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Preposterous Rhinoceros



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This learning pack is suitable for teachers using *Preposterous Rhinoceros* in the class and parents who want to guide their children's learning.

Preposterous Rhinoceros is a funny and charming story about learning to read. It uses idioms and misunderstanding to create a humorous story which both year 1 and year 2 children will enjoy.

This learning pack includes:

- ★ Learning objectives for reading *Preposterous Rhinoceros*.
- ★ A detailed list of the language and linguistic features included in the text.
- ★ 2 activity sheets for children to enjoy after reading *Preposterous Rhinoceros*.
- ★ A colouring in sheet.



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Learning Objectives



Possible Learning Objectives

- ★ Understand a new word - Preposterous
- ★ To better understand literal and metaphorical meanings
- ★ To better understand homophones and homographs
- ★ To better understand alliteration



Possible Lesson Structure

Based on the learning objectives, here is one way you could lead a lesson:

Introduction: show the book to the children:

- ★ **Ask:** Who knows what the word *Preposterous* means?
- ★ **Explain:** The meaning of the word.
- ★ **Read:** The story and have the children join in saying '*that's preposterous Rhinoceros!*'

Engage: Go through the story and point out when Rhinoceros is being preposterous.

- ★ **Ask:** What is he doing wrong?
- ★ **Explain:** Metaphorical and literal meanings



Take it further:

Go back again and point out instances of:

- ★ Homophones
- ★ Homographs
- ★ Alliteration

Two activity sheets can be used as well which are included in this pack.



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Language and Linguistics



Language features:

- ★ **Rhyme:** Preposterous / Rhinoceros
Drama / Llama
- ★ **Alliteration:** Shy Salamandar
Cranky Crocodile
Tiny Toucan
- ★ **Idioms:** 'Get stuck in'
'laughed their socks off'
- ★ **Onomatopoeia:** Snapped, Smash, Roar



Linguistic Features:

- ★ **Sight Words** 50% (Fry's First 100 Words)
- ★ **Consonant Clusters** Cl, Ch, Cr, Dr, Gr, Pr, Rh, Sh, Sm, Sn, St, Str, Th, Tr, Wh
- ★ **Homophones:** Red and Read (past)
To and Too
Their and There
Know and No
- ★ **Homographs:** Read (present) and Read (past)
- ★ **Adjectives:** Shy, Preposterous, Cranky, Tiny, Tricky Sticky, Loudest, Proper, Red, Fun, Tired, Funny, tall, sticky, favourite, deeper
- ★ **Speech Verbs** Said, Yelled, Snapped, Replied, Sighed, Cheered




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Activity Sheet



Learning objective: To understand metaphorical and literal meanings of common idioms.

Activity: Illustrate the literal meaning of the phrase.

Phrase	Drawing
Example: "Get stuck in"	
"It's raining cats and dogs!"	
"I was hopping mad"	
"I'm as happy as a clam!"	

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Activity Sheet

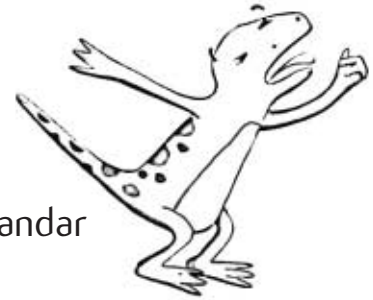


Learning objective:
Activity:

To understand alliteration.
Give Rhinoceros and each of his friends a new alliterative adjective to add to the beginning of their name.



_____ Rhino



_____ Salamander



_____ Crocodile



_____ Llama

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Colouring in



Colour in Rhinoceros and Shy Salamander in the most *PREPOSTEROUS* way you can think of!

