

I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato

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A humorous take on finicky eating habits which may inspire children to solve problems – and perhaps try something new by using their imaginations.



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, *Who can tell me what a tomato looks like?* 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 if Lola and her brother are ever going to eat the tomato?

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 *I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato*

- fussy: likes and dislikes – a very fussy eater
- trick: a prank or joke
- absolutely: agreeing with someone
- certainly: without any doubt
- twiglets: a structure that resembles a stick, small branch, or shoot
- Jupiter: the largest planet in the solar system, fifth in order from the Sun
- nibble: to take small quick bites of something
- supermarket: a big food store

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Tomatoes are a healthy vegetable. How many of you like tomatoes?
- How did Lola's brother get her to sample the carrots?
- Do you think there really are orange twiglets on Jupiter? Tomatoes on the Moon?
- What other vegetables did Lola's brother get her to try?
- Have you ever played a trick on someone? How?
- Who likes peas? Carrots? Fish Sticks?
- What trick did Lola play on her brother, Charlie?
- Do you think Lola will eat her vegetables from now on? Why?

Do

Grocery Store

Take a trip to the grocery store to visit the produce department. Purchase vegetables that can be used for snacks.

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