

Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type

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This book makes the most of a hilarious situation when Farmer Brown's literate cows turn the farm upside down with their typing.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Who can tell me if cows can really type?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder where the cows found the typewriter?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type*

- electric: powered or operated by electricity
- strike: to stop working as a form of protest against an employer
- impatient: eager to do something immediately, and unwilling to wait
- furious: extremely or violently angry
- demand: a clear and firm request
- neutral: taking no sides
- ultimatum: a demand accompanied by a threat to inflict some penalty if the demand is not met
- emergency: an unexpected and sudden event that must be dealt with urgently
- exchange: to give something and receive something different in return
- boring: no interest or enthusiasm

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Where did the cows find the typewriter?
- What did the (cows) demand from the farmer? Hens? Ducks?
- Who went on strike? Why?
- Who was the neutral party?
- What did the cows exchange for electric blankets?

Do

Build-a-Barn Fun

Construct a large barn out of a large cardboard box. Let all the children help paint it outdoors. When dry, the children can play in it.

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