



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 Mother Duck who is calling all her ducklings."
- "Turn to pages 2 and 3. Mother Duck wants her ducklings to come. She says, Quack, quack! Turn the page and let's see what happens. The duckling says, Here I am. Repeat that with me: Here I am."
- "Now turn to page 12. Quack says, Here I am. I am here!"
- "Turn back to the beginning and read about Mother Duck and the ducklings."

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 C 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.

- The ducklings came one at a time.
- Discuss where they think the duck family is going. Look for evidence in the pictures.

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 am. Have them make the word am with magnetic letters and/or write the word on paper, a magnetic dry erase easel, or in a sand tray.
- Talk about how reading and making the first sound can help if you come to something you don't know.



- Magnetic dry erase easel
- Magnetic letters

EXTEND KNOWLEDGE OF WORDS AND LETTERS

In this lesson students will be looking at words that are like can.

Steps:

- 1. Explain to the students that you are going to show them something new about words.
- 2. Assemble the word can on the magnetic dry erase easel.
- **3.** Assemble the word *ran* underneath *can*.
- **4.** To the right of the words, make another can.
- 5. Say "Watch how I can take the c away and make a new word." Take away the c and replace it with r.
- **6.** Say "Watch me change it back to can."
- **7.** "Now listen to how the part sounds the same." Say the two words and then have the students repeat. "What sounds the same?" (an)
- 8. Ask a volunteer to change the word can to ran. Have another student make ran into can.
- **9.** Ask students if they can think of other words that look and sound like can and ran.

SUPPORTING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

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

- Check to see that the students understand that Quack is one of the ducklings—it is his name and also the noise that ducks make.
- You may want to practice several structures, such as Here I am.