



TEACHER NOTES

Mr Price's Pet Emporium

By Millie Lewis and Maria Bazykina

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Themes

- Pets
- Animals
- Disguises
- Humour
- Rhymes

About the Book

If you're easily fooled, you SHOULD NOT shop at Mr Price's Pet Emporium. Filled with creatures of the unusual kind, Mr Price's Pet Emporium is like nothing you've ever seen before. But, if you think you can see through his trickery and cheeky disguises, you might just find the perfect pet.

About the Author

Millie Lewis is a children's author based in Sydney, Australia. She has loved books her whole life and is particularly passionate about engaging reluctant readers with stories that are 'fun for fun's sake'. Outside of writing, Millie's professional background is in child psychology. She understands the importance of humour for children's development, and loves to write silly stories that she hopes will elicit big belly laughs from her readers!

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About the Illustrator

Maria Bazkykina is a children's illustrator based in Moscow, Russia, who adores creating funny characters and drawing their lives. She loves humour and likes to be mischievous in her illustrations – inventing fantastic, funny and kind worlds for kids to enjoy.

Comprehension Questions

Before Reading

- Read the title of the book. What do you think the story will be about?
- What do you notice about the cover of the book? What does it tell us about the sorts of animals you might find in Mr Price's Pet Emporium?
- Discuss the sorts of animals people might keep as pets. Are there some animals that shouldn't be kept as pets? Why not?

During Reading

- What do you think will happen next?
- What do you notice about the pets at Mr Price's Pet Emporium? Are there any clues about the 'true' nature of the animals in the words or pictures?
- Do you think the girl should buy these pets? Why or why not?
- Have you ever been to a pet store? Were the animals in the pet store the same or different to the animals in Mr Price's Pet Emporium?

After Reading

- Think about the ending of the story. Why do you think the girl chose the 'shaggy wag-tailed bear' as her pet?
- What did you like about this story?
- How would you describe this story to somebody who has never read it before?

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Classroom Activities

- Recognising rhyming words – ask the students to roar like a tiger when they notice rhyming words on a page.
- Snapping the rhythm – ask the students to snap their hands together like a crocodile along to the 'beat' of the words on a page.
- Vocabulary – ask the students to make a list of any new words they find in the story. Look the words up in the dictionary and write down the meanings of the words together.
- Cloze passages – provide the students with a passage from the text with some words omitted and ask them to fill in the blanks.
- Animal drawings – ask the students to come up with their own 'pet in disguise' that Mr Price might sell at his Emporium. Ask students to draw their animal and write down its name.
- Written response – ask the students to write a passage about what animal they think would make the perfect pet and why.

These teacher notes were prepared by Millie Lewis.