

I'm The Happiest

1. Background Knowledge

- 키가 크다고 자랑하는 기린을 모두 부러워하는데 너구리 혼자 기린이 키가 커서 기쁘다고 합니다. 각 동물들은 자신의 특징을 한 가지씩 자랑하지만 너구리는 모두가 달라서 멋지다고 하며 신나게 춤을 춥니다. 아이와 동물의 이름을 말해 보고, 자신의 장점이 무엇인지도 말해 보도록 합니다.

Mom: Can you tell me some names of animals that you know?

Child: Dog, cat, lion, tiger, elephant, rabbit...

Mom: Great! Which animals can you see at the zoo?

Child: I can see lions, tigers, elephants, and rabbits.

Mom: Good! We can see many more at the zoo. Animals are all different, and they have their own characteristics. A lion is strong, and an elephant has a long nose. What is your favorite animal?

Child: I like dogs.

Mom: What makes them special?

Child: Dogs are cute.

Mom: Oh, you think dogs are cute! Maybe that's why many people have dogs as pets. What do you think is your characteristics?

Child: I am smart.

Mom: Oh, you think you are smart! I'm sure you are smarter than any of the animals you mentioned so far.

2. Picture Walking

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Mom: Look at the cover. What animal do you see?

Child: A cat?

Mom: It looks similar to a cat. Look at the tail. The tail is bushier than a cat's tail. It has black and white stripes. This animal is called a raccoon. What does the title say?

Child: "I'm the Happiest."

Mom: How is the raccoon feeling?

Child: He is feeling happy.

Mom: Right. He looks very happy. Let's read the story and find out why he is the happiest.

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Mom: How is the weather in the story?

Child: It is sunny.

Mom: Good! What animals do you see?

Child: I see a giraffe, an elephant, a zebra, a snake, a monkey, a sheep, a pig, a bear, an alligator

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Mom: Wow! You know so many animals! We can also see a peacock, a flamingo, a leopard, and a hedgehog. These animals have gathered together. Who is the tallest?

Child: The giraffe is.

Mom: Right.

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Mom: Look! All the other animals are stretching as high as they can. Why do you think they are doing this?

Child: They want to be tall like Giraffe.

Mom: Right. They didn't like that Giraffe was the tallest. Can any of these animals stretch as high as Giraffe?

Child: No.

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Mom: While all the other animals are unhappy that they are shorter than Giraffe, only one animal is happy. Who is it?

Child: It is Raccoon.

Mom: Right. Raccoon says he is happy that Giraffe is tall. What did Raccoon do?

Child: He started jumping, clapping his hands, and dancing his happiest dance.

Mom: Wow! He does look happy in this picture.

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Mom: Which animal is showing off now?

Child: Hedgehog is.

Mom: Right. What characteristic does Hedgehog have?

Child: He is the spikiest.

Mom: Right. He has many spikes all over his body. They keep him safe and make him pretty. How did the other animals feel about it?

Child: They were jealous.

Mom: What about Raccoon?

Child: Raccoon was happy for Hedgehog.

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Mom: Raccoon danced again. This time Pig said something. What did he say?

Child: He is the prettiest.

Mom: He said he was the prettiest because he's nice and round. How are the other animals feeling?

Child: They are not happy.

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Mom: What animal is this?

Child: It's a frog.

Mom: What is he showing off about?

Child: He is green. He says green is the best color.

Mom: Did the other animals feel happy about it?

Child: No. They grumbled.

Mom: But what about Raccoon?

Child: He was happy for Frog.

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Mom: What are these animals doing?

Child: They are boasting.

Mom: Right. They are boasting that they are the best. Why does the zebra think he is the best?

Child: He's the stripiest.

Mom: What about the kangaroo?

Child: She can jump the highest.

Mom: She is jumping high right now. The other animals are talking about why they are the best.

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Mom: What is Raccoon doing?

Child: He is dancing his happiest dance.

Mom: Great! He is happy that the other animals are all so wonderful and different. Are you also happy like Raccoon?

Child: Yes/No.

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Mom: What happened when Raccoon danced?

Child: The other animals felt happy too.

Mom: Right. Raccoon's dance made everyone happy. Do you think they will grumble again?

Child: No.

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Mom: They all danced their happiest dance! Raccoon's dance made everyone want to dance too! Who is the happiest of all?

Child: Raccoon is.

Mom: Right! Raccoon is the happiest of all.

3. Comprehension Check-up

동물들이 어떤 자랑을 했는지 되짚어 보고 Raccoon 의 태도에 대해 이야기해 봅시다.

Mom: In this book many animals boasted that they were the best. Which animals do you remember?

Child: I remember the giraffe.

Mom: What did Giraffe boast about?

Child: He said he was the tallest.

Mom: Right. All the other animals except for Raccoon wanted to be as tall as Giraffe. What other animals do you remember?

Child: The frog said he was green. He said green was the best color.

Mom: Yes. He said green was the best color, and no one else was greener than him. What was Raccoon's reaction to all this boasting?

Child: Raccoon was happy. He danced his happiest dance.

Mom: Excellent! Raccoon was the happiest of all. What did the other animals do in the end?

Child: They all danced together.

4. Activity

1) Read Aloud

- 책을 천천히 함께 읽어 봅니다. 혼자서도 읽어 봅니다.

2) Phonemic Awareness – Ending Consonant

- 다음의 단어들을 읽어 주고, 끝 소리가 [t]인지 [d]인지 구별해 보게 합니다.

happiest, gathered, tallest, world, stretched, could, highest, started, different
“t”와 “d” 카드를 만들어 양 손에 각각 들고 들리는 끝소리에 따라 카드를 들어 보게 합니다.
소리를 따라 말해 보게 합니다.

3) Grammar - Superlative

- 책에서 est 로 끝나는 최상급 단어들을 찾아 봅니다.

(tallest, happiest, spikiest, prettiest, stripiest, highest, spottiest, loudest, whitest, curliest)
원형과 최상급 단어를 카드로 만들어 짝 맞추기 활동을 해 봅니다. 끝 철자가 어떻게 변하는지 살펴보고 공통적인 규칙을 찾아 봅니다.

4) Vocabulary

1. Guessing Game

- 동물 하나를 생각하고 그 동물을 가장 잘 표현하는 한 단어를 말하도록 합니다. (예: “tall” – giraffe, “big” – elephant, “stripes” - zebra) 그 힌트를 듣고 동물을 맞추는 게임을 해 봅니다.

2. Which Animal?

- 여러 가지 동물들 flashcard 를 준비합니다. 최상급을 이용하여 다음과 같이 말하면 그 동물을 찾아 flashcard 를 들어올리게 합니다.

“Which animal is the smallest?”

“Which animal is the stripiest?”

“Which animal is the whitest?”

“Which animal is the most colorful?”

여러 번 반복하여 연습한 후에 아이에게 문제를 내 보게 합니다.

5) Arts and Crafts

- My Favorite Animal

좋아하는 동물을 그리고 종이 아래쪽에 그 동물의 특징을 두세 문장으로 표현해 보게 합니다. 친구나 가족에게 보여 주며 발표하게 합니다.

- What Makes Me Happy

나를 기쁘게 만드는 것이 무엇인지 생각해 보고 그림과 글로 표현해 보도록 합니다. 친구나 가족에게 보여 주며 발표하게 합니다.