

## **Fly-In Fly-Out Dad**

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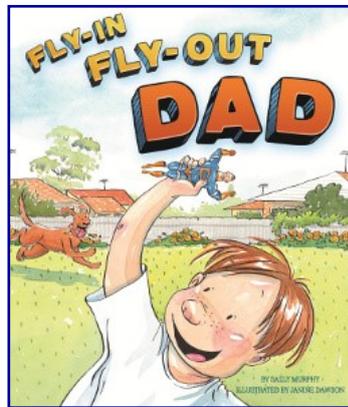
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*My dad works up North, so most of the time it's just me and Mum and Lexie at our house. But when dad comes home things get pretty interesting....*

A book that celebrates the superhero in every father.



### **Themes:**

- Adjusting to family separation
- Different work places
- Appreciating time together

### **Discussion Points:**

- Have you ever heard of the term 'Fly-In Fly-Out'. Do you know what it means?
- Do you know what an acronym is? If not, find out and then see if you know what the acronym for Fly-In Fly-Out is. Have you ever heard of this?
- What sort of work do these type of workers usually do, and where and why do they do it?
- Do you know someone who does this type of work?
- Make a list of the advantages and disadvantages for both the workers who work this way and also the families of these workers.
- What is the significance of the Dad being drawn in a 'super hero' costume in some of the pictures?
- 'A WEEK? Maybe he'll have so much fun he'll want to stay longer!' Do you think the Dad would stay longer if he could? Explain.
- The boy loved it when his Dad came home and they did things together. What are some of the things that you do with your close family?

### **Activities:**

- The Dad slept in a 'donga'. Find out what this is and then make your own small version of one.
- Think about all the things that you do over a week. Make a visual diary of all your activities, including which books you have read, what games you have played and other things that have happened during the week.