



The Runaway Pancake

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Adventure, Curiosity, Humor

Book Brief: A pancake escapes from the frying pan and goes on the run, embarking on a silly, unexpected adventure!

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Clarissa França

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 to catch something that was moving away from you? How did you catch it?” (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

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

Purpose for Reading: “As we read, think about why the pancake might want to escape and what might happen on its adventure?”



Think Aloud: “The pancake keeps escaping from everyone who tries to catch it. I notice it is determined and confident. I wonder if it will ever slow down or if something unexpected will happen.”

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why did the pancake decide to run away?
- Who is trying to catch the pancake? What do you notice about their actions?
- How is the pancake feeling during its adventure? How do you know?
- What happens at the end?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: “What happened first, next, and last in the story? Why did the pancake run away? What challenges did the pancake face during its adventure?”

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, “If you were a runaway food, where would you go? What adventures would you have?” Encourage students to choose a food item, draw or write about its journey, and think about the challenges it might face along the way. Students can share their runaway food adventures and celebrate their creativity by comparing the different stories they created.

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