

Lesson Plan

Monkey See, Monkey Say

Book: *Monkeys*

Series: Animals

Level: Scout

Objective

To help students compare the words in a book with the pictures that go along with it.

Supplies

- *Monkeys* book

Before the Activity

Prepare to read the *Monkeys* book out loud to students, gathering students around you so that each student can see the text and pictures in the book.

Activity

Read the *Monkeys* book out loud to students, one spread at a time. Use the following prompts to compare the text on each spread with the picture that goes with it:

- Pages 4 to 5 say, “There are many kinds of monkeys. Some are small. Some are big.” Which picture shows a small monkey? Which picture shows a big monkey? (Answer: The top picture shows a small monkey. The bottom picture shows a big monkey.)
- Pages 6 to 7 say, “A monkey has two arms. A monkey has two legs. A monkey has a tail.” These body parts are labeled in the picture on page 7. What body parts are not labeled? (Sample answers: The monkey’s eyes, nose, ears, and feet are not labeled.)
- Pages 8 to 9 say, “Monkeys can hang. Monkeys can yell. Monkeys can play.” Which of these three things do you think the monkeys are doing in the picture on page 9? (Answer: The monkeys are hanging.)
- Pages 10 to 11 say, “Monkeys live in groups. Most monkeys live in trees.” How many monkeys are in the group in the picture on page 11? (Answer: There are 8 monkeys.)
- Pages 12 to 13 say, “Some monkeys eat fruit. Some monkeys eat nuts. Some monkeys eat seeds.” Which of two things are NOT in the picture on page 13? (Answer: Nuts and seeds are not in the picture.)
- Pages 14 to 15 say, “Monkeys are smart. Some live for 15 years. Some live for 40 years or more.” Which number is bigger: 15 or 40? (Answer: 40 is bigger.)

Evaluation

Could students answer the questions? As needed, provide prompting and support by pointing to the relevant words in the text and parts of the pictures.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade K (RI K.7).