



One Cool Friend

First Reading: Illustrations

To allow the brain to focus on the information in the illustrations, this reading will look only at the illustrations and the information they provide the young reader. Studying the illustrations will provide numerous opportunities to form inferences and conclusions using the details in the drawings.

Within the illustrations is humor for both the child and the adult. In some illustrations, the same details will make both of you laugh. However, sometimes, Mr. Small's drawings will make the adult smile:)

As you study the illustrations, you'll notice text in the illustrations in different formats. However, stay with just the illustrations. The text balloons and special type will be read in the Second Reading.

*If the pages are not numbered, page 1 is the first page of text.

*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.

Pages 1 - 3:

- What observations can you make about the boy on these pages? (lots of stuffed animals, his clothes)
- Who do you think the man is?

Pages 4 - 7:

- From the details in the illustrations, where do you think the boy is?
- On page 6, why do you think penguins is written: **PENGUINS?**



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Pages 8 - 13:

- On page 9, look at what is in the boy's hand as he walks away? What is it? (money from the man's wallet) What do you think he will do with it?
- On pages 10 and 11, what is the boy doing?
- On page 13, what knob is the boy turning?

Pages 14 - 19:

- What do you think he is he going to do with the hose?
- On pages 16 and 17, how is he able to build a skating rink in his bedroom?
- On pages 18 and 19, what might the boy be saying to the man?
- From the details in the illustrations on pages 18 and 19, what might the man be studying?

Pages 20 - 25:

- On page 20, where might the boy and the penguin be? What might the boy and the woman be saying to each other?
- What might be in the boy's bike basket?
- What might the man be saying to them to cause the look on the boy's face?
- On page 22, the penguin looks very happy. Why might he be so happy?
- Why is the penguin in the freezer?
- Try to explain the illustration on pages 24 and 25.

Pages 26 - END:

- On page 26, why does the boy look worried?
- Who is **ELLIOT**, and why is his name in bolded capitals?
- What might the man be saying to the boy?
- How do you think the turtle came to be in the bathroom?