

Jingle Jangle in the Jungle

Teacher's Notes

Level 15

Literacy Connections

Word Count: 309 words (approximately, including title)

Reading Skills:

Read for meaning

Use the picture cues to predict text

Re-read, cross check and self-correct when necessary

Decoding Skills

High Frequency Words: little, were, about, up, asked, said, like, with, done, already

Alphabet Knowledge: Short Vowel Sounds:
"i" jingle, little, animals, giraffe
"a" jangle, giraffe, smart, black, that
"u" jungle, up, trunk, until

Word Study: Adjectives (words describing nouns):
little, smart, beautiful, long, fast, strong, colourful, ridiculous

Print Conventions: The use of commas
Full stops, exclamation marks and question marks, ending a sentence

Content Connections

- The jungle, the environment and the animals that live there
- Animal adaptations and characteristics
- Valuing and accepting your own self-image

Content Words:

jungle, animals, monkey, elephant, giraffe, tortoise, hippopotamus, tiger, zebra, stripes, trunk, legs, tail, feathers

Suggested Activities

- Present the information from the story on a chart. Be aware that the students will need to infer some understanding. Try other animals that are not featured in the text. Presume changes they would like to make and their reasons for doing so.

Animal	Change	Reason
elephant	zebra's stripes	to look good
giraffe	elephant's trunk	to reach higher for food
tortoise	tiger's legs	to move faster

- Paint beautiful pictures of the animals in the story and other ideas the students have had.
- After discussion on short vowel sounds, as suggested, discuss the vowels "e" and "o" in the same manner.
- Explore the use of full-stops, question marks, and exclamation marks in other pieces of writing. What always happens after them? Are there exceptions?
- Ask the students to suppose they were an animal. What animal would they be and why?
- Use this text about animals to motivate and stimulate the students to read non-fiction texts about animals.
- Visit the zoo or spend time watching footage of animals living and interacting within their natural habitats and environments.