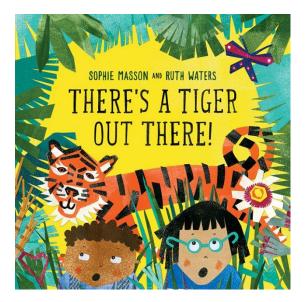
Teaching Notes – There's A Tiger Out There Written by Sophie Masson Illustrated by Ruth Waters



Synopsis

A girl frightens her little brother by insisting there's a tiger in the garden, but when the little brother turns the tables on the older one, the older sister ends up being the most terrified ... until they join forces and make each other feel brave.

Tuning In

Looking at the front cover, ask students to make predictions as to what they think this book might be about.

- Do they think the book might be scary? Why/Why not?
- Do they think the tiger looks friendly?
- Do they know where tigers live?
- Where do students think the book is set?

Questions while reading

Ask students to count how many tigers they spot in the book.

Ask students where they think the children are? Does it look like a treehouse? A

cubby house?

"Sleek as a shadow", ask students to share their thoughts on what other animals

can be sleek as a shadow?

Ask students to speculate on how the characters might be feeling. Which one of the characters do they think might be afraid? Ask students to think about feeling brave. What makes them feel brave? Do they feel braver when they have a friend or sibling with them? Could there really be a tiger out there? Ask students if they have ever used their imaginations to envision an animal in their home or garden. What kind of animal was it? Ask students what medium they think was used to create the illustrations.ⁱ Students might like to draw their own imagined animal and share a story with the class.

Resources for further teaching and learning

Primary School Resources related to Tigers https://www.teachstarter.com/au/teaching-resource-collection/tigers/ World Wildlife Tiger Toolkit https://www.worldwildlife.org/teaching-resources/toolkits/tiger-toolkit Introducing Collage to Young Children https://www.playfullearning.net/resource/introducing-collage-young-children/

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