

Handa's Noisy Night

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Synopsis

When Handa has a sleepover with her friend Akeyo, the girls are allowed to spend the night in a little hut near the house. They're excited to be on their own, but as they get ready for bed, Handa feels more and more nervous. She keeps hearing things – strange snorts, chitter chattering, a big thud. Akeyo says it's only her noisy family, but on the opposite page the reader sees the nocturnal animals who are really making the noise - and while some of them are familiar, others are very peculiar-looking indeed!

With rich, night-time illustrations, sound effects, and plenty of curious animals, Handa's Noisy Night demands to be read aloud and shared – whether in the classroom or tucked up in bed at home.

Author Bio

As a child

Eileen was born and brought up in Birmingham.

As an Adult

Eileen lived in London for over twenty years before moving to Wiltshire where she now lives. She worked as a school teacher and a youth worker before becoming an author and illustrator. Her first book was published in 1977.

As an Artist

Eileen believes "Certain groups of people are not well represented in books. For example, females only feature as main characters in around 30% of children's books. Because of this, I give them priority. Where's That Bus? was one of the first animal picture books with all female characters." Eileen has written books with Kit Wright and Floella Benjamin. In 2004, Handa's Surprise was made into a theatre production by the Little Angel Theatre, London. Since then it has played in many London theatres, schools, Holloway Prison and at the Guardian Hay Festival.



Curriculum Links

HASS - Foundation

English - Foundation

Science - Biological Science Foundation and Year 1

Themes

Africa
Animals
Nocturnal Animals

Animal Sounds
Home
Family

Pre Reading

Look at the front cover of the book.

Read the title together.

Identify the author

Sometimes there's two names on the cover of the book. There's only one name on this book. What does that mean?

What do you think the story will be about?

Read the blurb at the back of the book. What kind of things are you now expecting to see inside the book? What questions do you have?

Just inside the cover, before the title pages and the start of the story, are some illustrated pages. These are called 'endpapers'. What do the endpapers in the front of the book show you? What do they add to what you've already guessed about the story?

When you've finished reading the book, look at the front and back endpapers together. Are they the same?

If not, what is different about them. How does that tie in with the story?

Animal Sounds

- After reading the story, let the students hear the animals making the sounds.
- The names of all the animals are listed on the endpapers.
- You can find most of the animal sounds via the link below

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_animal_sounds

- All of the animals in this story are nocturnal animals. Ask the class if they know what that means. Can they think of any other nocturnal animals?
- All of the books featured in the book are African animals.
- Name some Australian animals. Ask the students if they know what sound these animals make.
- Listen to them on the link to hear a real life example

<https://wildambience.com/wildlife-sounds/>

On the next page there is a simple worksheet where you can match up the animals to the sounds they make.

Family

- Akeyo mentions all of the family members that live in her house
- Go back through the story and list them all: Dad, Mum, Grandad, Nan, Baby Sister.
- Ask the class who lives in their house. Brothers or sisters? Does anyone have their grandparents living with them?

Match the animal with the sound it makes



bee

woof woof



cat

baa baa



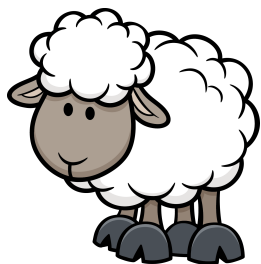
dog

quack quack



cow

meow meow



sheep

moo moo



duck

buzz buzz