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Reading Guide

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Let's Have Fun with *Pencil's Best Story Ever* by Carly Gledhill

Pre-Reading Discussion Questions

1. Look at the front cover together

- Ask: *What do you see on the cover?*
- Ask: *What do you think will happen in the story?*

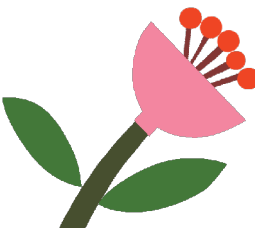
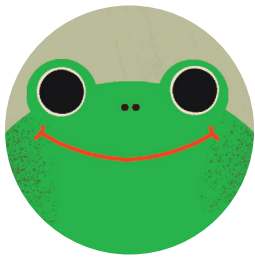
During Reading

1. Speech Bubbles

- Explain: *When Peanut, Jelly, and Bear talk, their words appear in speech bubbles. These bubbles show what the characters are saying out loud.*
- Point to a speech bubble and say: *Look! This is what Peanut is saying!*

2. Punctuation Marks

- Show an exclamation point (!) and say: *This means you say it in an excited or loud voice!*
Example: *Hiya!*
- Show a question mark (?) and say: *This tells us someone is asking a question, and our voice goes up a little at the end.*
Example: *Do I?*
- Show an ellipsis or a “dot, dot, dot” (. . .) and say: *When you see this, it means something is missing or we are pausing for a moment. It could be because the speaker didn't finish their sentence, or they're thinking, or maybe they feel shy or unsure. It makes us wait and wonder what they might say or do next!*
Example: *This wasn't part of my story. Let me think . . .*



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Post-Reading Activities

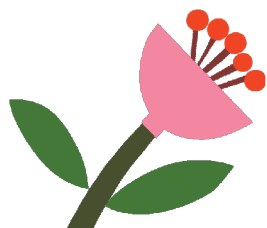
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1. Write Your Own Story with Speech Bubbles

- Draw a picture of some characters — they can be animals, people, or even objects like Pencil and Peanut!
- Add speech bubbles to show what your characters are saying.
- Use exclamation points (!) when they're excited, question marks (?) when they're asking something, or ellipses (. . .) when something is missing or they are pausing for a moment.

Pack Your Adventure Backpack

In the story Peanut packs a lot of interesting things in his backpack. What would you pack in your adventure backpack? Write a list!



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