



Nala and the Nanny Goat

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Responsibility, Persistence

Book Brief: A story about a girl named Nala who tries different ways to get a stubborn goat to cooperate while helping out on her grandmother's farm.

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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 had a job or chore that was harder than you expected? How were you successful?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about what problem Nala has with the goat, what strategies she tries, and how she finally solves the problem."



Think Aloud: "I notice Nala has a responsibility to milk the goat, but Nanny isn't cooperating, so she tries different strategies. I wonder how she feels when things don't work, and I notice she keeps trying until she finds one that finally does."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What does Nala need Nanny the goat to do?
- How does Nanny respond when Nala calls her?
- What happens when Nala uses the rope/lasso?
- How does Nala feel when the goat knocks over the bucket?
- What new idea does Nala have at the end of the story?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What problem did Nala face on the farm? What strategies did she try to solve the problem? Which strategy finally worked? Why do you think it worked?"

Extending Our Thinking: Create a chart with students to [map the story's](#) problem and how characters respond. Identify the problem, list the attempts made to solve it, and discuss the results. Then guide students to identify the solution and reflect on how it finally worked. Emphasize that some problems require multiple tries and different strategies before finding an effective solution.

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