

The Last Laugh

Your child's teacher has read a story in class called *The Last Laugh*. This book has delightful illustrations and a positive message about friendship.

Reading [The Last Laugh](#) with your child at home is a great way to build on their language and literacy learning. You may need to do the reading, so that you and your child can enjoy the book together. To make the experience even richer, you might like to try some of the ideas below.

Descriptive words (supports building vocabulary)

Talk about the describing words in the story.

The story said Lion's teeth are razor-sharp. How else can we describe teeth?

What about Elephant's trunk? Or Bird's beak?

Action words (supports building vocabulary)

Have fun talking about action words and try doing some of these actions together.

Monkey can swing, climb and twist. Can you do these things?

What other actions can we find? (Examples: spin, twirl, scamper, climb, flit, wriggle.)

The characters' feelings (supports thinking about meaning)

Talk about how Monkey is feeling at different times in the story, such as when she is happy, sad, embarrassed or scared.

We can tell Monkey is happy by looking at her face.

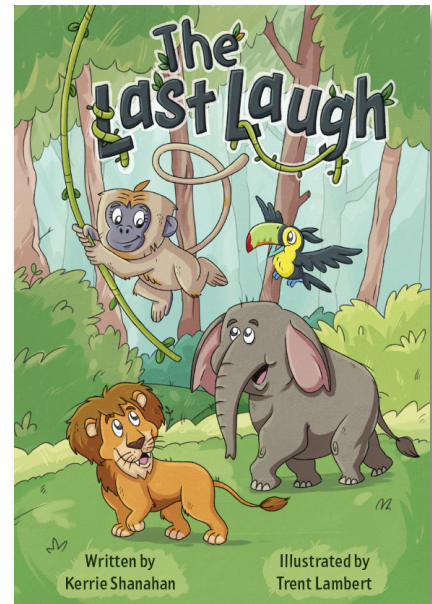
What does your face look like when you are happy? What things make you happy?

Messages in the story (supports making connections beyond the text)

Chat with your child about friendships.

Monkey has good friends that help her. I've noticed you're a good friend when you help your friends at the playground.

What other things do good friends do?



Use your home language

If your home language is not English, you can apply these ideas in your own language. This will help support your child to learn to read English.



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