



The Magic Porridge Pot

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Responsibility, Consequences, Problem-Solving

Book Brief: A story about a girl and her mother who receive a magical pot that makes porridge whenever they need it. When the magic words are forgotten, the porridge won't stop cooking and causes a big problem!

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Ariane Delrieu

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 forgotten an important direction or instruction? What happened?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about how the characters' actions create problems, and what lesson the author wants us to learn."



Think Aloud: "I'm noticing that the magic pot works perfectly when people follow the directions. The girl remembers exactly what to say, but I'm wondering what might happen if someone forgets the magic words."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How does the girl get the magic porridge pot?
- What magic words make the pot start cooking?
- What words make it stop?
- What happens when the girl's mother uses the pot by herself?
- How does forgetting the magic words create a problem for the town?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "How did the characters' actions create a problem, and what lesson can we learn from the story?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "Why is it important to listen carefully and remember directions?" Connect the story to situations in everyday life when following steps helps us complete a task successfully, such as following a recipe, playing a game, or completing a school project. Invite students to share a time when they had to follow directions carefully to solve a problem or avoid making a mistake.

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