading	Tap into your students' prior knowledge by asking if they know what an exception is. Provide the example of apples. Ask students what color an apple is, and they will answer, "Red." Point out that there is the famous green Granny Smith, which is different from the expected norm. Also point out that exceptions apply to ideas as well as objects. For example: Students may have to be in bed by 9 on school nights, except on Thursdays which may be family game night. Staying up late on Thursday night is an exception to the rule.
During Reading	Read the text aloud to the class, giving students time to react to the humor and images.
After Reading	As you pass out the activity sheet, have students turn to their neighbors and briefly discuss any exceptions they may remember. Redirect the students' attention to the front of the room and, as a class, identify the exceptions in the book by filling out the activity sheet. Some of the words students will fill out on the sheet might be long or unfamiliar because <i>Something's Fishy</i> is a science book. After completing the activity sheet, ask students to think of examples of exceptions in their own lives and to share them with the class.

Something's Fishy

by Kevin McCloskey

HARDCOVER, 40 PAGES, 9" x 6", \$12.95
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Exceptions

Name _____

Date _____

DIRECTIONS: After reading *Something's Fishy*, match the words in the word bank on the left to the correct sentence on the right.



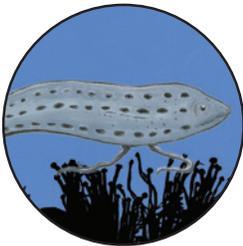
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seahorse



lungfish



some eels



jellyfish

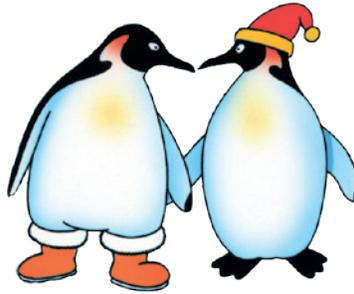
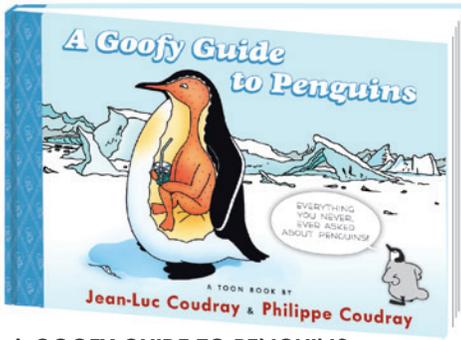


flying fish

1. Almost all fish breathe with their gills, but _____ also breathe by gulping air.
2. Almost all fish have scales, but _____ have none.
3. Almost all fish swim in the water, but _____ can fly in the air.
4. Almost all fish are vertebrates, but the _____ has no spine.
5. Almost all fish swim in the water, but _____ can walk on land.
6. Most fish look like this , but the _____ looks very different.
7. Most animals with the word “fish” in their name are fish, but _____ are not.

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A GOOFY GUIDE TO PENGUINS
by Philippe Coudray
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TOON BOOKS LEVEL ONE
Guided Reading Level = N

ELA COMMON CORE STANDARDS (GRADES K-1)

KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS	
On p. 5, what can you tell about the penguins in the first panel? What changes happen in the second panel? What did you expect to see? What is the source of the humor? (<i>Change in point of view.</i>) What is the smaller penguin holding? (<i>A magnifying glass.</i>) Why is this relevant?	RL.K.1 RL.1.1
Point out to students that every page has two panels. On p. 10, what stays the same in each panel, and what changed? What do the lines above and below the penguins each represent? Do they affect the penguins? Point out that the humor often plays on the relationship of the penguins to their environment.	RL.K.2 RL.1.2
On p. 25, have students cover the second panel, look at the first panel, and predict what happens next. Now uncover the second panel. Is it what you expected? For more activities like this one, visit the penguin prediction game: http://www.toon-books.com/uploads/1/2/5/6/12564774/2.pdf	RL.K.3 RL.1.3

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE	
On p. 18, what does “tide” mean? Point out that penguins are on the edge of the water but the reader can’t tell if they are on the mainland or on an island. What do you learn in the second panel and why? (<i>Talk about perspective and context.</i>) How does the penguins’ point of view prevent them from seeing the tide rising? How about the readers’ point of view?	RL.K.4 RL.1.4
Discuss fiction and non-fiction. Does this book teach you about “real” penguins? (<i>Yes and no. The body of the book is fiction. The index is nonfiction.</i>) Talk about different types of humor and how the readers’ expectations shift. Show that on p. 24, the penguin is fishing for food just as a real penguin would, and the joke has to do with the visual humor of the fish. Other penguins are funny because they are unexpectedly human, as on p. 34.	RL.K.5 RL.1.5
On p. 8, panel 2, the artist draws a “cutaway” penguin, a convention used in scientific diagrams. What can we see in this panel that we can’t see in the others? Why do you think the artist did this? Look at the penguin on the cover. Are these two “cutaways” different or similar? What can you tell about how the cover penguin feels standing in the cold?	RL.K.6 RL.1.6

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS	
In the first panel on p. 26, what are the penguins doing? What happens in the second panel? Talk about the way the two images are related. Discuss how the second panel shows the inverse, or opposite, of the first panel. Talk about the different pairs of opposites: summer/ winter, ice/ water, inside/outside. Who/what stays the same in each panel?	RL.K.7 RL.1.7
There are many books about penguins, such as <i>Mr. Popper’s Penguins</i> by Richard and Florence Atwater. How are the penguins in this story different from the penguins in other penguin books? Why?	RL.K.9 RL.1.9

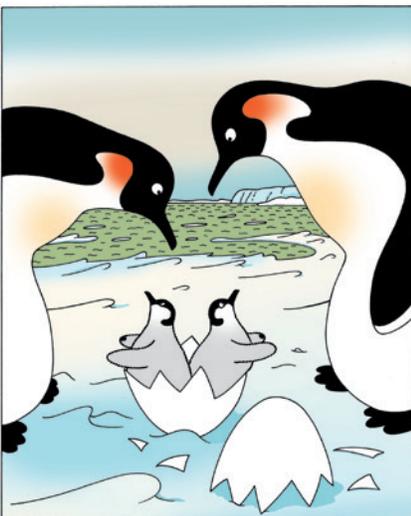
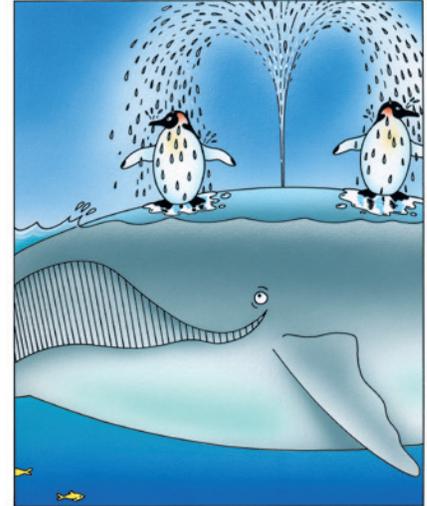
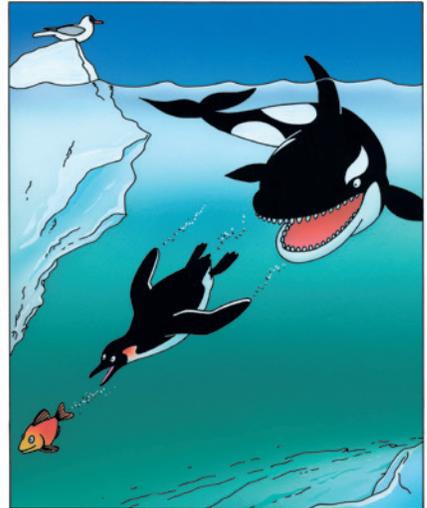
SPEAKING AND LISTENING / WRITING	
Ask students to read just the pictures. On p. 22, can they tell what is happening without reading the balloons? Ask them to imagine different balloons for the same image sequences. How does the text change their understanding of what is happening?	SL.K.2 SL.K.1 SL.K.4 SL.1.4
Read aloud the index at the back of the book. Ask students to list new facts they learned about penguins. Did they know that penguins can’t fly? What can penguins do that most birds can’t do?	W.K.7 W.1.7 W.K.8, W.1.8

A GOOFY GUIDE TO PENGUINS ACTIVITY SHEET

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Date: _____

Cut out the panels below and arrange them to create your own story.
Make many stories. You don't have to use all of them in each one.



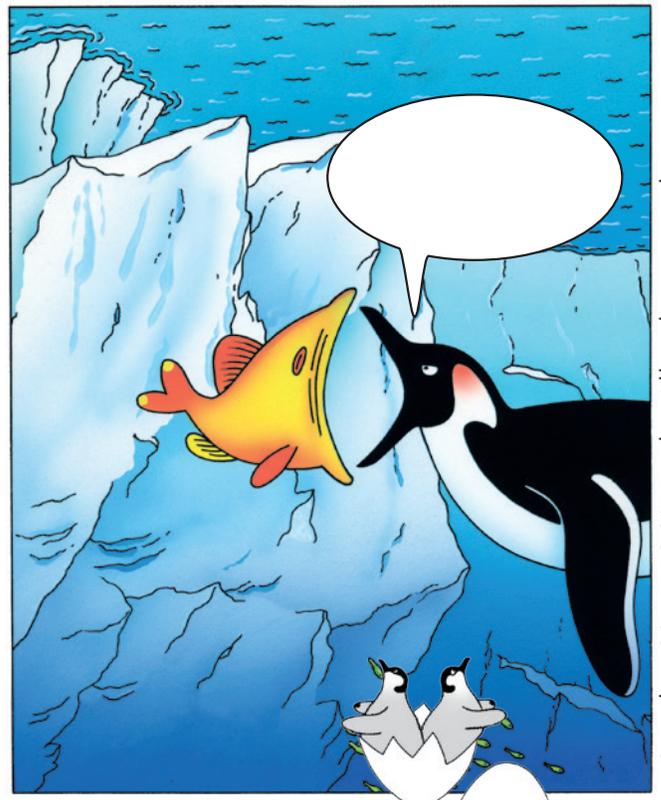
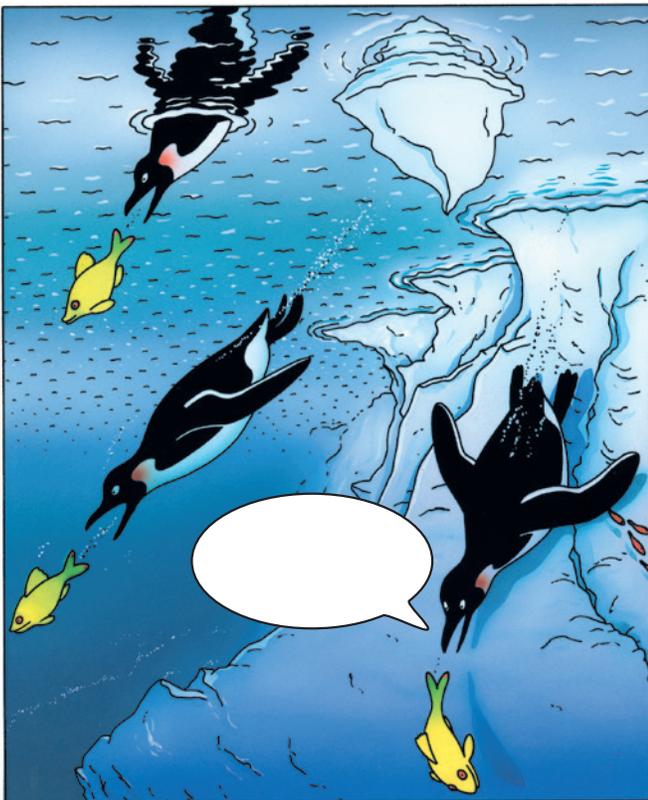
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Write your own dialogue inside each balloon. What do you think the penguins are saying?



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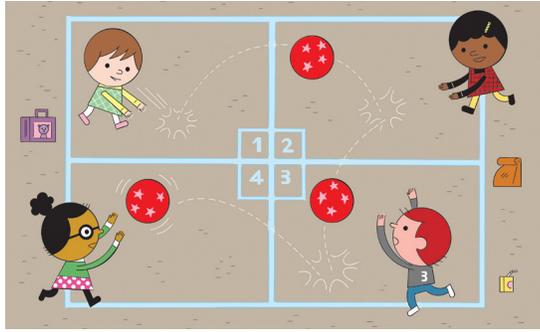
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CCSS-aligned Guided Reading Lesson Plan

Overview	Numbers can be made in many different ways. Children will explore this idea and will investigate how the author/artist brings it out in his text and artwork.
Subject	Math
Grade Level	K-1
Suggested Time	40 minutes
Materials	Paper, crayons or pencils OR math manipulatives (blocks, cubes, or disks)
Objectives	Students will investigate how they can make a larger number out of equal sets of smaller numbers. They will study how the author develops this idea in several different ways. They will also learn about even and odd numbers.
Before Reading	Try doing the activity yourself with different even and odd numbers so that you can preempt the children's questions and see where difficulties may arise. Have the children look at the cover of the book. Then say to them:
RI.K.5	Look at the cover of the book. How many people do you see? How many animals? How many houses? How many crayons/pencils do the girls have? What does this make you think the book will be about?
RI.K.6	How many letters are in the author's name, Ivan Brunetti?
RI.K.4, RI.K.5, RI.1.4	From looking at the cover, what do you think 3X4 means? [Students this age have not yet started to learn multiplication.] So you see that X here means "times." If you have 4 things 3 times, how many things do you have all together?

During Reading

RI.1.7



Look at the page with the children playing box ball. How many ways of showing 3 or 4 do you see?

RI.K.7, RI.1.7

How many children are in the classroom? How are they grouped at their tables? How many colors are in the color wheel at the top left on page 7?

RI.K.3, RI.1.3

What is the homework assignment that the teacher gives the children?

RI.K.4, RI.1.4

What is a set?



RI.K.7, RI.1.6

Look at the next two pages. Do the children have to make only 3 sets of 4 or 4 sets of 3? Are 4 sets of 3 things and 3 sets of 4 things the same number of things? What about 2 sets of 6 things and 6 sets of 2 things?

RI.K.1, RI.K.3,
RI.1.1, RI.1.3

When Annemarie asks her father to name 4 kinds of cars, how many does he name each time?

RI.K.7, RI.1.7

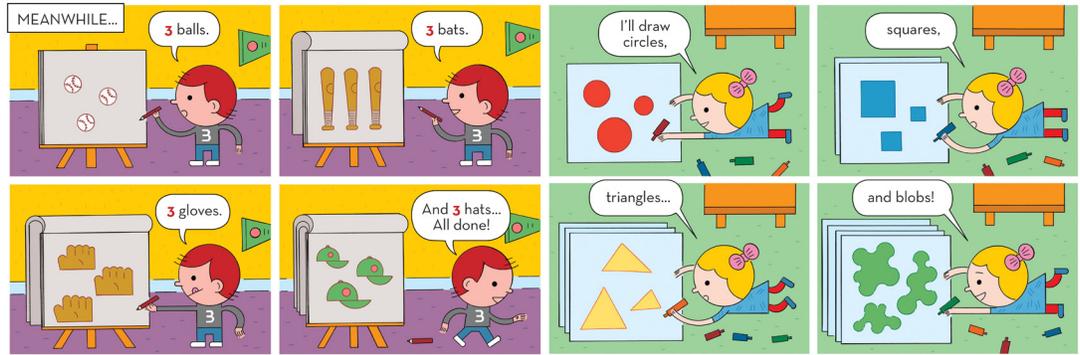


On page 12, how many musical instruments are there?

RI.K.7, RI.1.7

On page 13, how is Annemarie feeling? How do you know what she's thinking? In comics, a cloud bubble tells what someone is thinking.

The children approach the homework in different ways. Here are some of them:



RI.K.7, RI.1.7

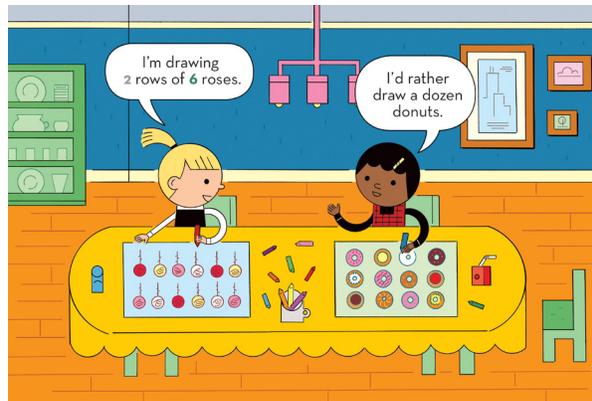
How many panels are on pages 14 and 15? How many things does each child draw on each piece of paper? Does each child draw 12 things all together?



RI.K.1, RI.1.1

What does the boy realize on page 16? What does he finally decide (page 17)?

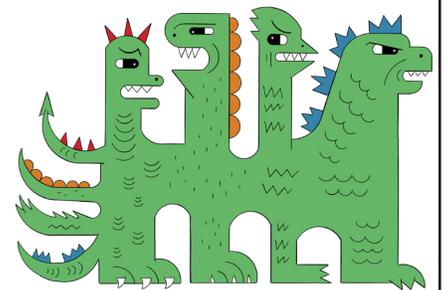
RI.K.1, RI.K.3,
RI.K.7, RI.1.1,
RI.1.3, RI.1.7



How do the girls on page 19 decide to do the homework assignment?

What is a "dozen"? Can you name a kind of food that is sold by the dozen? (If they say eggs, ask them how they're arranged in the box.)

Notice that the boy on pages 24-25 makes his homework assignment into one monster.



RI.K.1, RI.1.1

Why do you think Annemarie gets a ribbon at the end?

RI.K.7, RI.1.6,
RI.1.7

RI.K.6, RI.K.7,
RI.1.6, RI.1.7

RI.K.1, RI.K.3,
RI.1.1, RI.1.3

RI.K.1, RI.K.3,
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RI.K.6, RI.K.7,
RI.1.7

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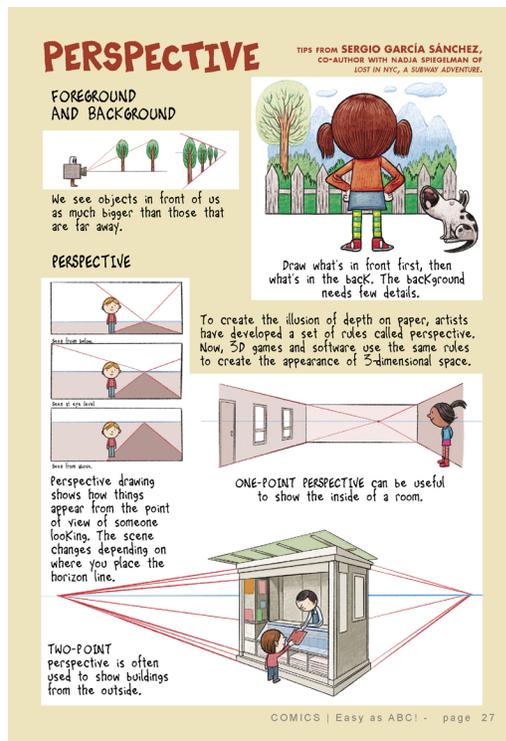
There are groups of things hidden all through this book. Can you find them? Hint: How many bananas are in the bowl on the top of page 17? How many pieces of fruit are in the bowl on page 18?

Look at pages 14 and 15. Why do you think Ivan Brunetti made 4 panels with 3 things in each?

Geometry:

Geometry is a kind of math that deals with shapes, lines, and angles. Ivan Brunetti uses many different geometric shapes throughout this book. How many can you find? Do you know their names?

Many things are organized in lines or rows in the book. See how many you can find.



Artists often use perspective to show how things appear from the point of view of someone looking. Look at the examples on the page to the left [page 27 of Comics: Easy as ABC!].



Ivan Brunetti, the author and artist of 3x4, came up with his own way of showing space.

Notice that the lines on the floor of the kitchen on page 17 stay the same distance apart from one another and look as though they'll never meet. Lines like this are called parallel lines.

Where do you see parallel lines in your classroom? Outdoors? In your home?

After Reading

Draw 12 things divided into sets of the same number as many ways as you can. (Some children may realize that they can do 12 sets of 1 and 1 set of 12.) Children can use blocks, cubes, or other manipulatives rather than drawing. Manipulatives are better, because children can move them around to adjust the number of things in each set.

(There should be 4 sets of 3, 3 sets of 4, 2 sets of 6, 6 sets of 2, [1 set of 12, and 12 sets of 1]):

XXX	XXXX	XXXXXX	XX	X	XXXXXXXXXXXX
XXX	XXXX	XXXXXX	XX	X	
XXX	XXXX		XX	X	
XXX			XX	X	
			XX	X	
			XX	X	
				X	
				X	
				X	
				X	
				X	
				X	
				X	
				X	

Take one drawing or block away and try to do the same thing. What happens?

Now do the same with 10. (Advanced children can try to do the same thing with 18.)

A number that you can divide into two equal sets is called an even number. 10, 12, and 18 are even numbers. Even numbers have 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 in the ones' place. Is 16 an even number? Is 17?

A number that you can't divide into two equal sets is called an odd number. 3, 9, and 15 are odd numbers. Odd numbers have 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9 in the ones' place. Is 19 an odd number? Is 14?

Test this: Make a drawing of an odd number of things and see if you can divide it into sets of the same number of things (equal sets). [Children may not yet have learned the concept of equal.]

Enrichment: Prime Numbers

Some odd numbers, like 15, can be divided into sets of the same number other than 1 and themselves (3 sets of 5, and 5 sets of 3). Some odd numbers, like 7, cannot be divided into sets of the same number. (7 can be made only by 1 set of 7 or 7 sets of 1.)

Numbers that cannot be made into sets of anything but themselves or 1 are called prime numbers. 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, and 19 are prime numbers. Prime numbers are all odd except 2, the smallest prime number.

2 is the only even prime number.

12 in Other Languages

Do you speak another language? How do you say 12 in that language? Can you count all the way to 12?

How do we use the number 12 in our everyday lives?

There are 12 numbers on a clock, 12 months in a year, 12 eggs in a dozen, 12 signs of the zodiac, 12 notes (half steps) in a musical scale.

Here is a website with other uses of the number 12:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/12_\(number\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/12_(number)), where they show how 12 is written in some other languages:

ԺԲ	Armenian	១២	Khmer
১২	Bangla	ΔΙΙ	Attic Greek
יב	Hebrew	ⲒⲚ	Egyptian
१२	Indian & Nepali	十二	Chinese and Japanese
க௨	Tamil	XII	Roman and Etruscan
๑๒	Thai	ИХ	Chuvash
౧౨	Telugu	۱۲	Urdu
ιβ'	Ionian Greek	൧൨	Malayalam