

Level 12 Book e

The Speedy Sparrow

Andy Gets Left Behind

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Level	12
Word Count	259
Text Type	Narrative
High Frequency	
Word/s Introduced	



We have designed these lesson plans so that, if you wish, you can have the plan in front of you as you teach, rather than a copy of the book. Each page of the book is illustrated in the plans together with some suggestions for teaching. These have been divided into questions and discussion that you may have before the children read the book and after the children have completed the reading. Some of you may prefer to explore the meaning and the language in more detail before the children read. Your decisions will depend on the gap between the children's current knowledge and the content, vocabulary, and language of the book they are about to read. Remember that the more information the children have up front, the easier it will be for them to read the text. However, this does not mean that you should read the text to them first.

We have addressed four areas that we think are important in developing good readers. As well as comprehension and decoding, we have addressed the issue of children being able to analyse and use the texts they read. The symbols below guide you to the type of question or discussion.



This symbol relates to comprehension (meaning maker)



This symbol relates to decoding (code breaker)



This symbol relates to critical analysis (text critic or analyser)



This symbol relates to use (text user)

Cover & Title Page

Ask the children to describe the front cover and title page. Who is the character on these pages? What will the book be about?

Tell the children that this story has a main character, secondary characters, and a place where the story happens.



Ask the children about the last time they were at a barbecue. What did they eat? What might happen in this story?



Encourage the children to think about their reading. Discuss the strategies they use to decode unfamiliar words.

AFTER READING

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Ask the children to describe Big Ted. Have them look closely at the clues in the picture and guess what job Big Ted does. Remind the children to check that their reading needs to sound right and make sense.

Ask the children what Big Ted plans to do and who he will invite to his house.



What word here has the *ay* ending? What word here is made from two smaller words? Tell the children the word *I'll* is a shorter way to say *I will*. Clap the syllables in *firefighter*. List other *ght* words on the board. Read the list, while the children search for the part that is the same.

3efore reading

What is Big Ted doing in the picture? What kind of shop is this? List the kinds of meat the children would buy in this shop if they were getting supplies for a barbecue.

> ig Ted said, "I want som or my barbecue." io Big Ted went shopping I want all kinds of meat or my barbecue."

Big Ted said to Alex the butcher Big Ted and Alex chose the med for the barbecue. Find the speech marks on the page. How do speech marks change our reading? Who is talking? How do we know?



What is the name for a person who sells meat? What is the butcher's name? What words show what Big Ted asked for?

Have the children place the word *butcher* in sentences. What is another word with the same *tch* sound? Clap the syllables in *barbecue*.

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Ask the children what is happening in the picture. How has Big Ted prepared for the barbecue?

Explain that speech marks show someone is talking. Find the speech marks on the page. How do speech marks change our reading? Who is talking? How do we know?

Later, Big Ted took out the meat. He took out the barbecue. He put out some paper plates. He put out all his knives and forks. He put on a hat and an apron. "Now I'm ready to cook," said Big Ted.

Tom, Bill, Vera, and Tony came to Big Ted's house. "Good to see you," said Big Tec



Ask the

Ask the children to list all the things Big Ted takes out. What are the names of Big Ted's four friends? Ask the children to point to the word *put*. Have them place it in sentences to clarify meaning and use. What word has a silent *k*?

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Ask the children what Big Ted's friend might be eating from the barbecue.

> "What would you like?" Big Ted said to Tom the bus driver "Sausages, please," said Tom. So Big Ted put some sausages on the barbecue.

Have the children think of some text for this picture. What does Big Ted say to the man? What does the man say?

What do the children like most about the story so far? Why?



Have the children point to the word *What.* Have them place it in sentences to share with the group. Identify the vowel ending in the word *So.* What are some other words that end with a vowel?

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Ask the children what is happening in the picture. Talk to the children about fire safety issues.

Big Ted said to Tony the hairdresse "Some kebabs, please, Big Ted," said Tony.

What will it be for you?

So Big Ted put some kebabs on the barbecue.

"Thanks, Big Ted," said Tony. "But there is too much on the barbecue. Look out!"



What question does Big Ted ask? What job does Tony do? What kind of meat does Tony want to eat?

Ask the children to find the word hairdresser. Which two smaller words is this word made from? Clap the syllables in hairdresser.

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Ask the children what Big Ted is doing in the picture. Discuss the precautions people must take when cooking on barbecues.



Review exclamation marks. How do exclamation marks change how we read a sentence?



Ask the children what they liked about this story. Have them justify their answers. What is the lesson of this story?

Invite the children to reread the book. Ask them to change their voices as they read the words the different characters say.

12 e Big Ted's	s Barbecue Name	
What jobs o	do these characters do?	
Big Ted Tom Bill Vera Tony		

Draw your favourite picture from the story.

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12 e Big Ted's Barbecue Name
Fill in the spaces in the sentences.
" have a barbecue," said Big Ted. "Now ready to cook," said Big Ted. " like some chicken," said Vera.
Write three sentences that use the words.
let's can't l'm

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