

# Lamont Books Standing Order

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*Teacher Notes and Activities*

## **Where Are You, Banana?**

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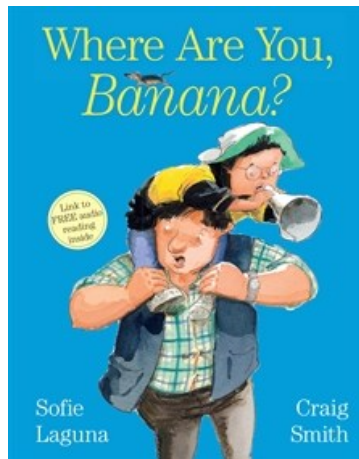
*'Banana! Where are you?'*

Banana is Roddy's best friend and Roddy can't find him anywhere!

Who will sleep on his bed at night? Who will pull him along on his scooter and chase Aunt Celia's chickens and chew Mum's shoes?

Banana is Roddy's best friend, and Roddy knows he has to find him, no matter what...

From two much-loved creators comes a warm and humorous story about a boy, a dog, and an ingenious rescue that will delight the whole family.



### Themes:

- Pets
- Feeling helpless & worried
- Not giving up
- Being resourceful

### Discussion Points:

- What sort of dog do you think Banana is?
- Do you own a pet? If so, what sort of pet? How important is it in your life?
- What are some of the special characteristics about your pet that makes it so special to you?
- Why do pets make such great companions?
- If you don't own a pet, and you could have any pet that you wanted, what would you choose and why? What name would you give it?
- Roddy and Banana had a very close bond. What words would you use to describe how Roddy felt when Banana went missing?
- Have you ever been in this situation? How did you feel?
- What characteristics does Roddy show in this story?
- What are some of the things that you can do to try and keep your pets safe?
- As a class, come up with a list of things that you could do to find a lost pet.
- Roddy was resourceful in the way that he rescued Banana. When have you used your imagination to come up with a solution to a problem?

### Activities:

- One way to help find a pet is by putting posters up in your neighbourhood. Design your own poster trying to find Banana.
- Owning a dog like Banana is a big responsibility. Conduct a basic research project on the things that you need to do and have in order to look after a dog and keep it safe and healthy.