

Bee & Me – Alison Jay

1.

Before reading

About this book

A bee flies through the window of an apartment. He is caught by a girl. They become friends. The bee teaches the girl everything about ecology and nature.



During reading

Create a story together in 1-2-3 times

1. Explore the book together

Enjoy the images, be amazed by the story and ask each other the basic questions on every page:

- What do you see? What happens?
- How do you see that?
- What else do you see?

2. Questions to talk about together

- At first the girl was afraid of the bee. What happened next?
- What would the world be like if there were more bees? The bee looks sick at one point in the book. How do you see that? What causes the bee to feel better again? What do bees need to live?
- Suppose you were the girl. Could you be friends with the bee? Why/why not?

3. Think together about what the characters feel, think and say

Choose the bee or the girl: imagine what they would say, think and feel during the story.

Learn new words together

We thought of these words as we read the story. Look at the words. They mean the same in Dutch and English, but they are written and pronounced differently.

Now choose one of the English words. Can you find the word in the book? Talk about this word together in your preferred language. What do you know about this word? Name as many words as you can that belong to this word (in your preferred language).

Now think of a word that appears in the book and write it down together in both languages. Name everything you know about this word.

English	Dutch	English	Dutch
the bee	de bij	the skyscraper	de wolkenkrabber
to catch	vangen	the fly swatter	de vliegenmepper
the curtains	de gordijnen	to long for	verlangen naar
to bloom	bloeien	the landscape	het landschap
the flowershop	de bloemenwinkel	the season	het seizoen
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After reading

Tell me... Continuing to talk together: questions for the oldest reader

What is the most beautiful garden you have ever seen?
Have you ever experienced something special with insects?

Do an activity together

Now both draw a bee and talk about what the bee looks like: color, shape, legs, wings, etc.