



JUMPING COW PRESS

Cows Can't Spin Silk

Learning Guide

This Guide is best used while reading aloud "Cows Can't Spin Silk". After reading each two-page illustration, pause to look at the illustration with your child and then pose the Guide's questions. The tempo should be relaxed and the read-aloud session should be interactive. Use the questions as a springboard for further discussion.

The questions cover a wide variety of topics, such as colors, actions, shapes, sizes, places, things, counting, feelings/emotions and recognizing similarities and differences. The suggested questions can be modified or supplemented as desired.

After you finish reading "Cows Can't Spin Silk", you can make up your own memory questions such as "Do you remember an animal that can form dams?", "Do you remember an animal that is green?" and "Do you remember which animal creates honey?".

Let's get started!

Cow Staring at Silkworm

- From where is the silkworm hanging? *barn*
- What are the colors of the barn? *white and red*
- How do you think the cow feels? *curious; surprised*

Cow / Woodpeckers

- What is the tallest object in the picture? *tree*
- How do woodpeckers stay on the tree? *by using their feet/claws to attach to the tree and its bark*
- Into what is the milk dripping? *bucket*



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Woodpeckers / Alligator

- What do you see that is green? *alligator, grass, tree leaves*
- How many holes are in the tree? *six*
- Which animal is the highest? *woodpecker that is flying*

Alligator / Spider

- What is the gator-pond made from? *mud*
- How many legs does a spider have? *eight*
- Which animal has its eyes open? *spider*

Spider / Hens

- What shape is the web? *pentagon*
- How many sides does the web have? *five*
- What are hens' babies called? *chicks*
- How many baby chicks do you see? *three*
- Where is the web located? *in the doorway*

Hens / Skunks

- From where do chicks hatch? *egg*
- How many stripes does a skunk have? *one*
- Which animal has the biggest tail? *skunk*



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Skunks / Ants

- How would you describe "stench?" *smelly, stinky*
- Where are the ants going? *into an ant hill*
- How many ants do you see? *five*

Ants / Chipmunks

- On what objects are the animals standing? *rocks*
- Which animals have fur? *chipmunks*
- In which direction are most ants facing? *to the right*

Chipmunks / Bluejay

- What did the chipmunks hide in their tunnel? *acorns*
- What does the bluejay have that the chipmunks don't? *wings, feathers, beak*
- Where is the tunnel? *under ground*

Bluejays / Caterpillar

- How many leaves do you see? *three*
- What is the nest assembled from? *sticks; twigs*
- What is the caterpillar doing? *crawling*



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Caterpillars / Wasps

- Why do caterpillars make cocoons? *to become butterflies*
- What are the wasps doing? *flying*
- What color are the wasps' stripes? *brown and black*

Wasps / Beavers

- What do you see that is blue? *water, sky*
- What is the beaver on the right doing to the beaver on the left? *pulling its tail*
- How many wasps are upside-down? *two*
- How many wasps are rightside-up? *three*

Beaver / Chimps

- How does the beaver cut down the tree? *with its teeth*
- Which animals seems surprised? *monkeys*
- OR How do you think the monkeys feel? *surprised*
- What is the middle monkey holding? *another monkey*
- What is the smallest monkey holding? *banana*

Chimps / Squid

- What color is the squid? *pink*
- What is the monkey eating? *coconut*
- Where is the squid? *in the water*



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Squid / Oyster

- How many oysters are open? *two*
- How many oysters are closed? *three*
- What color is the squid's ink? *black*
- Which animal is biggest? *squid*

Oysters / Octopuses

- What shape are the octopuses' eyes? *oval*
- What color is the pearl? *white*
- How many arms and legs does an octopus have? *eight*

Octopuses / Bees

- How many different animals do you see? *three*
- What are they? *octopus, bee, fish*
- What is the octopus's barricade made from? *rocks*
- What are the bees doing? *flying*

Bees / Bears

- How are the bears reaching the honey? *standing on each others' shoulders*
- What is the honey in? *beehive*
- What color are the bears? *brown*



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Bears

- What are the small bears doing? *sleeping*
- What are baby bears called? *cubs*
- What do you see in the picture that is yellow? *stars; moon*