



Big Mean Mike

First Reading: Illustrations

Looking at just the illustrations, you'll learn a lot about the story. Remember to take note of questions that occur to your reader and you that the text might answer during the SECOND READING.

*When numbering the pages, the text begins on page 1.

Pages 1 - 4:

- What do you see in these illustrations that makes Mike seem big and mean?

Pages 5 - 7:

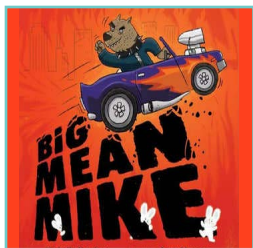
- What does Big Mean Mike find in his trunk?
- How does he feel about finding the bunny?
- What does Big Mean Mike do with the bunny?

Pages 9 - 11:

- What does Big Mean Mike find in his trunk now?
- How does he feel about finding two bunnies?
- What does Big Mean Mike do with the bunnies?

Pages 13 - 18:

- What does Big Mean Mike find in his car next?
- How is he feeling?
- What do you think he is saying to the bunnies?
- On pages 16 and 17, why do you think Big Mean Mike is looking all over his car?



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Pages 19 - 23:

- On page 19, what does Big Mean Mike find in his car?
- On page 21, what do you think he is saying to the bunnies?
- On page 23, where do you think Mike might be going?

Pages 25 - 27:

- What is Mike doing with the bunnies? What do you think he is saying to them?
- On pages 26 and 27, where do you think Big Mean Mike has taken the bunnies?

Pages 28 - 29:

- What do you see? How is everyone feeling?

• Pages 30 - 33:

- Who might the dogs be who are talking to Mike? What do you think the dogs might be saying?
- How are the dogs' comments making Mike and the bunnies feel?
- What do you see on page 32?
- On page 33, what do you think is happening? How are the other dogs feeling? How are the bunnies feeling?
- What do you think Big Mean Mike is saying to the other dogs?

Pages 35 - 37:

- How do you think the bunnies and Big Mean Mike are feeling?
- Where are Mike and the bunnies at the end of the story? (Demolition Derby is a contest in which drivers crash old cars into each other until just one car is left.)
- Why do you think everyone looks happy?

The Reading Comprehension Best Practice for this book is **Answering Questions As We Read**. After discussing the illustrations, do have any questions about the story? Two questions that occurred to my grandson and me are: Where did the bunnies come from? Why is Mike so big and mean? Can you come up with a couple of your own? Look for the answers to your questions as you read the text.