

Sheep in a Jeep

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A book about a rambunctious flock of sheep who go for a drive in the country. With these muttonheads, a normal outing is sure to turn into a joyous lark. Rhyming text and disarming illustrations make this book a shear delight!



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Can sheep really drive?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder why the jeep wouldn't go?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Sheep in a Jeep*

- steep: sloping very sharply
- leap: to jump with a long or high arc
- shove: to push somebody or something along or forward with force
- grunt: to make the half-nasal, half-throaty noise that a pig makes
- thud: a loud dull sound made by a heavy object impacting with a surface
- gooey: sticky and soft
- tug: to pull somebody or something with a sharp forceful movement
- shrug: to raise and drop the shoulders briefly, to indicate a lack of knowledge
- yelp: to utter a short sharp high-pitched bark or cry, usually of pain
- steer: to guide the direction of movement of a motor vehicle
- heap: a large number of things lying on top of one another
- weep: to cry tears

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Where did the sheep go for a ride? What did they drive?
- What happened when the sheep pushed the jeep down the hill?
- How did they get the jeep out of the mud? Who helped?
- What did they do when they got the jeep out of the mud? What happened next?
- What did they do with all the jeep parts?



Do

Make your very own soft and fluffy sheep!

A list of materials and instructions on how to make your fluffy sheep are noted in the back of this book. Have fun!