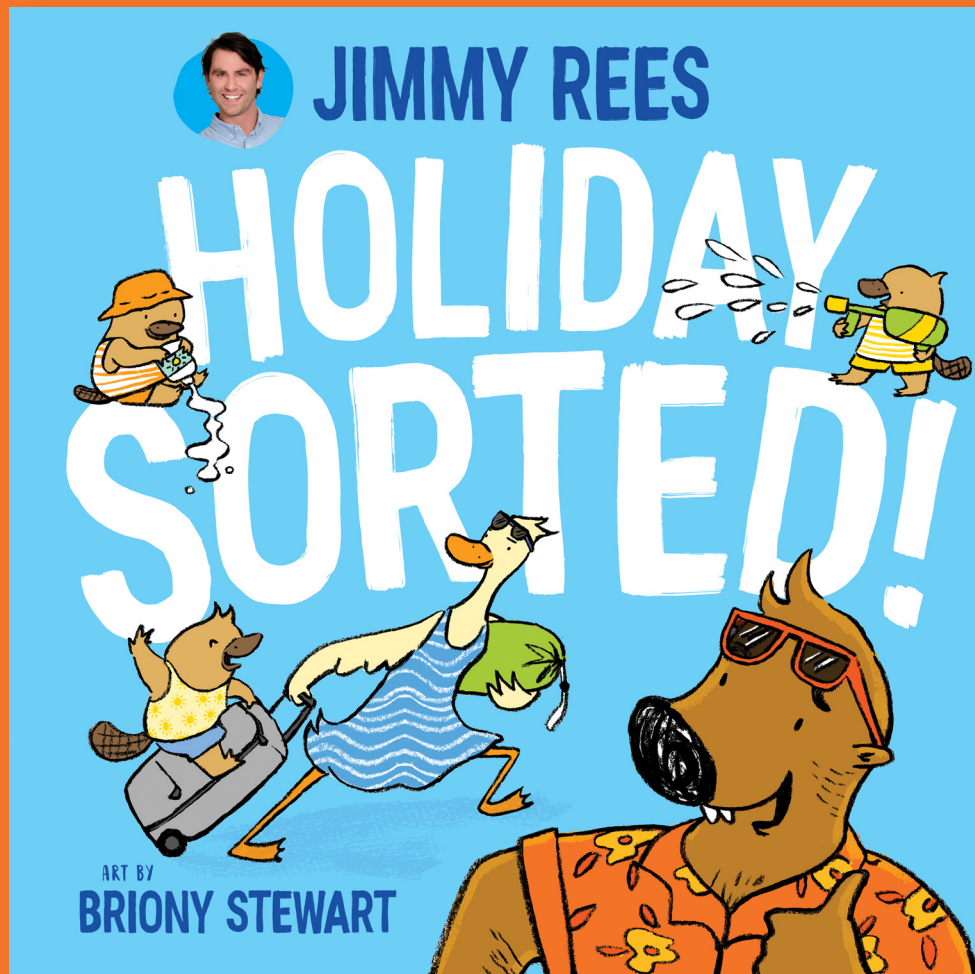


Classroom Resources



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Suitable for ages

3 to 7

Themes

Family

Holidays

Excuses

Contents of this pack & how to use it

- Book details for *Holiday Sorted!*
- Questions for teachers to ask before the class reads the book
- Discussion points for teachers to use, structured in key curriculum areas: Comprehension, Social and Emotional Development, Numeracy and Literacy
- Final reflections for teachers to ask
- Activities for teachers to print out or use as a guide in the classroom

Book blurb

Who said family holidays were hard?

Dad's got this holiday sorted! Lenny and the twins go to the toilet before the long drive, choose a favourite toy for the journey, and even help Dad pack the car. Perfect! They can finally hit the road. But then –

I'm starving!

Mack needs to go to the toilet again!

I forgot to feed my pet rock!

Can we say goodbye to the neighbours?

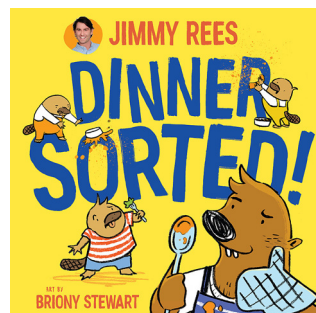
From one of Australia's best-loved comedians and children's entertainers Jimmy Rees and illustrator Briony Stewart comes a story about the not-so-relaxing part of a holiday that families everywhere will know all too well.

Book creators

- Author: Jimmy Rees
- Illustrator: Briony Stewart
- Designer: Kristy Lund-White
- Publisher: Affirm Press

The Sorted! series

Find this book and the other two Sorted! books at our website: affirmpress.com.au



Before we begin reading

- Have a look at the front cover; what do you think this book will be about?
- How many characters are on the cover? What is each character doing?
- The characters are Mum, Dad, Lenny and the twins: Mack and Vinny. Look at the faces of all the characters. Now think about these adjectives: **playful**, **happy**, **patient** and **cheeky**. Which adjective could best describe each character? Could a character be described with more than one adjective? Here's one example: on the cover, Dad looks **happy**.
- What type of animal is Dad? What about Mum?
- Do you think it is Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter for these characters? What clues give that away?
- The title of this book is *Holiday Sorted!* Where would you like to go on holiday? If you've been on a holiday before, where did you go and what did you do there?

Discussion in curriculum areas

Comprehension

- Where is the family at the start of this book? What is each family member doing?
- What is Lenny wearing on his head on the first page? What is this used for?
- Dad tells Lenny that they will be doing lots of fun things on their holiday. What kinds of things do people do on holiday? What would you like to do on holiday?
- What do Mum and Dad ask the kids to do before they can leave for their holiday? Do the kids do those things?
- The kids help Mum and Dad pack. What do they do to make room for all their things in the boot of the car? (*Tip: have a very close look at the artwork to answer this!*)
- This family has a pet. What is her name, and what type of animal is she? Is she an unusual type of pet? Is she different to any pets you have or have had?
- Lenny has a lot of reasons why the family can't start their holiday yet. One is that he's hungry. Another is that Mack needs the toilet. Can you list any other excuses Lenny makes? Which one was the funniest to read?
- Who is waiting for the family to arrive at the holiday destination?
- What type of holiday is this? What clues tell you this?
- Have a look at the sky when the family arrive at their destination. What does that tell you about time in this book? Has the family spent most of their time travelling in the car, or have they spent most of the time getting ready to leave the house?



Social & Emotional Development

- Have a look at Dad on each page. When does Dad look the happiest, and why do you think this is? When does Dad look upset or grumpy, and why? What other feelings does Dad show?
- Now have a look at Lenny on each page. Lenny often tries to help his parents, even if his help isn't needed. Can you find the parts of the book when Lenny is trying to be helpful?
- What types of things do you say to someone when they're offering to help you with something?
- Does Lenny seem like a good brother to the twins? Why?
- Turn to pages 24 to 27. How might Mum and Dad be feeling on these pages? What gives you this impression?
- The family goes on a car trip. How might the family be feeling at the end of a long car trip? How do you usually feel when you're travelling in a car? Do you feel tired after a long journey?
- Sometimes a long car, train, tram or bus journey can feel quite boring. What can you do to stay happy and calm during a long trip? Are there any fun games that you've played when you've been in a car, bus, tram or train?
- Are the grandparents pleased to see Lenny and the twins when they arrive at the campsite? What shows you this? How does Lenny look at the end of the story, when he learns that his grandparents will be looking after him?
- The grandparents are called Nanna and Pop. What other names are there for grandparents?
- If you have grandparents, have you ever been on holiday with them? What other fun activities do you like to do with your grandparents or other older family members?
- Flip to the orange pages at the front and back of the book. The artwork shows the kids enjoying their holiday! What types of activities are they doing? Which of these do you like doing?

Numeracy

- At the beginning of the book, we learn that the family are leaving soon. How many minutes does Mum say that they have left? Do you think the family left within this time, or do you think they spent longer at home?
- How many toys can you find in this book? How many toys made it to the campsite with the family? Which toy would you most like to play with?
- What are the colours of the two toy cars that Mum finds in the esky when they're at the campsite? Does Mum seem surprised to see the toy cars in the esky? Who might have packed them in there?
- How many packets of crisps are in this book? Does your family let you eat in the car? What other snack foods have you eaten while you're in a car?
- How many excuses does Lenny make to stop the family from leaving for their holiday? Have you ever used these excuses with your parents or guardians?

Literacy

Vocabulary extension

There are words contained in the narrative and the illustration that young readers may be unfamiliar with. Have a discussion about the following list of words, and look for other words that may also be unfamiliar.

- Dashed
- Deliveries
- Neighbours
- Snorkel

Interpreting the text

Some of the words in this book are shown in bigger, bolder letters. Why is this? What might this show about the way that the characters are speaking? Do you change the way that you speak when you're excited or upset or bored?



Final reflections

- Did you enjoy reading this book?
- What were your favourite pages and why?
- What do you think is essential to take on any holiday? What would you have packed if you were Lenny?
- Have you learned any new words from this book?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend?



Activity One: Draw your holiday suitcase!

Pretend that you're going on holiday very soon. Your parent or guardian has asked you to pack a small suitcase. You are allowed to bring ten things with you and this must include your essential items like a toothbrush. What else will you pack? Draw your suitcase in the space below or find a bigger piece of paper if you need it. If you prefer writing, how about describing each of your items in a list instead?

My suitcase contains ...

Drawn by ...

Activity Two: Letter swap!

You're going to write a short letter to a classmate about your dream holiday. In this letter, you will need to say where you'd love to go and what you'd like to do there. Perhaps the holiday is to a different city or state or country? Perhaps it's to visit some family or friends? Maybe it's somewhere you've already been but you'd like to visit again? Use the space provided below or find a fresh piece of paper. When you've finished, swap your letter with a classmate's. Are your dream holidays similar or different? What did you learn about your classmate from their idea of a dream holiday?

Dear ...

Please let me tell you all about my dream holiday. I dream of going to ...

I'd love to go there because ...

From ...