

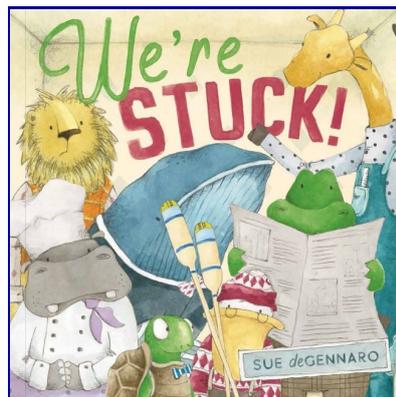
We're Stuck!

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When Turtle races into the lift of Building 24, there is a nod and a blink and a step to the side. A grunt and a sigh and a lean to the right. But what happens when the lift stops moving? Crocodile has a meeting to get to. And Giraffe has a doctors appointment. And Turtle really, really needs to get to the shop.



Themes:

- Neighbours
- Community
- Dealing with adversity
- Living in the city
- New friendships

Discussion Questions:

- Study the front two pages, showing the inside of the building. How many floors are there in Building 24? Ask the children to name all the animals that they can see.
- What do you think might be on the list that Turtle's Mum gave him?
- Why do you think that the animals were always in a rush?
- Why do you think that they never took the time to talk to each other properly?
- Do you think that it is good to know your neighbours?
- What are some of the good things about having a close neighbourhood?
- Do you feel like you and your family have to rush around all day to get to everything that you might want or need to do?
- Discuss ways that we can slow down in our daily lives and appreciate those around us.
- Some of the animals seemed to have specific equipment with them that gives us an insight as to what they do or like. Can you remember some of them?
- Do you think that Turtle's reaction was a natural one, given the situation that he found himself in on his birthday?
- Why do you think that everyone fell silent when they discovered it was Turtle's birthday?
- What thoughts do you think the other animals might have had about finding themselves stuck in the lift?
- Do you think that things in Building 24 will now be better than they were before? Explain.

Activity:

- The animals were all very resourceful in managing to organise the special event for Turtle. Bring something in from home to decorate your school classroom with (not something you go and buy!) and have a special event of your own.
- Write a short story from the point of view of one of the other animals in the lift. Think about where they were going, what they might have been thinking, and how they reacted when they found out it was Turtle's birthday.