



Gemma Levels Up

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Family, Adventure, Unexpected Joy

Book Brief: A fun story about Gemma, who just wants to game all summer but discovers that a camping trip with her family becomes an adventure she won't forget!

Author:
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Illustrator:
Guille Rancel

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 not wanted to do something but ended up really enjoying it? What happened?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about how Gemma feels at the beginning and how her feelings change. What makes her change her mind about the camping trip?"



Think Aloud: "Gemma is disappointed about missing gaming, but the camping trip has singing, hiking, and family time. By the end, she loves it so much she wants to come back. Sometimes the best adventures are the ones we didn't expect."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What does Gemma want to do all summer?
- Why does she have to go camping instead?
- Why is Gemma not enjoying the trip at first?
- What does she enjoy most about the adventure?
- How does Gemma's attitude change during the trip?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "How did Gemma's feelings change from the beginning to the end? What made her want to come back camping?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "Would Gemma have discovered camping was fun if she hadn't gone? Why is it important to try new things?" Connect her experience to being open-minded about new activities. Have students think of one new thing they could try and discuss what they might discover.

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