

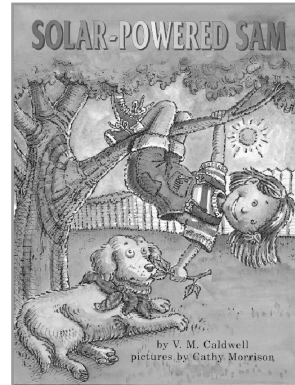
Books for Young Learners Teacher Resource

Book Notes



Solar-Powered Sam

Author V. M. Caldwell
 Illustrator Cathy Morrison
 12 pages ■ 110 words



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SYNOPSIS

A fiction story explaining how the sun provides us with energy.

WHAT THE BOOK OFFERS

- Informational text written as narrative fiction
- Third person
- Present tense
- More complex and abstract content
- More complex sentence structure
- Some repetition

POSSIBLE SKILLS EMPHASIS

- Coping with more complex content
- Coping with more complex (two-part) sentence structures
- Reading for a specific purpose, gathering information
- Representing information in a diagram

INTRODUCING THE BOOK

We know from the cover illustration who Sam is, but do we know what makes her solar powered?

What is there in the cover illustration to help us understand solar powered?

Well, what does it mean when it says Sam is solar powered? That is a good question to have in our head as we read the book.

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FOCUS OF INSTRUCTION

- The combination of the longer and more complex sentences and the more abstract content make it advisable for students to read each page silently before being required to read it orally or to discuss any part of it.

As you read this page in your head, think about how it helps us understand what makes Sam solar powered.

What information did you gather from this page? Does that add new information to what you already knew, or does it confirm it? How or what?

Which is the most important / most helpful information you have read so far?

FOLLOWING THE READING

Each part had a sequence. Can you describe that sequence? How could you put that in a diagram? Choose one of the sections and draw and label your diagram to show how the sun makes Sam solar powered.

What makes you solar powered? What foods do you like that require sun to make them full of energy? And what do you do with your energy?

- Make a graph of the students' favorite "solar-powered" foods.