

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 a cat named Oliver. He is hungry."
- "Turn to pages 2 and 3. Look, Here is Oliver. He is hungry. He says, 'Meow!' Turn the page, and let's see what happens. What do you see? Yes! Here is Oliver's bowl. Repeat that with me: Here is Oliver's bowl."
- "Now turn to page 8. Mom calls Evan. She says, 'Come here and feed Oliver.' Say, Come. What letter comes at the beginning of the word Come? Yes, C. Find Come and put your finger under it. Say, Come."
- "Turn to page 12. Now Oliver is happy. He says, 'Purr! Purr!'"
- "Turn back to the beginning of the book to read about Oliver."

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.

- What did Oliver do to tell his family he was hungry?
- Talk about students' experiences with feeding pets.

FOLLOW-UP TEACHING

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

- Have students locate the word *Come*. Have them make the word *Come* 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 them if they come to something they don't know.

You Will Need:

Magnetic dry-erase easelMagnetic letters

EXTEND KNOWLEDGE OF WORDS AND LETTERS

In this lesson, students will be adding ing to known words.

Steps:

- **1.** Explain to students that you are going to show them something new about words.
- **2.** Assemble the word *going* quickly, left to right. Run your finger under the word and say, *going*.
- **3.** Demonstrate moving go to the left, and then bring *ing* over to it and read it for students.
- **4.** Ask a volunteer to break the word and read it as a whole and part.
- **5.** Repeat this with other familiar words: *looking*, *playing*, *eating*.

SUPPORTING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

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

- Make sure that students understand that Oliver is hungry.
- You may want to practice several language structures, such as, Here is the food.

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