

The Shy Zebra

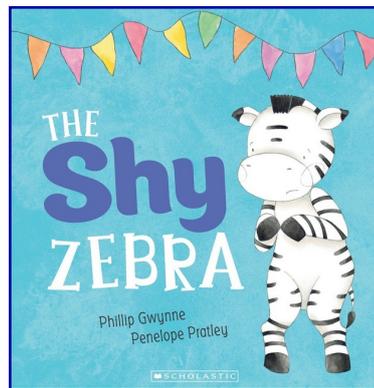
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The talent show is on today. Zebra has been practising hard all week. But when Zebras turn comes, he is nowhere to be found. Can Zebra overcome his shyness and perform for his friends?



Themes:

- Shyness
- Emotions
- Friends
- Helping and encouraging others
- Courage

Discussion Questions and Activities:

- How would you describe what being 'shy' is?
- Have you ever felt shy?
- Have you ever felt how Zebra did when he was about to go on stage?
- What are some other emotions that you may feel when you are about to perform? Discuss these emotions with the class and think about other situations when you might feel this - it might be going on stage, speaking in front of the class, playing a game of sport for the first time, or trying something new.
- Do you think that it is natural to feel like Zebra did?
- Cockatoo helped Zebra when he was feeling shy. What does this tell you about the friendship that they have?
- Who has helped you when you have been in a situation that you feel uncomfortable about?
- Do you think that it is important to talk to others about how we are feeling?
- What are some practical things that we can do to help others when they are feeling unsure?
- How do you think Zebra felt after he got on stage?
- Do you think that Zebra should feel proud about having the courage to have a go?
- Discuss how being 'shy' can be portrayed as a negative thing. Do you think that this is fair or is being 'shy' just a part of who we are? Discuss this concept as a class.
- Have your own class 'talent show'.
- Draw your favourite animal from the story.

The publisher has also included discussion questions at the back of the book that you might like to use.