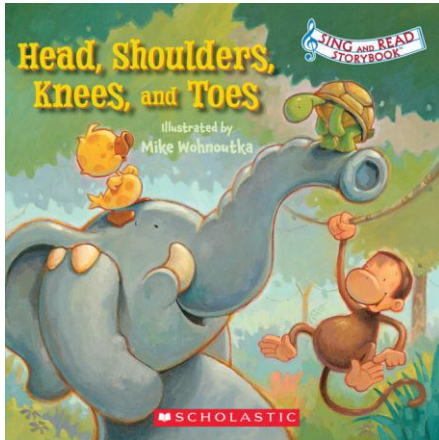


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes

Illustrator: Mike Wohnoutka

Themes: Body Awareness, Movement, Music, Rhyming, Language Development

Book Brief: Get ready to sing, move, and read along! Join a group of adorable animal friends as they sing a familiar song and explore different parts of their bodies through music, movement, and rhyme.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the cover together. Ask, “What animals do you see? Have you ever sung Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes?” Invite your child to point to different body parts.

While Reading: Make Connections

As you read and sing together, encourage your child to move along with the words.

- What body part did we just sing about?
- Can you point to your head, shoulders, knees, or toes?
- What are the animals doing in the pictures?
- How can we move our bodies like the animals?
- What other body parts could we sing about?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What was your favorite part of the song? What body parts did we sing about? Can you show me how you move them?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- **Sing It Again:** Sing Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes together while pointing to each body part. Try singing slowly, then faster!
- **Make a New Verse:** Choose different body parts, like elbows, hands, or feet, and make up your own version of the song.
- **Follow the Leader:** Take turns leading simple movements, like clapping, jumping, or touching your toes. Encourage your child to name the body parts they use.