

Look!

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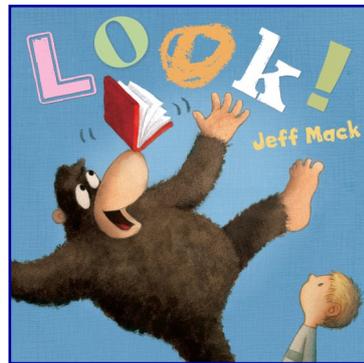
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Everyone needs a little attention from time to time, even a gorilla . . . especially a gorilla. So how is he going to get the boy to take notice of what he wants?

Using only two words, and irresistible illustrations, Jeff Mack has created an hilarious story about an unlikely friendship, the power of imagination and the joy of books.



Themes:

- Friendship
- Books
- Imagination
- Attention

Discussion Points:

- Before reading the book, what do you think it might be about?
- What do you think the gorilla is trying to do when he does all the tricks with the books? Do you think he is trying to get the boy's attention?
- Why do you think he did this? What do you think the gorilla wanted the boy to do?
- Do you sometimes feel like you are being ignored by your friends or family? Discuss.
- How do you try to get their attention?
- What happened that finally made the boy read a book? How did the gorilla feel when he saw this?
- This book only has two words. Did you still understand the story? How has the author/illustrator been able to make you understand the story? Think about how the two words have been used on their own and together.
- Other than reading a book, what are some of the other things that you like to do with your friends?
- After reading it, go back to what you thought the book was about before you read it. Were you right? How different was it to what you thought?

Activity:

- Have the students help set up and decorate a reading corner in the classroom and bring in one of their favourite books to read with their friends.