

I Need A Parrot

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A book about wanting and needing what a child wants and what a wild bird needs.



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Themes:

- Pets
- Wants
- Needs
- Being Persuasive

Before Reading:

- Have you ever wanted something so much that you thought you NEEDED it?
- What's the difference between wanting something and needing it?
- If you needed a parrot, how might you try to persuade your family?
- What problems might there be in owning a parrot?
- What do you think is going to happen?

During Reading:

- What problems might there be in owning a turkey, shark, or a whale?
- How is the character feeling? How do you know?
- Describe how the pictures add to the story.
- Do you have a text-to-self connection (a personal story) with any part of this book?
- Who is the character trying to persuade? Is he doing a good job?
- How is the character trying to persuade you that he should get a parrot? Is it effective?
- Can you try to change the character's mind about getting a parrot?

After Reading:

- What changed the character's mind about needing a parrot? Would that change your mind?
- When did the character start to change his mind? What was he thinking? How do you know?
- Do you think he should be able to get a parrot? Why or why not?
- How did all of the animals feel in the story? How do you know?
- How could the character have been more effective in his argument?
- In what ways might he change the way he tries to persuade if he were asking different people?
- What is your favourite thing about this book and why?

Guided Reading Discussions and Activities:

- Brainstorm what students have really wanted, and how they tried to persuade someone that they should get it.
- Create an anchor chart of ways we can persuade others (persuasive devices).
- Some of the words are written in capital letters. Use these clues and hints from the pictures to practise your fluency while reading aloud.