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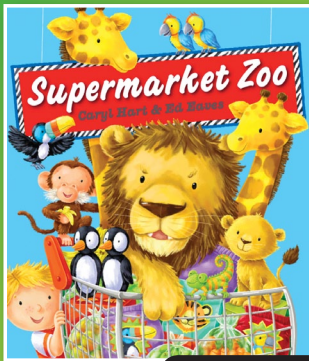
Book Talk



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Price	£5.99
Case	Welcome to Reading
Author	Caryl Hart
Illustrator	Ed Eaves
Publisher	Simon and Schuster

Using this book in your classroom

Themes

This lively, funny picture book links to the themes of **animals**, **shopping** and **family life**.

Summary

Albie hates shopping, but he's in for a surprise when Mum takes him on a trip to the Supermarket Zoo! They have a very long list of shopping to get – six monkeys, two giraffes and some fresh lizards, and that's just for starters. It's a good thing they've got a big trolley! Albie loves the penguins and toucans, but Mum draws the line at a polar bear... The lions are big and scary enough, but just wait until Albie sees the last item on the list – it looks suspiciously like a Tyrannosaurus Rex! Albie and Mum pack their shopping into the car and head back home with all their new friends. It's been the best shopping trip ever!

Did you know?

- Caryl Hart is now a full-time children's writer, but she has done many other jobs in the past, including conservation officer, medical secretary, barmaid and toilet cleaner!
- Caryl also visits schools and runs interactive writing workshops for children.



The Story Session

1. Introducing the book

- Share children's experiences of going shopping at the supermarket. Do they like it? Is it a bit boring sometimes? Is there anything that is good about it? Read the title of the book, and ask: "What do you think a Supermarket Zoo might be like?"
- Show the children the front cover picture and ask them to list all the different animals and foods they can see in the trolley. What do they think is going to happen in the story?

2. Reading the story

- Read the whole story aloud to the children. Encourage them to talk about what is going on in the pictures, and predict what will happen next before you turn the pages.
- What do the children think Albie and his mum will do with all the animals when they get home? If they could choose an animal to buy at the supermarket themselves, which animal would they pick?
- At the end of the story, ask: "What kinds of things do you think Albie will see at the Monster Market? Does it sound like a good place to shop?" Pick one of the monsters on the shopping list on the last page and work together to describe what it might look like.

3. Follow-up

- Ask the children to work in pairs to draw their own amazing supermarket. For example, what would a Space Supermarket be like? Or an Underwater Supermarket, or a Superhero Supermarket? Encourage the children to write some labels for their pictures, and to draw up a shopping list of things they would like to buy in their invented supermarket.
- Set up a Supermarket Zoo in the role-play area using soft toys, models or pictures of animals together with shop role-play items such as baskets and a till.
- Caryl Hart's website, www.carylhart.com, includes some additional fun activity ideas linked to *Supermarket Zoo*.

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- Did you use these notes to have a Book Talk in class?
- Were they helpful?
- Are there any changes you'd like to see to make them more useful?

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