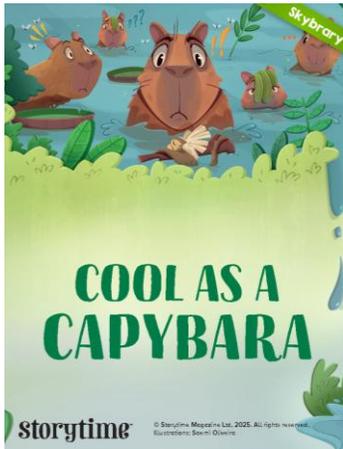


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Cool as a Capybara

Author: Storytime

Illustrator: Saemi Oliveira

Themes: Community, Helpfulness

Book Brief: When a flood hits the Amazon, the world's biggest rodents paddle to the rescue!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever helped someone who was in trouble? How did you help them?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- Who is Carlito? What is his family and community like?
- What problem happens in the story? What causes the animals to need help?
- How do the capybaras help the other animals? What special abilities do they have that make them good rescuers?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What is the main idea of this story? How did the capybaras use their special skills to help others? What makes them 'cool'?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Discuss "Using Your Strengths to Help." Talk with your child about their own special skills or abilities (like being a good swimmer, reader, friend, or problem-solver). Draw or write about how they could use these strengths to help others, just like the capybaras used their webbed feet and swimming skills to rescue animals.
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