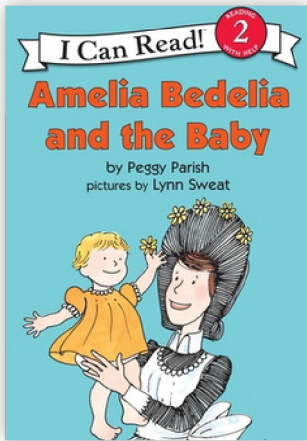




Amelia Bedelia and the Baby

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Themes: Caring for a baby, Doing your best, Following directions, Misunderstandings and wordplay, Trying something new

Book Brief: Amelia Bedelia babysits little Missy for the first time. She follows every instruction on the list exactly as written, which leads to one funny mix-up after another.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Tell your child that Amelia Bedelia is famous for doing exactly what words say.
- Talk about words with two meanings, like a pen you write with and a playpen for babies.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What did Amelia think when she was told the baby is in a “pen”? Where is the baby really?
- Why do you think Amelia was worried the bottle would break? What kind of bottle does a baby use?
- What did Amelia think baby food meant? What does baby food really mean?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Why do you think the Lanes changed their minds about Amelia Bedelia by the end?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Play a two-meaning game with your child. Say a word like “bat” or “ring,” and take turns drawing each meaning.

Let them explore more Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel:

- Amelia Bedelia (1963)
- Thank You Amelia Bedelia (1993)
- Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping (2003)