

CAPS FOR SALE

A peddler runs into trouble when monkeys steal his wares. From an old folktale, the author has added humor to tell the story about how the peddler goes about handling the “monkey business” that he runs into.

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Ages: 3-7

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Themes: Vocabulary building

Building a sense of humor

You’ll notice above that there isn’t an author listed. That’s because a “folktale” is a story handed down among people and sometimes the author is unknown. By explaining this, it’s a great way to teach your child a new word that they can get familiar with especially when you share reading and story telling on a regular basis. You are, after all, your child’s first and foremost teacher and learning new words like this from you means a lot to them.

A couple of other words that they may not be familiar with are peddler – another word for salesperson; and refreshed – meaning rested. After reading this book and talking about the new words that they they’ve gotten acquainted with, try using the words in other conversations so your child feels comfortable knowing what they mean.

Those silly monkeys! Be sure to have some fun talking about how the monkeys mimicked or copied the actions of the peddler and that’s how he eventually got his hats back!