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Explore the cover

Before a story, look at the cover for clues.

1 Learn



Get comfy: it's story time! First, look at the cover. The **words** are the **title**. The **picture** gives us **clues**.



← the **title**: the words

← the **picture**: the clues

Watch Flip get ready for a story:

1. Read the title.
2. Look at the picture for clues.
3. Guess: *"The snail wants to fly the kite!"*
4. Read the story to find out.

Flip's tip: use the title **and** the picture to make a guess. Any guess is a good guess!

Warm up: tick the things you can see on the cover.



Grown-ups: read the words on this sheet aloud. Run your finger under the title as you read it, so your child sees that the title is the words.

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2 Try it together

a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Cover detective

You need: a picture book from home and some crayons or a pencil.

1. Sit together and get comfy.
2. Look at the cover. Read the title and point to the words.
3. Your child points to things in the picture.
4. Ask, “What do you think this story is about?” Draw the guess.
5. Read the story. Then draw what really happened. Was the guess close?

Our book is called: _____

My guess (draw it)

What really happened (draw it)

My guess was: ☐ close ☐ a surprise!

Grown-ups: accept every guess, then ask, “What in the picture made you think that?” A surprise ending is great fun too.

3 Practise

A. Draw a ring round the **title** on each cover.



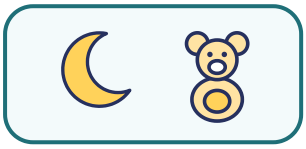


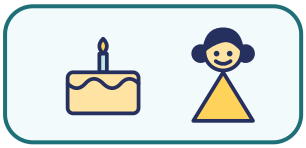


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B. Look at the picture clues. Draw a line to what the story might be about.







- Mia has a party.
- A duck who loves puddles.
- A teddy who can't get to sleep.

C. Draw a cover picture for this title: **The Hungry Bird**.

The Hungry Bird

Challenge

Sam says, "The title is the picture on the front." Is he right?

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I can… Tick when you can.

- ☐ get ready for a story
- ☐ find the title on a cover
- ☐ use the picture to guess the story