



Louis's Zoo

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Moving, Friendship, Adaptation

Book Brief: A story about Louis, a little boy who moves to South Africa and discovers amazing new animals and experiences in his unfamiliar home!

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Ana Stretcu

BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Have you ever moved to a new home or school? How did (or would) it feel? What was different?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying Vocabulary Guide.

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about the central message or lesson of this story. What does Louis learn about moving to a new place?"

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How does Louis feel about moving to South Africa at first?
- What does Louis say he will miss about his old home?
- What new and interesting things does Louis discover in South Africa?
- How do the animals Louis sees make South Africa special?
- Why does Louis start to feel better about his new home?



Think Aloud: "I notice that Louis feels sad about leaving his old home and friends. But begins to discover exciting animals and places that are new to him. I wonder if Louis is starting to realize that even though moving was hard at first, new places can also bring unexpected adventures."

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What is the central message or lesson of this story? What did Louis learn about moving to a new place?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "Louis felt both sad and excited about his new home. Can you feel two different feelings at the same time?" Discuss situations where we might have mixed feelings (last day of school year, trying something new) and have students draw or write about a time they felt two emotions at once. Encourage them to share if they are comfortable.

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