

The Very Noisy Bear

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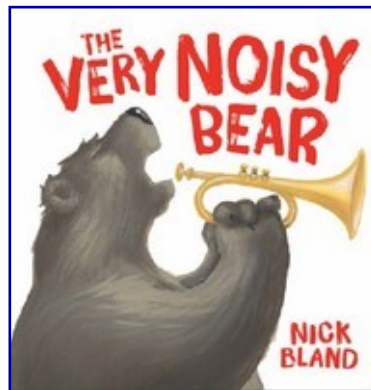
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The Very Cranky Bear and his friends are back! There's music in the air in the Jingle Jangle Jungle!

Can Bears friends help him find the perfect instrument to play?



Themes:

- Musical Instruments
- Friends
- Trying things

Discussion Points:

- When you think of a bear, do you think that they would be able to play an instrument? What instrument do you think would best suit a bear, and why?
- Do you play an instrument? If so, what is it?
- How hard is it to play? How much do you have to practice to improve?
- Can you recall all the instruments that Bear tried and which animal suggested he try it?
- How would you describe the reaction of the other animals when Bear had difficulty playing the instruments and they broke?
- How could they have reacted? Do you think they could have reacted differently? How do you think Bear might have felt if they weren't so understanding?
- When have your friends helped and encouraged you? When have you done the same with your friends?

Activities:

- As a class, make your own instruments, including those that are in the story, so you can have a class band. Use a variety of materials (there are also plenty of ideas on how to make them on the internet if you need some help!).
- If you enjoyed this book, you may like to read the other 'Bear' books by Nick Bland (if you haven't already read them).