

## Have You Seen My Dragon?

First Reading: Illustrations

The primary focus of this reading is finding the dragon and counting the objects named in each caption. As you look at each double-page illustrations, repeat these questions:

- Where's the dragon?
- Count the objects.
- My grandchildren wanted to talk about the humor that Steve Light puts in some of his illustrations. Which illustrations seem funny to you?
- Is the dragon imaginary or real? There can be some wonderful discussions based on this question. Your opinion may change as you go through the book

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

\*Remember in this reading you ask the questions as you are looking at the illustrations.

\*Try to keep your storytime to 20 minutes. If you are not done with the reading pick it up again another night.

Here are some additional questions for special pages:

### Pages 11 and 12:

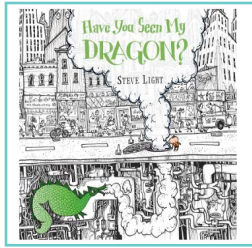
- How do you imagine the dragon got into the monkeys' cage?

### Pages 15 and 16:

- Follow the street as you count the **fire hydrants**. Where is the **fire hydrant** that is closest to your home?

### Pages 19 and 20:

- How does the castle in this illustration compare to the castle in another Practickle selection for this month: *Journey*?



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### Pages 21 and 22:

- **manhole covers:** heavy covers of holes in roads. These holes allow easy access to plumbing, drainage, and water systems. They cover the holes for safety reasons and are usually made of metal or concrete. Find the **manhole covers** near your house.
- Looking at this illustration, discuss how **fire hydrants** might get the water supply they use.
- Share Steve Light's comment: "When I visited New York City as a kid, my father would tell me that the steam coming from the **manhole covers** was a dragon's breath – which made me want to live there!" What do you think makes the steam that, sometimes, comes out of the holes in **manhole covers**?

### Pages 31 and 32:

- **subways:** underground electric railroads, usually in big cities. Does your city have **subways**? Why, or why not?

### Pages 33 and 34:

- **taxis:** a car for hire with a meter to determine the charge for the ride. Why might people need to ride in a **taxi**?

### Pages 39 and 40:

- **lanterns:** something that protects a light source from wind or rain. Lanterns are, usually, portable. Why might there be so many **lanterns** in this illustration?
- So.....Is the dragon imaginary or real? Which illustrations support your answer?