

When Julia Danced Bomba

Caregiver Guide

Predicting

Look at the book cover with your child. Ask: What could this book be about? Where might this story take place? What kind of dance could Julia be dancing? What things may happen to Julia?

Before During - After

Increase your child's reading comprehension by using a before-during-after approach. This helps your child comprehend more and learn quicker.

Think Aloud

Connect the book to your child's own life experience. Connect the book to other books your child has read. Connect the book to big ideas or lessons.





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Julia does not want to go to dance class. Her turns are still too slow, her steps too big. She just can't do anything right! When Julia finds out she'll be participating in a *bombazo* and performing a solo she is terrified. But Julia takes a deep breath, closes her eyes and focuses on the beat of the drum. As she dances Julia notices that the drums are actually talking to her. She stops worrying and instead loses herself in the rhythm of the bomba drums! This book will help children understand that practicing—whether dance steps, dribbling a ball or playing a musical instrument—yields results!



BEFORE: Read the title of the book with your child. Then take a few minutes to explore each of the following concepts: **Dance:** Ask your child if he or she likes to dance. Then ask him or her what type of music they like to dance to. **Drumming:** Ask your child what type of instrument would he or she like to play.

DURING: Talk about what's happening in the story as you're reading; Look at and discuss the illustrations; Stop to explain interesting or tricky vocabulary words; Talk about surprising or sad passages; Help your child understand these parts of the story:

- Julia being jealous of her older brother's talent
- Julia's frustration because she's not able to dance
- Julia's fear of dancing all by herself in front of everyone
- Julia realizing that she is a natural too!

Brainstorm what might happen in the story. Ask: "What do you think will happen next?"



AFTER: Help your child reflect on what he or she has read. Do some or all of the following: Ask your child to summarize the story. Do a "picture walk" and have your child tell you the story as you page through the book, using the illustrations as clues. Ask your child to share his or her favorite part of the book and explain why. Have your child rate the book on a scale from 1 to 10. Then have him or her explain why they like or dislike the story. Have your child reread his or her favorite part of the story or act it out.

THINK ALOUD Connect the book to your child's own life experience: "What are you afraid of doing?" Connect the book to other books he or she has read: "Do you know any other stories about children that overcome fears and obstacles?" Connect the book to big ideas/ lessons: "This story helps me understand that sometimes we are scared that we can't do something. But, if we try our hardest we may be successful."

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