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*Teacher Notes and Activities*

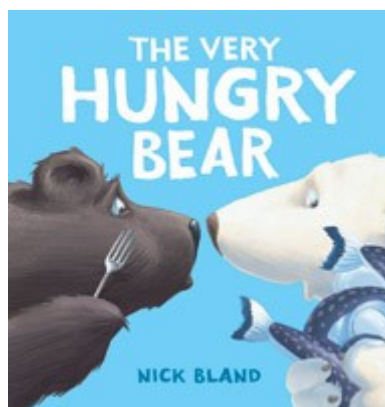
## **The Very Hungry Bear**

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The Very Cranky Bear is back, and now he's hungry! When the Very Hungry Bear goes fishing, he ends up catching more than he bargained for - a polar bear, with an armful of fish, who needs help finding a new home! Vibrant illustrations and a fun, engaging story make this book perfect for reading aloud.



### Themes:

- Bears
- Friendship
- Helping others and sharing

### Discussion Points:

- At first Bear was in a grumpy mood because he was hungry. How did his mood change throughout the story?
- What makes you grumpy?
- Did Bear react in the way that you thought he would once he had finally found some fish? How could he have reacted differently? What would have been the consequences for both Bear and Polar Bear if they had not worked things out together?
- Why was Polar Bear so happy to share his fish with Bear?
- What does this story tell us about sharing?
- Bear and Polar Bear, although very different, seemed to form a nice friendship. How can differences enrich our relationships with others? Explain.
- Can you recall a situation where you have been able to help someone, but by doing so, you have also been able to help yourself? How did you feel when this happened?

### Activities:

- Although Bear and Polar Bear are both bears, they had very different needs. Compile a list of similarities and differences between them including things such as habitat, diet and physical characteristics.
- 'Now a fish to bear is like a chocolate éclair, it's incredibly hard to resist.' Design a poster of all the foods that you love and have difficulty in resisting!
- Make your own cave for Bear or igloo for Polar Bear. Be creative with the materials that you use. Display them in your class.