



The Mitten

Third Reading: Analysis

The purpose of this reading is to bring everything together: the text, the vocabulary, and the illustrations. The discussion and activity options focus on analyzing how all of the story elements fit together.

During this reading your child and you will read the story all the way through. Two ways that you can add fun and improve comprehension during this reading are:

- You may switch roles and become the listener and the questioner as your child “reads” (retells) the story to you. Help your child use the details in the illustrations to recall story elements and know when to turn the page.
- Your child and you may alternate the pages you read to each other.

DISCUSSION OPTIONS:

- What might have happened if the mouse hadn’t come along and tried to fit into the mitten?
- Could this story really happen? Why or why not?

ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

- Go to www.janbrett.com/mitten. You will find activities to accompany this book. Print the masks and put on a mitten play.
- Another website with many school-like worksheets to use: www.enchantedlearning.com. Search: *The Mitten*. I’m sure your child will find several enjoyable activities.
- There are other books that are adaptations of the same folktale. Two interesting ones are: *The Mitten* by Alvin Tresselt and *The Mitten* by Jim Aylesworth. Compare and contrast these adaptations to Ms. Brett’s.
- I check Pinterest frequently to see what books people are talking about. Practickle has a nicely done board on *The Mitten*. Go to: www.pinterest.com Search: Practickle. There’s a board to support this book.
- Look for Ukraine on a map or globe. Discuss why Ukraine has such snowy winters.