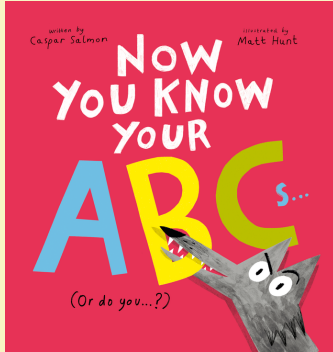


Activities For Emerging Readers and Writers (First through Third grade)

Now You Know Your ABCs...



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A hilarious alphabet adventure—

You know your ABCs, right? GREAT! A is for apple, B is for ball . . . you get it. But is it really that easy?

Get ready to learn your ABCs like never before as you race through the alphabet and try to outsmart that dangerous wolf.

Read and discuss *Now You Know Your ABCs (Or Do You?)*

Before you read: Introduce author and illustrator. Look at the front and back covers for clues about the book. Compare the cover with the title page for more clues.

After the first four pages (through letter C): What are you expecting from this book?

At the end: Was this book what you expected? Did you see the big change after letter C coming? How does this book compare to other ABC books you have seen?

Book-inspired activities

An Unexpected ABC Book – Give an alphabet book a new spin by coming up with pairings that speak to kids your age. “A is for Again...as in Do we have a spelling test AGAIN?” Or assign each letter a positive idea like “A is for Amazing – We are going to have an AMAZING day!” Put all the letters together in a classroom ABC book.

An ABC Groove – Turn the alphabet into a rhythmic chant with movement. The first person starts with “A is for...” and adds an A word and an associated movement. (i.e., “A is for Apple,” pretend to bite an apple). The next person repeats “A is for Apple” with the movement, and then adds something for B. Continue around the room, with each person adding on. The challenge is to remember all the previous letters and movements. Who knows? You might create a viral dance sensation!

Book-inspired activities (Continued)

Matt Hunt-Inspired Illustrations – Matt Hunt is a mixed media artist who uses crayons, ink, paint, and collage for his colorful illustrations. Have students illustrate their Unexpected ABC Book or Wolf-Inspired Story using the same materials.

A Wolf-Inspired Story – Surprise! You think you know what this book is, but the middle is NOT what you expect. Write a story with the same structure: start with something familiar, take it off the rails, and then put it back on. You can do this activity as an individual assignment or a class story, with each student adding a sentence as you go around the room. Some standard forms you could use, with some suggestions from Nosy Crow:

- Early concept books like counting, colors, opposites, shapes:
Number Train by Jonathan Emmett and Ingela P. Arrhenius
My BIG Playbook by Ingela P. Arrhenius
- Place-based books that name items found in a specific location”
Toddler Talk: Muddy Farm! by Carolina Búzio
- Animal sound books:
What’s that Noise? series by Pui Lee
- Nursery rhymes or fairy tales:
My First Lift-the-Flap Nursery Rhymes by Ingela P. Arrhenius
My First Lift-the-Flap Fairy Tales by Ingela P. Arrhenius

More from These Creators – Be sure to check out *How To Count To One (And Don't Even THINK about Bigger Numbers!)* by the same author/illustrator team. What similarities and differences are there between the two books?



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