

The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog

by Mo Willems

It's mine and all mine! Children will love the hand-drawn illustrations, clever conversations and hilarious reactions between pigeon and duckling as they learn that sharing is truly the best solution.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *What would you do if you found a hot dog?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if duckling will get to try pigeon's hot dog?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog*

- sensation: a physical feeling
- morsel: small piece of food
- celebration: show happiness at something
- splendor: the condition of being magnificent, impressive or brilliant
- curious: eager to know something
- unbelievable: too unrealistic or improbable to be believed

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What did pigeon find?
- What did duckling want to know about the hot dog?
- How did pigeon react to duckling's question?
- Does pigeon want to share the hot dog? Why?
- How does pigeon feel after duckling keeps asking questions?
- Who gets to eat the hot dog at the end of the story?

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Visit Mo Willem's site at <http://www.pigeonpresents.com> for activities and information related to all of his titles. Under Grown Up Stuff, you will find an activity called Pigeon Puppets in The Pigeon Teacher's Guide where you can download a sheet with step-by-step instructions on how to color and create your own stick puppets of pigeon and duckling.

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