

So Say the Little Monkeys

CHALLENGING WORDS

amanha
armadillo
burrows
jabba
jabber
jaguar
jibba
plinka
shriek
wooya

SUMMARY

Near the deep black waters of a dark, cool river, tiny,
tiny monkeys jabber in the sun.

--- Conversation Questions---

(1) Share with me what this story was about.

(Answer) Any logical answer.

(Follow Up) Did you like this story? Why/why not?

(2) Imagine you were a monkey. What would you like to do?

(Answer) Any logical answer.

(Follow Up) What do you think is a monkey's favorite thing to do?

(3) Suppose you were a monkey. How would you like to sleep in a tree full of sharp thorns?

(Answer) Any logical answer.

(Follow Up) Tell about a strange place that you have slept before.

(4) Compare the monkeys having trouble sleeping to a time that you had trouble sleeping.

(Answer) Any logical answer.

(Follow Up) How did you get to sleep?

(5) Explain the word "shriek".

(Answer) High pitch sound animals make.

(Follow Up) Name an animal that lets out a "shriek".

(6) Recall the name of the river.

(Answer) Black River or Rio Negro.

(Follow Up) Name the country that the Black River is in. (Brazil)

(7) Find what type of tree the monkeys like to sleep in.

(Answer) Tall, thorny trees.

(Follow Up) Where is your favorite place to sleep?

(8) The monkeys decide to build a house, but what did they find when they went looking for wood?

(Answer) Bananas.

(Follow Up) Do you think bananas are monkeys' favorite food?

(9) Name the animal that came out at night and made the monkeys run.

(Answer) Jaguar.

(Follow Up) Were the monkeys scared of him?

(10) Look for whether the monkeys built themselves a house.

(Answer) No, they played instead.

(Follow Up) Why didn't they build a house?

Activities

1. Write your own rhyming story about an animal.
2. Imagine you had taken a trip to Africa. Write about your adventure.
3. Draw the Black River and the monkeys. Then write sentences about it.
4. Pretend you are going on a trip to Africa. Write a story about your adventures. Be sure to include the sights you see and the places you visit.

Introduction

1. Show students a globe or a map of the world. Ask students if they know where South America is. If not, show them on the map. Say today in our story, we read about a river in Brazil and the monkeys that live there. Say, "Let's read and see what the monkeys like to do."
2. Show pictures of a river. Ask the students to name some rivers. Ask if they have ever been to a river before. Discuss. Say, "Today we are going to read about the Black River and the animals that live there."
3. Show pictures of monkeys. Ask students where monkey live and what they like to do. Say, "Today in our story, we read about monkeys who live along the river."

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Prediction Questions					
5	Will the monkeys stay in the thorny trees?				
12	Why are the monkeys crying?				
16	Are they going to build a house for themselves?				
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