

Push-In and Connect
Key Events



START: Read 1

Guide for Repeated Interactive Read-Alouds

Push-In
Story Problem
Target Vocabulary



Carlos and the Squash Plant

By: Jan Romero Stevens

Read 1: STATE

STATE: Show cover illustration and identify title and author. The title of the book is Carlos and the Squash Plant and the author, or the person who wrote the story, is Jan Romero Stevens.

STATE: Purpose of Read 1 Point to front cover. This is Carlos. He works in the garden every day and gets really dirty. Carlos ignores his mother when she warns him that if he doesn't take a bath a squash plant will grow in his ear. Point to back cover. One day he awakens to find a plant growing out of his ear! I bet he doesn't want his mother to see it. I wonder how he will keep her from finding out. Let's read and find out.

Read 1: TEACH

TEACH: Push-in story problem that's connected to the **story purpose** by using the **think-aloud strategy** (I wonder, I noticed, I was thinking....). This is where you can turn back to previous pages to connect events and infer the story problem. Oh, now I know the problem. Remember back at the beginning of the story (turn page back) when...

TEACH: Push-in and connect key events that relate to the story problem.

Page #	Events	Page #	Previous Event/Explanation
5-6	When Carlos's mother asked him if he had taken a bath, he said, "Yes." He was not telling the truth. The truth is what really happened.	5-6	I think Papa shook his head because he did not believe Carlos. He knew Carlos was not telling the truth. He knows that Carlos hates to take a bath.

7-8	A small plant was growing in Carlos's ear.	6	Remember, his mother told him to take a bath and he ignored what she said. He didn't bathe and, just like his mother said, a squash plant grew inside his ear.
9-10	Carlos put on the hat and told his mother that the reason he was wearing the hat was to keep the sun out of his eyes. He was not telling the truth. The truth is that he is wearing the hat because he doesn't want his parents to see what is growing inside his ear.	5	If his mother saw this, (point to plant) she would know that Carlos had not been taking a bath. She would know the truth (what really happened) and he might get in trouble
19-20	I noticed the plant continues to grow larger and larger.	10, 15, 17	Each time he had to find a bigger hat. I am thinking that Carlos went to a lot of trouble to hide this plant. It seems that it is becoming harder and harder to not tell the truth.
28	I think Mama winked at Papa because, even though Carlos tried to hide the plant by wearing a big hat, she knew the whole time that he wasn't taking a bath. I think his parents must have noticed that this time Carlos is not wearing a big hat. I think they knew that he was hiding something the whole time.	15, 17, 21	Notice here (p. 15,17, 21)... Carlos wore a hat at every meal because he was trying to hide the plant by covering it with a hat. I think he was also trying to hide the truth from his parents. The truth was that he didn't take a bath like his mother asked him to do. Turn back to page 28. But now that he told the truth, he doesn't need to wear a hat.

TEACH: Push-in target vocabulary using PAT.			
Page #	Point	Act	Tell
1-2	Adobe home, garden plot		favorite- the one you like best
3-4	Carlos	warn (point finger)	especially- more than usual; more than anything
4			rich, brown earth- dirt
6		pointed raised eyebrow wiped	

7	stem, pear-shaped leaves		strange - different; not familiar
			aroma - the smell of something
9	branch stream		
12		pointed	immediately - right away
13	Mirror	4 inches	shoot - new plant usually very small
16		smelled highest pulled down	Ay caramba! - Oh Goodness!
20	Long, green vine blossoms	heavy stomping several feet long	
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Target Tier 2 vocabulary related to story:

truth- what really happened

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Read 1: ASK

ASK: Why did Carlos have to put on different hats every morning?

Possible Answers:

- To hide the plant growing out of his ear. The plant was getting bigger and bigger.
- Because he didn't want his parents to find out that he did not take a bath and wash his ears or he might get in trouble.
- He didn't want to get in trouble for not telling the truth.

Read 1: RESPOND

RESPOND:

- **Restate what child said in a more complex sentence.**
- **Use correct syntax.**
- **Model rich vocabulary.**
- **Build on children's statements by adding more information.**

Read 1: TIE

TIE:

- **Summarize main idea:** Sometimes we are afraid of getting in trouble so we don't tell the truth (what really happened.) Yet, it is always best to tell the truth.
- **Transition to next activity and push-in how it relates to the story.**



Push-In and Connect
Characters' Feelings
with Key Events



START: Read 2

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Read 2: STATE

STATE: Show cover illustration and identify title and author. The title of the book is Carlos and the Squash Plant and the author, or the person who wrote the story, is Jan Romero Stevens.

STATE: Story Problem Carlos had a squash plant growing in his ear because he didn't wash his ears like his mama told him to.

STATE: Purpose of Read 2 Remember, Carlos had to wear a hat every morning to hide the squash plant that was growing from his ear. But remember, at the end of the story, he finally took a bath and the plant disappeared. I wonder how Carlos felt when the squash plant disappeared. Let's read and find out.

Read 2: TEACH

TEACH: Push-in characters' thoughts and feelings (as they connect to key events) that relate to the story problem.

Page #	Events	Characters' Thoughts and Feelings
6	Carlos told his mother that he had taken a bath, but he really didn't. He just washed his face and hands. He didn't tell the truth.	Carlos was probably thinking, "If my face and hands are clean, my mother won't know that I haven't taken a bath. I hate to take a bath!"
6	Papa shook his head when Carlos told his mother that he did take a bath.	Papa was probably thinking, "Carlos we know you didn't take a bath. Why are you telling your mother you did? You are not telling the truth!"

7-8	Carlos looked in the mirror and saw a green stem growing out of his ear.	Carlos is upset. He must be thinking, "Oh my goodness! Mama was right –there is a plant growing out of my ear! What can I do? If she sees it, she will know that I have not taken a bath or washed my ears!" If his mother sees the plant she will find out that Carlos is not telling the truth. I think Carlos is afraid that he will get in trouble.
9-10	Carlos found a hat and put it on to cover his ears.	Carlos had a problem. He had a plant growing out of his ear and he is afraid that if his parents see it he will get in trouble. I bet he thinks, "I have to get out of the house as fast as I can so mama and papa don't see what's under my hat. If they knew I didn't take a bath, I would be in big trouble."
13	The plant had grown larger so Carlos found a larger hat that would cover it.	Carlos must be thinking, "Oh no, it's getting bigger, what am I going to do to hide this plant growing out of my ear? The hat I used yesterday won't be big enough." He must feel so worried about getting in trouble.
20	The squash plant had grown really big. Carlos tried to break/remove the plant from his ear.	Carlos must be thinking, "What am I going to do? This plant is really big and I can't get it out of my ear. How am I going to keep mama from seeing it? I need a really big hat." Carlos feels very upset. Not telling the truth can cause a lot of problems.
26	Carlos finally took a bath and the squash plant shrunk and finally disappeared.	Carlos is determined to get that plant out of his ear. I bet he is thinking, "I just have to get this plant out of my ear. If I scrub it hard enough maybe it will come out." Look at Carlos's face. He is smiling. He must feel relieved that the plant disappeared and he won't get in trouble.
27	Carlos is finally clean and now is finally telling the truth. He really did take a bath.	Look at Carlos's face. He looks happy. I think that Carlos feels relieved that he is not in trouble. He doesn't have to hide the plant with a hat anymore and he can now tell the truth about taking a bath.
28	Mama winked at Papa when Carlos told her he had taken a bath and scrubbed his ears.	Mama must have been thinking, "Now I know that Carlos has taken a bath and washed his ears. I am so relieved that he is telling the truth that I am not going to punish him."

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Read 2: ASK

ASK: How did Carlos feel when he finally took a bath? Why?

Possible Answers:

- Happy because the squash plant went away
- Relieved because his parents wouldn't see the squash plant and he wouldn't get in trouble
- Relieved that he could tell his parents the truth

Read 2: RESPOND

RESPOND:

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Read 2: TIE

TIE:

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Pull-Out
Characters' Feelings
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START: Read 3

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Read 3: STATE

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STATE: Pull-out story problem. Remember when Carlos refused to take a bath and he got so dirty a squash plant grew inside his ear? Try to pull-out story problem.

STATE: Purpose of Read 3 Now that you know this story so well, I would like for you all to help tell the story. I wonder why Carlos didn't tell his parents about the squash plant growing in his ear. Let's read to find out.

Read 3: TEACH

TEACH: Pull-out key events and characters' thoughts and feelings.

- Read a few passages that prompt children to respond.
- Ask questions such as "What is happening here?" Then, connect character's feelings to that event, "How do you think _____ felt when that happened?"

Page #	Possible Descriptions of Events	Possible Descriptions of Characters' Thoughts and Feelings
6	Carlos told his mother that he had taken a bath but he really didn't. He just washed his face and hands. He didn't tell the truth.	Carlos was thinking that if his face and hands were clean, his mother wouldn't know that he didn't take a bath. Carlos is not telling the truth. He is trying to make his mother think that he is taking a bath but he really isn't.

6	Papa shook his head when Carlos told his mother that he did take a bath.	Papa knows that Carlos didn't take a bath. He remembers that Carlos hates to take a bath.
7	Carlos looked in the mirror and saw a green stem growing out of his ear.	Carlos is really worried that his parents are going to find out about the plant growing out of his ear. He is afraid that they will find out that he is not telling the truth and he will get in trouble.
10	Carlos found a hat and put it on to cover his ears.	Carlos is rushing out of the house so his mother won't find out about his mistake.
13	The plant had grown bigger so Carlos found a bigger hat that would cover it.	Carlos is really upset because he's worried that he can't cover up the plant. The plant is so big that he needs a bigger hat. Also, having this big plant growing out of his ear must be really uncomfortable – it feels bad.
20	The squash plant had grown really big. Carlos tried to break/remove the plant from his ear.	Carlos is upset because he can't remove the plant from his ear.
26	Carlos finally took a bath.	Carlos was hoping that if he took a bath and scrubbed his ear, that maybe he could remove it. Carlos is happy because the plant disappeared. Now his mama and papa won't find out and they won't be disappointed in him.
28	Mama winked at Papa when Carlos told her he had taken a bath and scrubbed his ears.	Mama knew that this time Carlos was telling the truth. She was glad that he chose to do the right thing. She winked at Papa because she was happy that Carlos chose to do the right thing.

TEACH: Pull-out target vocabulary.

- Provide opportunities for children to use target vocabulary.

Read 3: ASK

ASK: The final why question leads to the main idea. Why didn't Carlos tell his parents about the squash plant growing in his ear?

Possible Answers:

- Because he was afraid that they would know that he wasn't telling the truth and that he would get in trouble.
- He didn't want his parents to be disappointed in him.

Read 3: RESPOND

RESPOND:

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