



TITLE: THE COSTUME PARTY
LEVEL: B



INTRODUCE THE BOOK

Before students begin to read, make them familiar with the important ideas, plot, new language structures, and new words in the book. Prepare them for a successful first reading of the story. You might say:

- "This book is about dogs dressed up in costumes."
- "Turn to pages 2 and 3. What is the dog dressed up as? Yes, this dog says, *Look at me. I am a spider.* Repeat that with me. *Look at me. I am a spider.*"
- "Now turn to pages 8 and 9 to see another dog dressed up. *Look at me. I am a ladybug.* Say *Look.* What letter comes at the beginning of *Look*? Yes, *L.* Find *Look* and put your finger under it. Say *Look.*"
- "Now turn to page 12. What is this dog saying?"
- "Turn back to the beginning and read about what the dogs are dressed up as." (If necessary, read the first page together.)

READ THE STORY

Encourage each student to read the entire book in a soft reading voice. Listen to students' reading and prompt for and/or praise strategic processing. Refer to the Level B Prompting Guide for a list of desired reading behaviors and suggested actions to take.

DISCUSS THE STORY

Invite students to talk about the story. Encourage students to make connections to their own experiences and/or other stories they have read. Below are some discussion ideas.

- What were some of the things the dogs were dressed up as?
- Invite students to talk about a costume they have worn at Halloween or other times.


FOLLOW-UP TEACHING

Based on your observations of the students' reading, select one or two teaching points that will be most helpful to all of the students. You might:

- Have the students locate the word *Look*. Have them make the word *Look* with magnetic letters and/or write the word on paper, a magnetic dry erase easel, or in a sand tray.
- You may want to chorally read this book a second time with greater speed and intonation to build fluency.




You Will Need:

-  **Picture cards** (ball, basket, bird, box, bus, map, milk, mitten, monkey, moon, pan, pear, pickle, pig, pizza)
- **Pocket chart**

EXTEND KNOWLEDGE OF WORDS AND LETTERS

In this lesson students will be saying words slowly to hear the beginning sounds. They will match pictures to the letters b, m, and p.

Steps:

The  icon indicates that some of the resources needed to complete these steps are available for downloading at pioneervalleybooks.com/pawprints.

1. Explain to the students that they are going to learn about the beginning sounds in words.
2. Place three cards with the letters *Bb*, *Mm*, and *Pp* in the pocket chart.
3. Have the students say the word *ball* slowly and think about the sound at the beginning of the word. "Look at my mouth and listen as I say the word." Say the word *ball* slowly. "What do you hear at the beginning of *ball*? That's right it's *b*." Place the picture under the *Bb* card.
4. Continue with the rest of the cards. Hold up the picture card. Say "This is a _____. Say _____. Say the first sound in _____. What is the first sound of _____?"

SUPPORTING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Consider what additional challenges the lesson might present for second language learners.

- Check to see that the students know and understand all of the pictures in the new book and the Extend Knowledge of Words and Letters lesson.
- Ask the students to repeat the language structure in the new book several times.
- Demonstrate saying words slowly. Remind students that they must say the words slowly and listen for the sounds they hear.

For the Lesson Extension Activity for this book, go to pioneervalleybooks.com/pawprints.