



Big Mean Mike

Second Reading: Text & Vocabulary

During this reading, you'll look for answers to your questions. Read the pages before you begin the discussion.

For some of the pages, there are several questions suggested for your discussion. Choose the questions that you want to discuss based on the age, attention span, and interest of your listeners.

Pages 1 - 5:

- Why is Mike called Big Mean Mike? (He wanted it that way.)
- Why might Mike like to rev his engine?
- Why would Big Mean Mike want to buy combat boots?

Pages 6 - 12:

TIP: When reading words in *italics* or **bold** type, read them with emphasis (different tone, volume, intensity, or expression)

- How did the bunny get in the car? (No answer is given in the text.)
- On page 7, **peels out**: a very, very fast start. Big Mean Mike revs his engine, again, and peels out. Why might he **peel out**?
- On page 12, why didn't the bunnies get off Big Mean Mike's car when he shouted at them?
- On page 14, **spelled it out**: explained something detail by detail. Why would Mike take the time to spell out why big, tough dogs don't hang around tiny, fuzzy bunnies?
- Why do you think doesn't Mike use his car for the next few days?
- Is Mike mad at the bunnies? Discuss.

Pages 16 - 21:

- On pages 16 and 17, why is Mike looking carefully through his car? Discuss.
- On page 20, **dismayed**: disappointed, discouraged. Do you think Mike is feeling happy or sad if he is **dismayed**?
- Are the bunnies afraid of Big Mean Mike? Why or why not?



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Pages 22 - 28:

- Why can't Mike leave the bunnies in the car? How do you think Mike feels about the bunnies?
- On page 28, do you think that the bunnies like The Monster Truck Show? What words in the text helped you to know if they liked the show? (bounced in excitement, having such a good time)

Pages 30 - 31:

- **image:** what people think of you. What does “**His image is ruined!**” mean? Is that a good thing for Mike or a bad thing?

Pages 32 - 34:

- Who helps Mike get out of the tough situation with his friends?
- What do you learn about the little bunnies? (They are not afraid.)
- Why did the other dogs take a step back?
- How is everyone feeling on page 34?

Pages 35 - 37:

- Does Big Mean Mike stay mean?
- Does the story have a happy ending?