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Book Notes

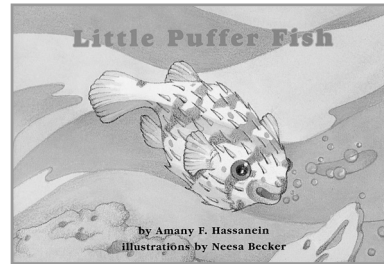


Little Puffer Fish

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12 pages ■ 133 words



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SYNOPSIS

An explanation of how a little fish avoided being eaten by a larger one.

WHAT THE BOOK OFFERS

- Nonfiction expository
- Third person
- Past tense
- Longer sentences with varied structures
- Open-ended
- Detailed writing: simile, double adjective, explanations

POSSIBLE SKILLS EMPHASIS

- Maintains meaning and fluency over longer sentences
- Understands that the same word can have two meanings
- Gathering information
- Identifying problem and solution
- Summarizing

INTRODUCING THE BOOK

I wonder how it came to be called a puffer fish. What do you notice from the cover illustration that is different from most other fish?

Well, I wonder what puffer and spikes have to do with each other. Let's see what the author tells us.

But first, is there any other information we can gather from the cover illustration or the title page?

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FOCUS OF INSTRUCTION

Page 3, before turning to page 4: *What has the author set for us here? So what might the rest of the book tells us? (problem/solution)*

How might Little Puffer Fish escape? Apart from one being a big fish and one a little one, what other differences do you notice between the two fish on page 3?

Page 4: *How did the author describe how fast the fish swam? Can you think of a simile to describe how the little fish might be feeling?*

Page 8: *How would you describe the difference in the feelings of the two fish at this point?*

Page 11: *Why is there a hyphen in "puffed-up"? (If the students have read *The Super-Duper Sandwich*, you can make a link to it.)*

FOLLOWING THE READING

How do you think the puffer fish got back to normal size? Could you write that as a problem and solution?

How could you tell someone about the puffer fish escaping from the big fish in just two or three sentences?