

Title: Vlad's Bad Breath

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Illustrator: Jesus Lopez

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Target Age Group: 3-8 years

Key Curriculum Areas: English, The Arts, Technologies and Health & Physical Education

SYNOPSIS

Not being able to see yourself in the mirror stinks... but not as much as putrid breath. When poor Vlad's breath smells worse than death his best friends help him find a way to manage the smell and keep his teeth sparkling clean.

THEMES

Friendship, Family, Health & Hygiene, Care, Empathy, Dental care, Humour, Vampires, Halloween.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hi, I'm Rory, a big kid with a beard. I enjoy picture books, fist bumps, stuff, items and things. I love Dad jokes, words that rhyme, sticky date pudding and my wife. When I was a kid I had difficulty reading and because of that I didn't enjoy it. A few good books *cough* Harry Potter *cough* changed this and now you won't find me without a book – usually a historical fiction. Because of this I try to write books that will engage young readers so that they too will grow up with a love of reading. I live in Toowoomba with my wife and our two dogs Hugo and Cooper who can be spotted over on my Instagram @roryhmatherauthor.



ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Jesus Lopez is a freelance illustrator from Madrid, Spain

Funny books by funny people



ACTIVITIES

BEFORE READING

Questions to ask:

1. What do you think this story might be about?
2. Can you point out the following features of the book?
(Spine, title, illustration, front page, back page, blurb, end papers).

DURING READING

Recognising rhyming words - Ask students to laugh like a vampire and put up their hand when they notice the rhyming words on a selected page. (ACELA1439) (ACELT1585)

Recognising alliteration - Ask students to howl like a wolf and put up their hand when they notice any alliteration used in the story. (ACELA1439) (ACELT1585)

Clap the rhythm - On a selected page, students clap their hands along to the beat of the words. (ACELT1585)

Questions to ask:

1. What do you think will happen next?
2. What do you notice about Vlad's reflection?
3. How do you think Vlad will solve his smelly breath problem?
4. Do you think Vlad is a good friend? Why?
5. Have you ever had smelly breath, stinky feet or head lice?
6. Have you ever visited a dentist?
7. Can you make any connections to the story so far?
(ACELT1575) (ACELY1646) (ACELT1582) (ACPPS020) (ACPPS004)

AFTER READING

Questions to ask:

1. What did you enjoy most about the story?
2. Who was your favourite character, why?
3. Link to community - Organise a visit from a local dentist.
(ACELY1646) (ACELT1581)



SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. Cloze passages: Choose a section of text and omit words. Students to fill in the blanks.

Curriculum Links: (ACELA1435) (ACELA1434) (ACELA1786) (ACELY1650) (ACELA1447) (ACELA1448)

2. Character Profile: Students draw the characters in the story and write their name underneath each picture.

Curriculum Links: (ACELT1783) (ACAMAM054) (ACAMAM056) (ACAVAM108) (ACTDEP007) (ACELA1586)

3. Word Search: Create a word search using words from the text.

Curriculum links: (ACAMAM054) (ACAMAM056) (ACELY1663) (ACELA1586) (ACTDEP007) (ACELY1653)

4. Retell Activities:

a. Create a table with the following headings: Setting (Where?) - Characters (Who?) - Problem (What?) - 1. In the beginning - 2. Next - 3. Then - 4. Finally - 5. Solution - 6. Lastly. Ask students to write or draw the order of events in the story.

b. Write short sentences which retell the story and jumble them up. Ask students to put them in the correct order.

Curriculum Links: (ACELT1578)

5. Acrostic Poem: Students choose a character from the story and write an acrostic poem.

Curriculum Links: (ACELY1651) (ACAMAM056)

6. Write a blurb: Explore the existing blurb on the back cover. Explain the purpose of the blurb to the students and ask them to create their own blurb.

Curriculum Links: (ACELY1651) (ACELA1586)

7. Flip-the-Flap Book: Ask students to fold an A4 sheet of paper into quarters. In one quarter they can draw a character from the story. Below that they can draw their ailment. Eg. bad breath. Repeat on a separate piece of paper for all of the characters. Staple the papers together and cut down the middle line separating the character and their ailment. Turn into a Flip-the-Flap book and characters can alternate with a different ailment.

Curriculum Links: (ACELT1578) (ACELT1580) (ACELT1831) (ACELY1651) (ACAMAM054) (ACAMAM056) (ACTDEP007) (ACTDEK004)

8. Family Tree: Discuss how some of the characters in the book are from the same family. Ask students to draw (or cut and paste) pictures of the characters into a tree. Then have the students create their own family tree using images or drawing pictures of their own family members.

Curriculum Links: (ACAMAM054) (ACELT1581)

9. Making connections: Students to choose a character from the story and draw them. Then ask students to draw themselves next to the character. Students write about a time that something happened to them that also happened to the character in the story.

Curriculum Links: (ACELT1582)

10. A visit to the dentist - Reading Response: Students watch the following clip: <https://youtu.be/yNMqbl8B224>

Students write about a time they visited the dentist. Ask: What did you see? How did you feel? Remind: Remember to use words like firstly, then, after that and finally to begin your sentences. Use capital letters and full stops where necessary

Curriculum Links: (ACELT1575) (ACPPS003) (ACELY1663) (ACAMAM054) (ACPPS018) (ACPPS021)

11. Hygiene Routine Poster: Please find the poster on the next page.

Curriculum Links: (ACPPS018) (ACPPS021)



Vlad and Friends Hygiene Routine



Twice a day
please brush your teeth,
on the top
and underneath,

Then make sure
you wash your face,
or else you won't have
style and grace



Next rinse your toes
and then your feet,
to make them smell
all nice and sweet.

And one more thing
to keep things nice,
please wash your hair
or you'll get lice.



FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

A child's guide to hospital: Dentistry: <https://youtu.be/yNMqbL8B224>

Teeth - Big Block Sing Song: <https://youtu.be/nphqo7zAcnE>

Brush Your Teeth - Lah-Lah: <https://youtu.be/-l7h6fLSVPE>

Rory H. Mather's Website: <https://roryhmather.com/>

Jesus Lopez' Website: <https://www.behance.net/jlopezpast33bf>

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Cloze Activity

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Complete each sentence by using the missing words.

This is the _____ of a boy _____ Vlad, a
_____ whose _____ smelt super _____.

named

tale

bad

boy

breath



_____ the tale _____ named

Vlad, a _____ smelt

_____.



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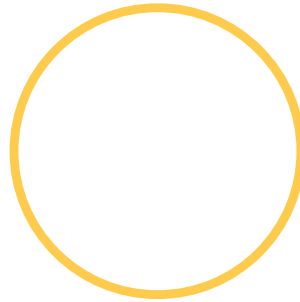
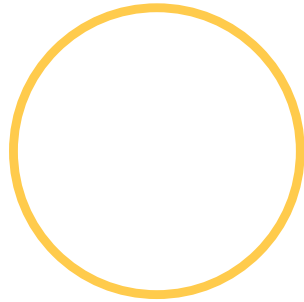
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Character Profile

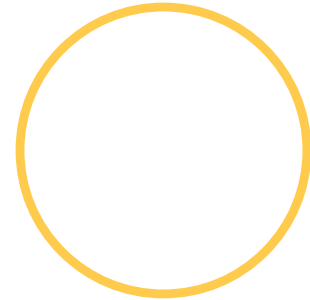
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Draw the missing characters from the story in the circles below.
Write the name of the character under each picture.



Dentist



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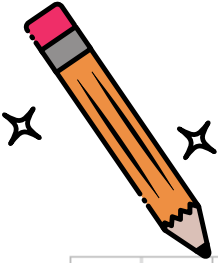
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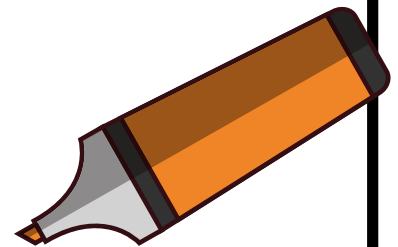
Word Search

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B	A	D	H	N	L	N	I	U	O	T	H	U	K
N	S	V	D	L	E	K	Y	D	N	T	T	N	U
T	G	W	E	E	I	T	O	Y	R	W	I	D	F
R	A	I	L	X	U	U	A	I	L	T	E	E	R
C	L	C	L	M	R	T	E	F	X	R	K	A	A
C	N	B	R	U	S	H	U	D	T	A	A	D	N
U	D	D	W	T	D	U	P	E	W	U	X	E	K
T	S	I	T	N	E	D	E	A	R	I	K	R	P
N	Y	L	U	P	S	T	U	A	F	N	N	I	H
A	K	D	N	T	H	M	U	M	A	I	A	A	R
V	N	E	C	I	L	A	S	T	N	I	D	D	D
L	I	H	T	K	I	N	S	A	G	T	A	O	L
A	T	M	R	U	R	C	P	Y	S	A	N	X	E
D	S	E	R	W	A	X	Y	P	U	T	R	I	D

ODOUR
TEETH
STANK
DENTIST
WAXY
BAD
MUM
FANGS
PEARLY
UNDEAD
BRUSH
STINKY
EDWINA
LICE
UNCLE
VLAD
PUTRID
KEITH
FRANK



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Retell Activities

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Setting (Where?)	●		●	Problem (What?)
	●		●	
	●		●	
	●	Characters (Who?)	●	
	●		●	



In the beginning	●	Next	●	Then
	●		●	
	●		●	
1	●	2	●	3
	●		●	

Finally	●	Solution	●	Lastly
	●		●	
	●		●	
4	●	5	●	
	●		●	



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The story is all jumbled. Can you put these events in the correct order?

Frank has a shower

Vlad asks Frank for help

Vlad now has waxy ears

Vlad asks Keith for help

Vlad sees the dentist

Vlad and Frank wash Keith

Vlad's breath smells super bad

Edwina tells Vlad he is a smelly pest

Vlad can't see his reflection

Keith has lice

Vlad's uncle runs away

Frank has rank feet

Mum is sad

Acrostic Poem

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Choose a word from the story that you find interesting. Write the letters down the side of your page then write a sentence for each letter of your chosen word.

Example:

Vlad's bad breath was oh so stinky

Luckily he had great friends

Always looking out for each other

Dead or undead



Now you try!



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Vlad's Family Tree

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Edwina

Mum



Uncle

Vlad

Vlad's Family



Draw the characters in your family.

My Family

Write a blurb

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Find the blurb on the back cover of the book. Write a new blurb for the story.



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Making Connections

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Choose a character from the story and draw them. Then draw yourself next to them. Write about a time that something similar happened to you, that also happened to the character.

Example:

Vlad had super bad breath. I had bad breath once when I woke up in the morning.



Vlad

Vlad had to visit the dentist. I have been to the dentist.

Vlad had to ask his friends for help. I had to ask my friend to tie my shoe lace yesterday.



Me



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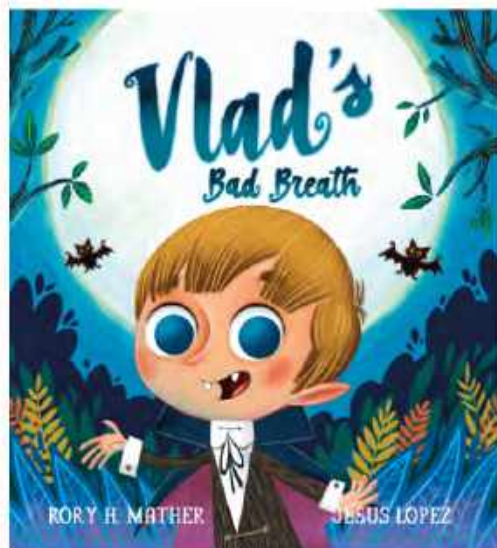
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Draw the characters and their ailments in each of the boxes. Fold along the dotted lines, place the pages together and staple along the folds. Snip along the cutting lines into the centre of the folds to make a Flip-the-Flap book.




Vlad Flip-the-Flap
by

Vlad

bad breath



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rank feet

Frank

Keith

pesky lice



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clean fangs

Edwina



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A Visit To The Dentist Reading Response



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<https://youtu.be/yNMqbL8B224>



Watch the clip after reading the story. Write about a trip to the dentist. What did you see? How did you feel? Remember to use words like firstly, then, after that and finally to begin your sentences. Use capital letters and full stops where necessary.

Wooden Spoon Storytime

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A retelling activity great for learning story sequencing.

Equipment:

1. Wooden spoons
2. White paint
3. HB pencil
4. Paintbrush
5. Permanent markers
6. Clear nail polish



Instructions:

1. Paint the wooden spoons with white paint and allow to dry.
2. Draw each character in pencil onto the wooden spoons and colour.
3. Outline the pictures in permanent marker.
4. Allow to dry and paint with clear nail polish.



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Sequencing Story

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A retelling activity great for learning story sequencing.



Equipment:

1. Wooden spatula
2. Wooden pegs
3. Laminated characters
4. Glue
5. Scissors

Instructions:

1. Laminate the character sheet and cut out each character.
2. With a small amount of glue, attach the character to a peg.
3. Allow to dry.
4. Ask students to peg the characters in the order that they appear in the story.



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VLAD SAYS:
Twice a day please brush your teeth,
on the top and underneath,



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EDWINA SAYS:

Then make sure you wash your face,
or else you won't have style and grace.



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FRANK SAYS:

Next rinse your toes and then your feet,
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KEITH SAYS:

And one more thing to keep things nice,
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