

Learning possibilities

Text: Kerr, J 2006, *The tiger who came to tea*, HarperCollins Children's Books, London.

Engage

Step 1. If you have this book at home, encourage your child/children to predict what the story is about from the cover. If not use the suggested video link in the resources box and watch the story together.

Step 2. Read/watch the story.

Step 3. Here are some questions to ask your child/children about the story.

1. Who came to have tea? (tiger)
2. What did the tiger eat first? (sandwiches)
3. Look closely at the tigers face when he is sitting at the table. How do you think he's feeling? (happy because he is smiling)
4. Why couldn't Sophie have a bath? (because the tiger drank all the water)

Respond

Invite your child/children to talk about the story using this question as a prompt, 'If a tiger knocked on your door, would you let him in?' The question opens up possibilities for children to answer and justify their answer, for example: 'No 'cause tigers' growl and might eat you up!' Talk about how the author has used her imagination in creating the story e.g. would a tiger really come to tea?

Extend

- Create a storytelling basket for you child/children to use with a tea set (or cups/plates spoons from the cupboard), a plastic tiger figure or puppet. If you don't have a tiger why not have another animal come to tea?
- Re-enact the story with a table cloth, tea set, sandwiches and patty cakes or biscuits and fruit.
- Make tiger coloured playdough (orange and black) for your child/children to use. As you and your child/children use the dough talk about the ways that you can push, pull, squeeze, pound and poke the dough (this helps with their language development).

Resources

Rhyme

'Tiger tiger' action rhyme

(Tune: 'Teddy bear, teddy bear')

Tiger tiger turn around

Tiger, tiger touch the ground

Tiger, tiger climb the stairs

Tiger, tiger say your prayers

Tiger, tiger turn out the light

Tiger, tiger say goodnight

Video

The Tiger Who Came to Tea (Listen Along Version) (YouTube, VHSandStoryUploader89)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsXtqJp8Az8>