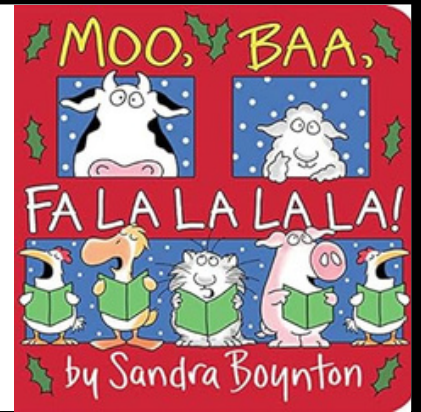


Moo, Baa, La La La!

By Sandra Boynton



Before Reading: Get Ready

Tell your child what you see on the cover of the book. Then, ask your child what they see on the cover. Read the book's title, author, and illustrator to your child.

Activate comprehension and set a purpose for reading. Today, we are going to read a funny book about animals and the noises they make! I want you to stop me when we read something that is a mistake! Remember that a mistake is something that is wrong or not right. Let's see if you can find the mistake!

Are you ready to help me read? (Note: Encourage your child to "pretend read" the book with you! "Pretend reading" is the first stage of reading and builds your child's language development and early reading skills!).

During Reading: Read Together

Sit side-by-side to share the book, or have your child sit on your lap while you read to them.

Read the book in an excited voice and encourage your child to "read" with you. Touch under each word as you read aloud to help your child match spoken words with print. If your child comments on a page or asks questions about the book, please pause and briefly discuss before returning to reading to help your child engage in the reading.

- **On the page where the pigs say, "la, la, la,"** pause and smile at your child, and ask them if they found the mistake! What sound do pigs really make?
- **As you are reading,** pause to see if your child can tell you the sounds/noises each animal makes.
- **On the last page of the book,** ask your child what noise or sound they would make!

After Reading: Discuss and Extend

Ask your child whether they liked the book. Ask your child whether they want you to read the book with them again! Encourage your child to “read” the book with you when you read it again.

After reading the book, you and your child could:

- Go back through the book and review with your child the noises or sounds that animals make
- If your child enjoyed this book by Sandra Boynton, go to the library to read other books written by her or other books about animals.
- Watch a video or TV show about the farm and the animals farm animals make, such as PBS KidVision Pre-K “Animal Farm.”
- Make an animal sound and see if your child can tell you what sound that animal makes. Then, have your child tell you a sentence about each one. Write down the sentences. For example, you could write, A cow makes the sound of, “moo!”

NOTE: Videos for parents can be accessed on the LEAP website: <https://leap.cehd.gmu.edu/parent-and-family-resources/>