



Book Activity Sheet

Mice Squeak, We Speak

By Tomie dePaola

This is a delightful story about the sounds people and animals use to communicate.

Things to Talk About:

Talking Voices: In this book, dePaola stresses that while animals make noises, people speak or talk to each other in order to communicate. Not everybody can talk, however. Explain to your child that people can communicate in ways besides talking. For example, you can discuss why some people use sign language and “speak” with their hands.

Animal Sounds: Each animal in the story makes a unique sound. Identify a particular animal and ask your child to imitate that animal's sound. Your child will have fun vocalizing the different animal sounds.

Animal Habitats: Many of the animals in the story are wild animals. You can talk about where you might find each kind of animal. For example, the lion might be found in the jungle. Other animals in the story are much more domestic or familiar. These animals can be found in very different places. For example, the cow and the pig can be found on the farm. Classify and categorize the animals in the story based on their environments or habitats.

Activities to Do:

1. Down in the Jungle Chant

You Will Need: child and adult voices

What to Do: Begin by having children slap their hands on their knees and then clap them together to set the rhythm of the chant.

Down in the jungle with the beat in your feet, think of an animal that you'd like to meet. Who would you like to meet _____? (Call out a child's name and have them name a jungle animal)

A (Monkey), A (Monkey) _____ (insert child's name) wants to see a (Monkey)!

Then have all of the children imitate a monkey. Keep repeating and naming different animals for the children to imitate. Don't forget the growls, screeches, and roars!

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2. Animal Habitat Collage

You Will Need: scissors, glue, construction paper, old magazines (preferably nature magazines)

What to Do: Have your child search through old magazines looking for pictures that show different types of animal homes. Your child can glue the pictures that he or she finds onto a large piece of construction paper. You can help your child label the collage “Animals Homes.” These collages can make an interesting visual display.

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