



Max's Magic Socks

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Magic, Confidence, Trying New Things

Book Brief: An adventure about four kids and their dog who journey to find the legendary Infinite Mountain that their grandfather told them about!

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Have you ever tried something new and found it hard? What helped you keep trying?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about who is in the story, what special place they're looking for, and what happens on their journey."



DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What happened when Max tried on the skates?
- How did his mom try to help?
- What did Max do with the socks?
- Did wearing the socks help Max? Why or why not?
- Why did Max think his socks were magic?

Think Aloud: "Max tries his roller skates but has trouble. His mom gives him some special socks to help. Max believes the socks are magic because he's suddenly able to skate better. But maybe something else helped him learn to roller-skate... Let's keep reading to find out."

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What happened when Max tried his roller skates? How did the socks give him confidence to skate better?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "What was hard for Max at first? Have you ever felt nervous about trying something new?" Connect Max's experience to understanding that many things feel hard before we learn them. Have students draw themselves trying something new and talk about what helps them feel confident.

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