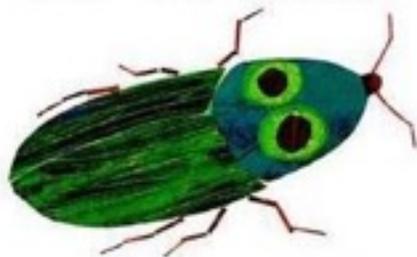


Eric Carle The Very Clumsy Click Beetle



Title: The Very Clumsy Click Beetle (Book #1)

Please note that the book makes a clicking noise!

Author/ Illustrator: Eric Carle

Topics/Themes: Perseverance, Practice

Vocabulary: clumsy, rummaged, wise, practice, somersault

See video of this book read aloud here: [The Very Clumsy Click Beetle](#)

I. INTRODUCTION (PREP QUESTIONS)

- Ask students, as you introduce the book, if Eric Carle is an author with whom they are familiar. Ask them to share other books they know. Ask students if they have ever seen a beetle before, and where. Tell them that there are many different kinds of beetles in the world, including ladybugs. Ask what they know about beetles. Then model a think-aloud: “I am really curious to read this story today about a **clumsy** click beetle because I just cannot imagine how a beetle could be **clumsy**. I know that **clumsy** for a person means that the **clumsy** person moves in a way that is not careful or very smooth. I also know that a **clumsy** person might accidentally drop or break something, or knock something over. So I wonder how this click beetle will be **clumsy** in this story?” You might further share a spontaneous example of when you were clumsy and have students share examples.
- Share the factual beetle information about click beetles inside on the cover page.
- P. 12 and p. 14: While reading, emphasize how both the turtle and then the snail encouraged the click beetle’s attempts.
- Pp. 21-22: During reading, ask students how Eric Carle’s illustration on this page spread helps to show the three somersaults that the click beetle did.

2. Post Reading

- Ask students **how** the click beetle was **clumsy**. What do you think the lesson of the story and Eric Carle’s message to us is (If at first you don’t succeed, try and try again; practice makes perfect). If time allows, have students share times when they had to keep trying some task until they achieved it (riding a bike, skating, etc.).

II. INTEGRATIVE STRATEGIES



Title: World of Insect Beetles (Book #2)

Author: Colleen Sexton

Themes: beetles

Vocabulary: antennas, surroundings

See video of this book read aloud here: [World of Insect Beetles](#)

- Read book aloud.
- Is the story fiction, a make-believe? Or, is the story nonfiction, true information that gives you facts to explain something? How do you know?
- Show students: table of contents and discuss how it helps the reader. Show students the glossary and explain this feature helps readers of nonfiction text.