

Scaredy Squirrel

Second Reading: Text & Vocabulary

The focus of this reading is the text. There will be opportunities in this reading to connect the information in the illustrations to the information in the text. These connections will help add deeper meaning to the text.

*Read the pages before you ask the questions.

*Since the pages containing charts and lists have already been discussed, the following discussion points will be on the pages that contain text only.

Pages 1 - 7:

Read this series of pages before you discuss.

- On page 3, familiar: known.
- On page 3, venture: go forth.
- On page 3, risk: take a chance with an unknown. Why might the unknown be scary for a squirrel? Is the unknown scary for you?

Why is Scaredy perfectly happy not to venture away from his familiar tree?

Pages 10 - 11:

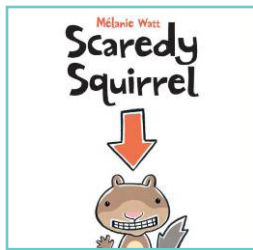
- predictable: expected, known in advance. Scaredy Squirrel thinks that “All in his life is under control.” Do you agree with him that everything in his life is under his control? Is everything in his life predictable?

Pages 14 - 15:

- Point out and stress the words in bold type.
- Point out the ellipsis (. . .) and pause.
- (Authors use these tools to help a reader know how to interpret the page for proper phrasing.)
- On page 15, rest assured: be certain. Why can you rest assured that Scaredy is prepared?

Pages 18 - 19:

- On page 18, panic: a sudden outbreak of fear. What could cause Scaredy to go into a panic?
- On page 18, dramatization: act something out. Where did Scaredy get the equipment to dramatize his emergency plan?



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- Why doesn't Scaredy Squirrel want to exit the tree unless it is absolutely necessary?

Pages 20 -21:

- For what is Scaredy Squirrel watching each day?
- Note the ellipsis (. . .).
- What happens at 9:37 a.m. on Thursday?
- Now that Scaredy sees a killer bee, what's his plan?

Pages 22 - 23:

- What does Scaredy do that shows he is in a panic?

Pages 24 - 25:

- On page 24, regrets: sorry. Why does Scaredy regret his decision to catch his emergency kit?
- On page 24, incredible: so extraordinary as to seem impossible. What incredible event happens?
- On page 25, glide: to move smoothly through the air without much movement. What word tells us what flying squirrels can do that ordinary squirrels can't?
- Why is Scaredy so surprised to learn that he is a flying squirrel?

Pages 26 - 27:

- What makes Scaredy forget all of the fears that he has had?
- Which words on the page tell you how Scaredy is feeling?

Page 29:

- inspired: filled with a feeling to take action and do something. What inspired Scaredy to make changes?
- drastic: major, extreme. What are the drastic changes that Scaredy makes to his life?
- What would be a drastic change that you could make to your daily routine?

Pages 30 - 31:

- Compare the chart on pages 12 and 13 to the new-and-improved daily routine. What changes has Scaredy made to his daily routine?
- How will this new daily routine improve Scaredy's life?
- Do you agree or disagree that the changes Scaredy made to his daily routine are drastic? Discuss.

Page 32:

- Why is Scaredy not in a hurry to get his emergency kit? Come up with as many reasons as you can.