

# Wood-Hoopoe Willie

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Virginia Kroll introduces a boy who is so filled with rhythm that he reminds his grandfather of a pecking, cacking African bird. In the story, Willie creates rhythms with everything from pencils to eating utensils. Have the children write a list of items in the store, home, or classroom that they could use to make rhythms, such as pounding erasers, tapping pens, and tumbling dice. Let each child use one of these instruments and form a rhythm section to accompany an authentic African melody or popular song such as “The Lion Sleeps Tonight.”

