



READING TOGETHER

The Snow Lion: A Chinese Tale

Use these simple activities to have fun reading together!

Retell the Story

Tell your child you are going to play a retelling game. You are going to take turns retelling the story one page at a time. When it is your turn, you look at the page and say what happened in one sentence. You can begin with page 2, “Mei and Fu lived in the mountains and it snowed.” Then turn to page 3 and have your child state a sentence. Continue taking turns throughout the story. If your child gets stuck on a page, reread the page together. Then ask your child to tell you about the page in one sentence.

Determine a Word’s Meaning

Explain to your child that sometimes you may not know what some words in a story mean. You can look at the other words or the pictures to help figure out the meaning.

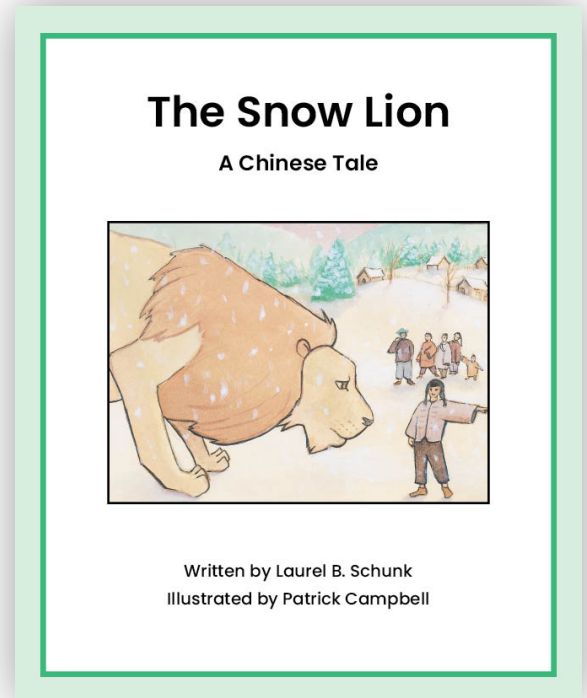
Reread page 7 to your child. Tell your child, “The words say the dogs are barking. Further down it says he swallowed *yapping dogs*. Using the clues, I can figure out what *yapping* means *barking*.”

Reread pages 3–4 and ask your child what *boasting* means. Continue this process with *noble* on page 10, *hissed* on page 12, and *cozy* on page 13.

Discuss Mei’s Qualities

Remind your child that Fu, the ruler, and the villagers are eaten by the snow lion. Mei does not get eaten. Then talk together about these questions:

- How does Mei treat the snow lion?
- How is this different from the way the others treat the lion?
- What are some qualities that Mei has that helps her defeat the lion?
- Do you share any of Mei’s qualities?



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