



What is it?

These Big Books can be used for shared reading in the classroom. Each Big Book includes 2 text selections and 10 shared reading lessons specific to the stories or information in the book. Each lesson focuses on a different literacy skill.

The accompanying teacher supplements provide you with more information about shared reading and how to use these Big Books.

Each book focuses on the following five reading skills and the strategies that go with them:

- **Enjoying the text:** Students and teachers focus on reading the text with excitement and expression.
- **Comprehension:** The back of each Big Book contains comprehension prompts to encourage student discussion about the text.
- **Decoding:** Students practise identifying the shapes and sounds of syllabics.
- **Word Work:** These lessons help students identify, say, and read commonly used morphemes and words.
- **Fluency:** Students join in as the teacher reads familiar sections of the text.



How can these resources be used in the classroom?

These materials can be used during shared reading lessons as part of a balanced literacy classroom. Shared reading is an instructional tool that a teacher can use to demonstrate reading skills and strategies. Big Books are useful for shared reading lessons, as the large text and pictures are easier for students to see and interact with.

Support for Teachers

The Inuktitut Titiqiriniq program binders and the teacher supplements for the books contain more information about Big Books, shared reading, and how both can be used to enrich your classroom environment.

The teacher supplements provide follow-up activities that you can do after your shared reading to extend the learning experience. They also include other ways to use the Big Books to develop literacy skills and strategies with your students.

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(*Ukaliq and Kalla Go Camping*)
shows what friends Ukaliq and Kalla do on a camping trip. This fiction selection uses simple sentence patterns to introduce students to the words for familiar camping activities.

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teaches students about some of the types of vehicles found in the Arctic. This non-fiction selection introduces students to the words for different vehicles and how they are used in the Arctic.

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ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᑲᑦ (*Ukaliq Plays in the Snow*)
tells a story about a polar bear cub who finds fun things to do during the Arctic winter. This fiction selection uses simple sentence patterns. Students learn the words that **ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᑲᑦ** (he plays) to explore all the things that cub can do in the snow.

ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᑲᑦ (*All About Polar Bears*)
teaches students about what polar bears like to eat, how they hunt, and how they hibernate. This non-fiction selection introduces students to common polar bear behaviour with simple sentences and informative photographs.

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ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᑲᑦ (*Ukaliq's Grandfather*)
tells a story about a boy and his grandfather. They complete their tasks and build a house. This fiction selection uses simple sentence patterns. Students learn the words that **ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᑲᑦ** (he helps) to explore all the things that boy can help his grandfather do.

ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᑲᑦ (*Seasonal Changes*)
teaches students about the seasonal changes that take place throughout the year in the Arctic. This non-fiction selection introduces students to the words for the different seasons and some defining features of each season.

What are Big Books?

Big Books are oversized picture books. They are primarily used to support shared reading lessons. The books are large enough that students can easily see the pictures and text, allowing teachers to highlight different features for learning opportunities.

What is shared reading?

Shared reading is a literacy strategy that a teacher can use to demonstrate reading skills and strategies. Students may participate in the lesson by observing the teacher read and then reading along with the teacher. Shared reading lessons usually focus on skills and strategies that the teacher will address further with small groups of students in guided reading sessions.

In a shared reading lesson, the entire book is read and reread over a few consecutive days. This practice allows students to:

- Become familiar with the subject (or plot) of the book and the book's text patterns.
- Build comprehension strategies.
- Decode words and phrases.
- Read in a supportive, conversational atmosphere.

Teaching Tip: Before beginning each lesson, tell students the purpose of the reading. When students are learning new reading strategies, they find more success when they know what to look for and take for as you are reading.



How to use the Big Books

On the front inside cover and pages 28-29 of the Big Book, you will find all the information you need to use the Big Book for two different shared reading lessons. Be sure to read through each lesson before you begin.



On the back cover of the book, you will see a series of pictures with numbered boxes. These boxes contain the comprehension prompts for this section of the book. The comprehension prompts are in the second lesson for each text. After reading each great of pages, read the prompt out loud to your class. Encourage a few responses from different students and support all contributions.

About the lessons

For students who are beginning to read, they need to learn the skills and strategies to read and make meaning from print. The lessons in the Big Book support the development of these reading skills. The lessons focus on:

- **Engaging the text:** In this lesson, you will focus purely on reading the text with excitement and engagement.
- **Comprehension:** This lesson uses the book cover prompts to encourage discussion about the text.
- **Decoding:** Students practice identifying the shapes and sounds of selected syllables.
- **Word Work:** These lessons help students identify, say, and read commonly used morphemes and words.
- **Fluency:** After reading the same text for a week, students can join in on reading the text.

Other ways to use the books

There are many other ways to use the Big Books once you've completed all the lessons. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Create Big Books:** Students create their own picture books with some other Big Books for models to read together during their literacy block.
- **Use the Big Books as reference books:** Keep the Big Books in your classroom and use them as a reference for more learning opportunities.
- **Create a reader's theatre:** Keep one section of the text, create a short reader's theatre script and have the students practice it. Perform your reader's theatre for another class.



Why reading behaviours are important to teach now

Shared reading activities allow students to see the Pre-reader and Early Emergent stages to engage with new reading behaviours and strategies in a supportive environment. The lessons that accompany the Big Books provide you with ways to model and teach new reading skills and strategies. Later, students will be able to practice these strategies during guided reading sessions, and eventually use them independently.

Follow-up activities

After your shared reading activities, you may want to do a related activity with your class. Consider the following suggestions:

- **Shared writing:** Together, reread the text in a shared writing activity. Extend the story, or tell about what was learned or recalled in another way.
- **Maraphase work:** Write one of the repeated sentences from the book on a long strip of cardboard. Cut the sentence into separate chunks. Scramble the chunks, and have students try to put the sentence back in order. Students can copy the sentence and illustrate it once they have put the sentence back together.

Why use these resources?

These Big Books are written for students at the Pre-reader and Early Emergent stages of literacy development. Students at these stages benefit from direct reading instruction through shared reading activities. The interactive nature of the activities included in these books will encourage students' participation and engagement as they learn different literacy strategies.



Where can I find out more?

For more information about shared reading, see the Inuktitut Titiqiriniq resource binders and USB drive, or contact EDUresources@gov.nu.ca.

