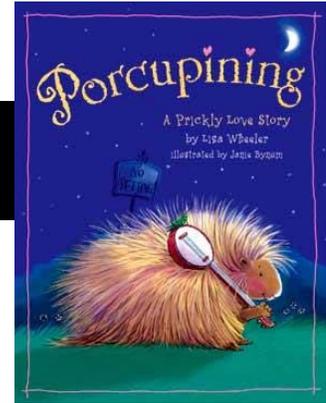


Activity Guide for

Porcupining



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Pre-reading

Study the cover of the book. What do you notice? (Look for details).
Can you tell if this book is going to have a happy ending? What makes you think so?

Comprehension Guide/ Quiz Questions

Knowledge

Describe where Cushion lives.
Why is this a problem?

Comprehension

Restate all the things Cushion does to get a wife.
Explain why the animals don't like Cushion's song to them.

Application

Choose one of the songs Cushion sings and rewrite it so the animal might like it!
Who do you think reacts the strongest to Cushion's songs? Why?

Analyze

Decide which picture is your favorite and explain why.
Examine the grasshopper in each illustration. How does he add to the story?

Synthesize

What would you have said to Cushion had he sung you one of his songs? How would you feel if you were Cushion?

Evaluation

Decide what happens after the story ends.
Predict how the other animals react to Cushion and Barbara's romance.

Porcupining

Verbal/Linguistic

Pretend that Cushion keeps a journal (diary) about his life. Write at least three entries about what is happening in his life.

As you read Porcupining you may discover some words you don't know. Fill out the vocabulary chart below, and then write a sentences using the words..

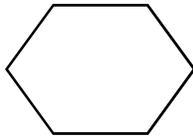
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habitat			
appreciate			
discouraged			

Logical/Mathematical

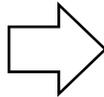
Fill out the graphic organizer (below) about Porcupining.



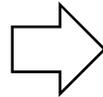
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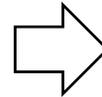
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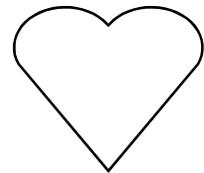
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solution

Visual/Spatial

Create a game board about Cushion and his adventures in Porcupining. Consider what things can make a player move forward, lose a turn, and win!

Body/Kinesthetic

Notice the body language that each character in Porcupining uses to express their feelings. On slips of paper write the individual scenes from the book, and then using only the body language from the scene, see if students can guess which character it is.

Musical/Rhythmic

Either write the lyrics to your own song similar to Cushions OR using any instrument develop the tune that would accompany Cushion's words!

Interpersonal

Write a letter from one character to another in Porcupining. Be sure to let us know how the characters are feeling.