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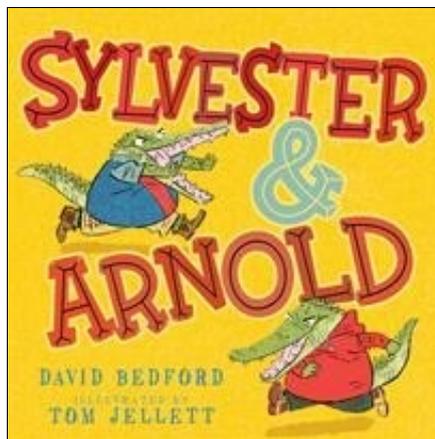
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Teacher Notes and Activities

Sylvester & Arnold

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Sylvester and Arnold are both big, tough crocs. At least, they think they are ... and they spend all day making sure everyone knows it. Maybe these big, tough, eye-bulging, branch-snapping crocs could become friends, or will they have to live at opposite ends of the swamp forever? When they meet by accident, the snapping and snarling begins. And then they meet someone else ...



Themes:

- Crocodiles
- Overcoming fear
- Making new friends
- Perceptions

Discussion Points:

- What do you know about crocodiles?
- In what parts of Australia do they live?
- What is one word that you think describes them best?
- How did Sylvester & Arnold portray themselves to others? Is that what they were really like? Explain.
- Is it common for people to show one way of being, but they are actually really not like that? Can you think of some examples?
- Do you know someone who thinks they are tough like Sylvester & Arnold? Do you think they are really like that?
- Why do people think it is important to show others that they are 'tough'?
- Did Betty show the same characteristics as Sylvester & Arnold?
- What did they all learn about themselves from their behaviour and reactions? Did this result in them being happier in the end?
- Were you surprised that they helped Betty out of the hole? Do you think she was surprised? Why?

Activities:

- Design your own 'tough croc', including the clothes you think he/she should wear to portray their image. You may like to make it or draw it. Make sure to give it a 'tough' name!