

The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash

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Get Ready

- Photocopy the farm setting page for each child.
- Photocopy the characters and story items page for each child. Reduce size by 65%.

Get Set

- Introduce the author and illustrator.
- Ask children what they think the story will be about.

Read!

- Read *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash*.
- Determine which homonym is related to the story and another definition.
- Discuss the ing-verbs and their meaning in the story.
- Review the exclamatory statement and questions made and by whom.
- Write the contractions on the board and explain how they work.

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Target letter and sound

long 'a' - / ā /

Language Skill Building

Homonyms

threw-through

meet-meat

hair-hare

one-won

know-no

knew-new

right-rite-write

heard-herd

not-knot

boy-buoy

ate-eight

Contractions

doesn't - does not

wouldn't - would not

didn't - did not

he's - he has

you're - you are

Grammar Connection

Verbs + ing

boring - crying - yelling - doing eating

flying - squawking screaming -

throwing

Wordsworth's WORDS

trip - farm - cow - haystack

tractor - farmer - pigs - bus - corn

eggs - boa - chickens - wife - sad

pet

Punctuation Marks

"How was your class trip to the farm?"

"A cow...crying?"

"What were the pigs doing on the bus?"

"Why were they eating your lunches?"

"Why were you throwing corn?"

"Out of eggs?"

"...but why were you throwing eggs?"

"THE BOA CONSTRICTOR!"

"You mean he took it into the hen house?"

"The hen?"

"Why was she screaming?"

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- Who:** **Who was the story about?**
Girl, mom, boa, Jimmy
- What:** **What happened at the beginning of the story?**
The girl told her mom about her class trip to the farm.
- Where:** **Where did the story take place?**
At the farm and at home.
- When:** **When did the girl's mom show emotion?**
When she was told the haystack fell on the cow.
- Why:** **Why did Jimmy forget his boa at the farm?**
Because the teacher made the students get on the bus in a hurry to leave.
- How:** **How does the story end?**
Jimmy winds up with a new pet pig and the farmer and his wife end up with a new pet boa.

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Materials

- scissors
- markers
- crayons
- glue stick

Assembly Instructions

1. Color and cut the story related characters and items.
2. Color the farm setting page.
3. Arrange the characters and story related items on the farm scene.
4. Glue the characters and items in place.
5. Have the children re-tell the story *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash*.







