



World Read Aloud Day 2021

Useful tips on sharing the story with preschool children

Fly, everyone, fly! is suitable for reading aloud to children 6 years and older, but that doesn't mean that younger children can't enjoy the story too! Here are some ideas on how to share the story with children aged 3 to 6 years.

Before

- ★ A few days before sharing the story with children, read it a few times. Get to know the story well enough so that you can retell it in your own way.
- ★ Think about how to bring the story alive.
 - Introduce the story in a way that **sparks** children's curiosity. For example: **Write** a letter that says: 'Who wants to join me on a bus trip to visit Gogo? Love, Afrika.' Leave the letter somewhere where the children will find it and when they do, **read** it to them. Use chairs to make the 'seats' of the bus.
 - Find parts of the story where the children can join in. For example: **doing the actions to Josh's song**.
 - What facial expressions and gestures can you use as you tell the story? For example: **smiling and waving like Gogo at the bus stop**.
 - Collect and/or make some of the objects mentioned in the story to show as you tell the story. For example: **a backpack with paper in it, a paper aeroplane**. Or, download and print the story's pictures from www.nalibali.org
- ★ Practise telling the story.

During

- ★ Introduce then tell the story to the children.

After

- ★ Ask open-ended questions to encourage the children to think and talk about ideas linked to the story. For example: **Would you rather be a plane or a bus? Why?**
- ★ Together, pretend to be something that flies. Say what you are.
- ★ Invite the children to:
 - make bus tickets or **draw** pictures about the story with crayons, kokis, paper and scissors.
 - **play** on the bus you made. (They can also **dress up** for the journey!)
 - make scenes from the story using playdough or clay.
 - make planes or buses with recycled materials (like cardboard boxes, paper towel rolls, bottle tops), glue, scissors and paint.

Most importantly, **have fun!**

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