

Hokitichee and the Manatee by Kathleen Hardcastle Moeller

Phonemic Awareness	Phonics	Vocabulary	Fluency, Expression, Pace	Comprehension	Reading/Writing Link
<p>Hearing the sounds in the syllables in the Seminole word: Hoketichee ho-ka-tee-chee</p>	<p>Suffix: /ing/ searching floating munching</p>	<p>gentle creatures manatees drifted</p>	<p>Reread page 8 aloud trying to capture the mood and tone of serenity as of drifting in water with your voice.</p>	<p>Why is the Seminole girl holding a bamboo reed? (<i>she uses it like we use a snorkel today</i>) (finding, inferring details from an illustration) What can you learn about spring fed rivers in Florida from the illustrations?</p>	<p><u>Powerful verbs</u> lowered herself into the water moved quietly through the water searching the river floating in the sea grass munching the grass slowly drifted in the water</p> <p>Students can be encouraged to notice the precise verbs and consider other verbs for some of the common ones they use:</p> <p><u>said</u> exclaimed shouted announced sang out screamed murmured told whispered uttered called</p> <p>Focused Revision: students can turn to a piece of writing and consider if there is a “tired”, over used verb they would want to replace with a more precise word.</p>

Guided Reading Level: Fluent 2