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A little pig is walking down the street, unaware of the hungry wolf waiting around the corner, when SUDDENLY the pig remembers he has left something behind and turns away at the last second, leaving the wolf to fall flat on his face. The wolf pursues the little pig throughout the day, but each time, quite unaware, the pig evades him until in the end the wolf gets his come-uppance in an unexpected and hilarious way. SUDDENLY is an ideal book for young children, who will love the wicked humour and child-centred repetition.

Suddenly! Details

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Kara says

This hilarious story is about a wolf who follows a pig around for a whole day without the pig even realizing it. Students will love to follow the adventures of this oblivious pig who always manages to escape the grasp of the wolf.

Cleo Jones says

Little pig gets followed by a big bad wolf but everytime he manages to escape. A lovely book with vibrant and comical illustrations.

Lake Boy says

This is such a funny book. Spoiler alert: This is a book about a pig and a wolf is always tring to eat him put the wolf is the only one who gets hurt

Megan Bamforth says

I enjoyed this book as it's repetitive word scheme provides children with an easy way of predicting what will happen as the word that is continually repeated is 'suddenly'. The repetition also allows children to join in as they can tell by the way that it is structured, which words are coming up. The way it is set out and structured means that it can be read at a good pace and the word 'suddenly' is always put in much larger font, with an exclamation mark on the end which would encourage expression and you would expect the children to learn to do the same.

The large, clear illustrations mean that the children can use their early comprehension skills to work out what is happening. The illustrations are so clear that you would be able to cover up the text and work out the gist of the book solely on the pictures. The fact that the wolf always hurts himself instead of the pig, also adds comedy value through slapstick for the children and this means the children engage more. The characters are also related to that of 'the three little pigs' which Is a well-known fairy tale and a lot of children would have heard it. If they have, then this would give the children more background knowledge to the book and would enable them to put the characters into context and are more likely to comprehend the book, as well as make more correct predictions.

Mrs. C says

Kindergarteners LOVED reading Suddenly and making predictions about the story! We couldn't believe that

Preston the pig kept wiggling out of trouble without even realizing it! We got better and better at our predictions as the story went on, but most of us were STILL tricked at the end of the book!

Erin K says

Based on the characters in the book, students will think they know how this will end...but unexpected twists turn up on every page! A great story to consider and write predictions, or to change the ending.

Vivian says

This is one of my favorite stories to share during a story time or with an early grade class. Little Preston Pig narrowly escapes being pounced on by a wolf as he heads home from school and then goes on an errand for his mum. Of course the children all see the danger Preston is in and how things keep going terribly wrong for the wolf. It's all good fun and ends with a big HUG from Mum and Wolf being carted away on a hospital stretcher.

Come to think of it, it's much like the old Wily Wolf and the Roadrunner cartoons.

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Preston the pig is being followed - by the Big Bad Wolf! What will Preston do (or not do) to avoid harm? Entertaining book that could also be used as an example of 'stranger-danger' avoidance for small children.

Anouschka Fernander says

This book is about a naughty wolf who follows a pig called Preston around trying to eat him but he keeps missing and falling flat on his face. In the end the wolf is taken away on a stretcher from falling so many times! It confirms that wolves are bad and that in the end Preston ends up safe in his mother's arms. The illustrations are amazing and really engage the children.

This story is good for talking about what might happen next, the repetition of "Suddenly..." is fun for the children and allows them to join in when reading as a class. Children could act out different parts of the story or talk about what could have happened instead. It could be used to teach children about beginnings, middles and ends by having children sort pictures of the story into the correct order.

Amy says

Eh. My niece and I agree that Oops! was better (and I really didn't care much for that one, either). My niece and nephew barely laughed at Suddenly. In fact, I think the only page that got a chuckle out of them was the final one, and that's just because they appreciated that the author successfully tricked them.

Dolly says

This is a very entertaining story about a young pig being stalked by a wolf. Danger lurks around every corner, but suddenly... the pig unknowingly outwits his pursuer.

The narrative is repetitive and the illustrations are hilarious. The story is sure to appeal to young children and I can imagine that it would work very well in a group storytime. We really enjoyed reading this book together.

Kerri Harshaw says

A young pig goes about his day as a wolf is chasing him around the town. The wolf is about to eat the pig when "SUDDENLY!". This repetitive line is repeated during every situation. And, as always, the pig ends up turning around at the right time (just in time to escape the wolf). A good book to teach predictions and cause and effect.

Portable says

A great story for teaching prediction and cause and effect. Preston the pig is having a busy day going shopping, going to school, and going to the park, but a hidden threat lurks at every corner...the Big Bad Wolf. Will the wolf's wicked plans succeed, or will something surprising happen?

Dawn says

This is a cute story about a wolf that is creeping up on a pig all the time - but the pig changes his direction just in the knick of time. Cute story!

We used it to talk about how to add suspense to our stories.

Kelly says

I actually do not particularly care to read this book to my son as I find it too simple and repetitive but my son(3) made me read this book over and over again for about 6 months. He loved it! He is all about the big bad wolf and "scary" stories.
