



Never Let a Unicorn Meet a Reindeer!

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Read this delightfully illustrated story to find out if a reindeer and a unicorn can put aside their competitiveness and become best friends.

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 do you think this story is about? 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 what that unicorn and reindeer are thinking?

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 everyday conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words

- theme - the particular subject or idea on which the style of something (such as a party or room) is based
- hopeless - unable to be solved or fixed
- competitive - having a strong desire to win or be the best at something

- After:**
- What did Kiki want for her birthday?
 - How did Kiki get ahold of Santa during the summer?
 - Who knocked on the door during Kiki’s birthday party?
 - What was in the letter from Santa?
 - Do unicorns get along with all animals?
 - Did Kiki’s unicorn get along with Santa’s reindeer when they first met?
 - How did Kiki’s unicorn help save Christmas?
 - Did the unicorn and reindeer become friends?



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Candy Cane Reindeer and Unicorns

Materials:

Candy canes
brown pipe cleaners for reindeer
colorful pipe cleaners for unicorns
small red pom-poms for noses
small google eyes
hot glue gun
ribbon

1. Make sure to have an adult's help when using hot glue. Glue a nose on the short end of the candy cane.
2. Glue eyes above the pom-pom nose.
3. Twist a pipe cleaner at the top of the arch in the candy cane and add a dab of glue to hold in place. Bend the pipe cleaners into the shape of reindeer antlers or a unicorn horn.

