

It's Hard to Love a Tiger

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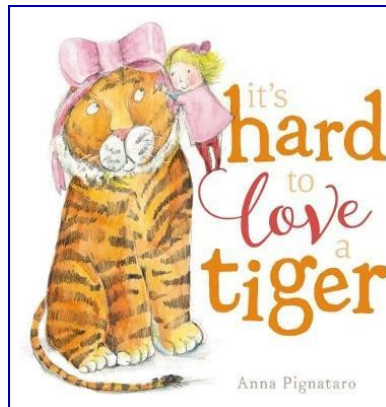
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I wish I had a tiger, a tiger from the zoo.

A tiger of my own to love—a tiger just like you.

A funny rhyming story about a little girl and a troublesome (but lovable) tiger.



Themes:

- Animals
- Zoos
- Behaviour
- Friendships

Discussion Questions:

- Before reading the story, think about the title '*It's Hard to Love a Tiger*'. As a class, come up with a list of 10 things that would make it 'hard to love a tiger'.
- 'I wish I had a tiger, a tiger from the zoo. A tiger of my own to love—a tiger just like you.' Why do you think the little girl wanted a tiger?
- What would be some good things about loving a tiger?
- Have you ever thought about having a unique pet? What was it?
- What is the strangest animal that you could think of to have as a pet? What would be the hardest part of keeping this unusual pet? Would you need anything special to keep this pet healthy?
- What were some of the things that the tiger did that caused trouble?
- Can you recall the other animal friends of the tiger who came to stay?
- In small groups, find out some interesting fact about tigers.

Activities:

- Thinking back to your answer about what strange animal you could keep as a pet, make a puppet of your animal. As a class, come up with a short story that can be acted out that incorporates each of the animals that the students have made. You might like to split up into particular types of animals, ie: forest, sea creatures, desert etc, so that props can be made to go with your puppet show.