



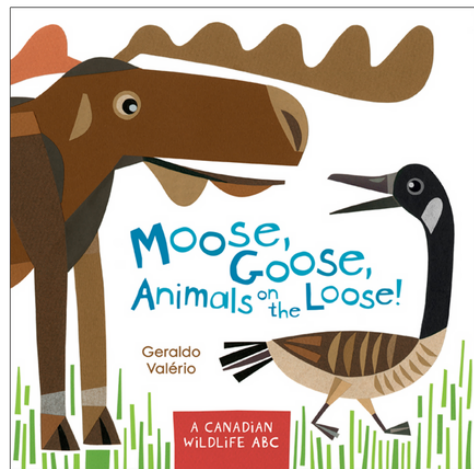
Moose, Goose, Animals on the Loose!: A Canadian Wildlife ABC

A Teacher's Guide

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Guide learners before, during, and after reading this concept book, which is perfect for reinforcing foundational reading skills.

- Uppercase and lowercase letters presented in alphabetical order will engage learning.
- Wide range of Canadian wildlife will encourage prediction and visualization.
- Collage-style art, created with paper, scissors, and glue, will inspire classroom activities.



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Grade: K-I

Language Arts Skills Addressed

- Letter recognition
- Phonological awareness (rhyme, recognizing phonemes in the onset position of a word)
- Phonics
- Vocabulary development
- Alliteration



BONUS
Extension
Activity: Create
a Class ABC
Book!

OTHER CURRICULAR CONNECTIONS

Life Science Social Studies
Geography Visual Arts

READING LEVELS

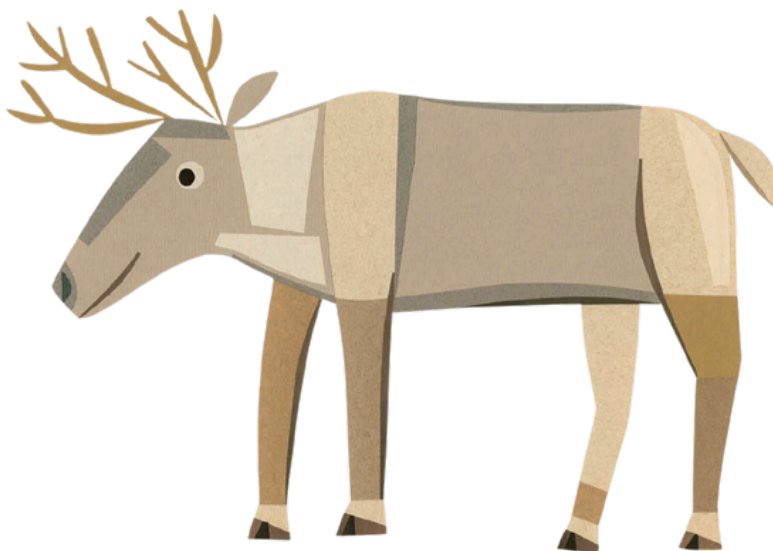
Fountas & Pinnell: LB
Lexile® Measure: NP
Common Core: L.K, RF.K, RL.K,
RI.K, W.K, SL.K, **NGSS: I-LS1, I-LS3**



Before Reading

Read the full title to students: *Moose, Goose, Animals on the Loose!: A Canadian Wildlife ABC*. Encourage students to make predictions and connect to their prior knowledge by asking these questions:

- “What do you notice about this part of the title: *Moose, Goose, Animals on the Loose!*?” (The words *moose*, *goose*, and *loose* rhyme.)
- “Look at this part of the title: *A Canadian Wildlife ABC*. We have read ABC books before. How is an ABC book organized?” Give students time to respond. “What would we find on the first page? The second page? What do you think we might find on the last page?” Discuss the format of a typical ABC book. If possible, refer to other books you have read.
- “Notice the word *wildlife*. Have you heard that word before? What does the word *wildlife* mean?” (animals that live in the wild)
- “Since it says *Canadian wildlife*, all the animals shown in this book can be found somewhere in *Canada*.” Show students a map of Canada. If you live in Canada, help students find your city or community.
- Point to the pictures on the cover and say, “I see the moose, I see the goose... What other animals do you think will be in this book?” You may leave the question open-ended or choose a letter and ask students to make predictions specific to that letter. For example, “What do you think will be on the page with the letter *a*? What might be on the page with the letter *p*?” Be sure to emphasize the sound made by the letter as students are making predictions. Consider recording some of their predictions to refer back to when you are reading.



During Reading

As you turn each page, point to the letter in the corner, prompting students to say the name of the letter before you read each page.

- On the pages with letters about which students made animal predictions, compare their predictions with the animal(s) on the page.
- When necessary, support students with the meaning of the vocabulary, such as *exuberant*, *trio*, *voracious*.
- On the pages with the letter *Uu*:
 - Ask students what they notice about the words *beluga* and *walrus*. (Neither word begins with the letter *u*.)
 - Invite students to think of an animal that begins with the letter *u*. Explain that the author chose animal names that *include* the letter *u* because there are few animals that *begin* with this letter.
 - Point to the word *beluga* and ask students to spell it with you. Then say, “The letter *u* is a vowel that sometimes makes the /ōō/ sound like in the word *beluga*. Say it with me: *beluga*. Do you hear the /ōō/ sound?”
 - Point to the word *walrus* and ask students to spell it with you. “Sometimes the letter *u* makes the short *u* sound /ŭ/ like in *walrus*. Say it with me: *walrus*. Do you hear the /ŭ/ sound?”
 - Ask students what sound the letter *u* makes in the words *upside* and *under*, which are also on the page. (/ŭ/)
- On the pages with the letter *Xx*, ask, “Why do you think the author chose words that end with the letter *x* rather than words that begin with this letter?” Explain that there are very few words in English that begin with this letter.
- On the last few pages of the book, where all of the letters are shown, ask students to say each letter as you point to it. You could also invite them to say the name of the animal(s) for each. If students want to learn more about any of the animals shown, read the information provided.



After Reading

- While looking at the last pages, explain to students, “Even though we live in Canada, we probably haven’t seen many of these animals. Canada is a very big country. Some of these animals don’t live in the same part of the country as we do. Also, because they are wild animals, some of them can be very hard to spot.”
- Invite students to talk to a partner about the animals they have seen.
- To reinforce letter recognition and phonics, start at the beginning of the book and instead of reading the text, point to each letter and ask students to say the *name* of the letter, and then, the *sound* it makes. Example, a, /ă/ and /ā/. (For vowels, you could discuss both sounds made by the letters. Or, focus only on short vowel sounds.)
- Introduce the idea of alliteration to your students: two or more adjacent or nearby words that begin with the same sound. Revisit the book to find examples: *beaver building branch by branch*, *big bold bison*, *dragonflies dart and dip*, *frog feasting on flies*, etc. Show students a tongue twister or other text that also includes alliteration. Talk about how these phrases sound when we read them aloud.



Alliteration; Tongue Twister Examples

- Five frogs wore flip-flops.
- A big black bug bit a big black bear.
- Hurry honeybee, harvest the honey!
- Woozy woolly bear wears a wool winter coat.

BONUS

Create a Class ABC Book!

A

B

C

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Decide on a topic for your class book: continue with the wildlife theme, or choose another category.
2. Examine some of the images in this book and ask students to predict how the author/illustrator Geraldo Valério made them. Explain that he used collage: cutting, layering, and gluing paper.
3. Assign each student a letter and provide them with a blank page. Direct them to write the letter in both uppercase and lowercase. They will also illustrate the animal. Consider using time during an art lesson to practice creating images in the style of Geraldo Valério.
4. Depending on the grade level and the ability levels of the students, you may also invite them to write the animal name or an alliterative phrase to describe the animal.
5. Laminate the pages or place each page in a plastic sleeve before compiling them into a class book.
6. Add the book to your reading corner for repeated readings!



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