

Muddle & Mo

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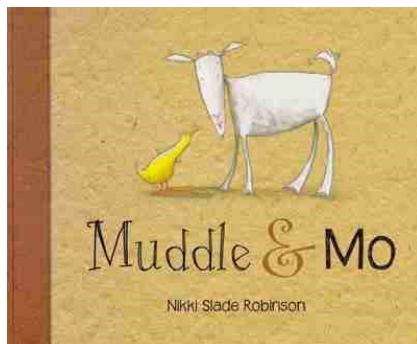
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Muddle is a loveable, slightly confused yet enthusiastic little duckling who asks lots and lots of questions. Mo is a long-suffering, not very adventurous white goat who has lots of patience.

They are best friends, but Muddle is rather confused about what type of animals they both are. Fortunately, during the course of their walk together Mo helps Muddle get his duck identity sorted out.



Themes:

- Identity
- Characteristics
- Friendship
- Differences

Discussion Points

- Before reading the story, have a guess which animal is Muddle and which one is Mo?
- Do you know what the word 'muddle' means? After reading the story, do you think that Muddle is good name for duck? Explain.
- Muddle thought that Mo was a duck like him. Why do you think he thought this? Do you think he identified him as being like himself because they were friends?
- Did it make any difference to their friendship that they were not the same?
- What advantages are there in having differences?
- When Muddle realised that Mo was a goat and not a duck why do you think he then asked if he was a goat?
- Muddle and Mo are very different animals with very different characteristics, but they were very good friends. What does this tell us about unlikely friendship?

Activity:

- Think of two completely different animals. On a poster or chart, compare their difference. For example, the size of their tale, their ears, beaks, legs etc. Include your own drawing of each animal on your presentation.