



PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

Semantic mapping/graphic organizers – the adult and students develop a list of words and concepts related to the story and then develop a visual representation or map of how the words and concepts are related to one another (Gillam & Ukrainetz, 2006; Hoggan & Strong, 1994).

Graphic organizer - ex. Bear on a Bike

Say: "We are going to read about a bear who goes on an adventure. On his adventure, he uses different types of transportation."

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<u>Pre-reading discussion</u> – Pre-reading questions are designed to tie the students' knowledge and ideas from the graphic organizer to the concepts in the book.

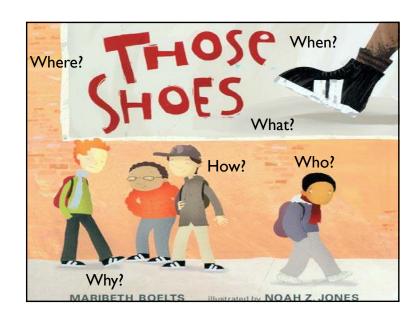
Ex. Bear on a Bike

- Ask:
 - What are ways we get from one place to another?
 - How do you get to school?
 - How do others get to school?
 - What do you use to travel in your neighborhood?
 - What do you use to travel in the water?

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Music – use songs semantically related to the material in the book. (Hoggan & Strong, 1994)





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Illustration discussion – The student creates a story using illustrations from the selected book. Scaffolding techniques may be used to facilitate higher semantic and syntactic complexity. Several templates that can be used during this activity are included.





