Books for Young Learners Teacher Resource

Book Notes

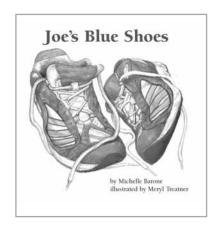


Joe's Blue Shoes

Author Michelle Barone Illustrator Meryl Treatner 16 pages ■ 130 words

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SYNOPSIS

What will Joe do, with and without his new shoes?

WHAT THE BOOK OFFERS

- Realistic fiction
- Past tense, third person
- Simple map and compass rose
- Some repetition
- Incidents to recount in detail verbally
- Illustrations as secondary cue
- **■** Writing with different sentence beginnings

POSSIBLE SKILLS EMPHASIS

- **■** Coping with longer text
- Attending to word endings -ed, -ing
- Displaying good grasp of compound words—everywhere, outside
- **■** Coping with two part sentences
- Identifying sentence beginning denoting time—One morning, a few days later
- Coping with a greater range of adjectives and verbs—soggy fuzzy, squish, dripping
- Understanding apostrophe used for possessives—friend's house, Joe's map, Joe's dad
- Increasing knowledge of the role of commas in aiding fluency and meaning

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INTRODUCING THE BOOK

What does the title lead you to expect? What does the cover illustration tell us about Joe's shoes?

FOCUS OF INSTRUCTION

After page 6 Think how you could tell that in your own words.

After page 10 Have you ever had a pair of favorite new shoes? What happened to them? What do you think will happen to Joe's shoes?

After page 16 The author has changed something about the sentence "He wore them to school..." on pages 14, 15, and 16. She wrote something similar on pages 4, 5, and 6. Why did the author do this?

FOLLOWING THE READING

- Do you think Joe still has his shoes? Give reasons for your answer. Why did Joe wear wet shoes?
- Joe wore many different things on his feet—sandals, tennis shoes, slippers, boots. What else do we wear on our feet?
- Look at Joe's map. What would a map of your neighborhood look like?
- Discuss, then make a list of favorite things students don't want to lose
- *Choose someone to read this book to (*read fluently to an audience.)