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# **Little Seal**

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# **Before Shared Reading**

- Show the front cover of the book to the children. Ask:
   "What do you think this book is about?"
- Read the book's title.
- Talk briefly with the children about seals and seal pups:
   "What do you know about seals?" (e.g. Where do they live? What do they eat? What do their pups eat?)
   "Have you seen a baby seal?"
- Look at the back cover of the book.
   "Who is coming there?"
   "What do you think will happen in the book?"

# **During Shared Reading**

- Start with the title page and the small round picture.
- Talk about what the little seal is doing there.
   "Does anyone know what baby seals sound like?"
   "Do you know what very small baby seals are also called?" (A howler...)
   "Why do baby seals howl?"
- The adult reads the text aloud to the children.
- Read a couple of pages first, then begin pausing along the way and ask:
   "Look at the picture on the right-hand page. What is happening here?"
- Let the children guess what the text says. Then continue reading.



# **After Shared Reading**

- Talk with the children about:
  - "What was the book about?"
- Talk about the theme:
  - "How does the little seal feel?"
  - "What does it do to find its mother?"
  - "Does it help?"
  - "Have you ever been in a situation where your mom or dad was missing?"
  - "What did you do to find them?"

# **Individual Reading**

Each child gets a copy of the book.

# Preparation:

- Write 'Little seal', 'howl', and 'mother' on the board or on word cards.
- Let the children find the words in the text.

### Instructions:

- "Use a quiet reading voice one that you can hear yourself, but others can barely hear."
- "Use your finger to point to each word as you read."
- Make sure to visit all students and listen to them read. Pay special at tention to those who need help.

# **Activities**

All children receive a worksheet.



# Worksheet

# Task 1

Write "howl, howl, howl" in the three lines below.



# Task 2

The little seal is hungry. The little seal is scared.

Write the two lines here:

The story ends on page 20. Does the story end badly or well?



# Task 3

The little seal looks for its mother.

- Is it the mother?
- No, it is...?

Draw a new animal the little seal sees.



