

Chalk – Bill Thomson

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Before reading

About this book

Three children find a bag of chalk in the playground. The drawings they make come to life. But what happens when it starts to rain?



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

- Describe which drawings the children make with the chalk.
- How come the dinosaur disappears?
- If you could make a drawing that came to life, what would you draw? Why?

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

What do the child with the pink coat, the child with the yellow coat, the child with the flowered coat and the dinosaur say to each other?

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
to draw	tekenen	the raincoat	de regenjas
the sun is shining	de zon schijnt	the climbing frame	het klimrek
it is raining	het regent	bright	fel
to hide	verstoppen	shocked	geschrokken
scared	bang	cloudy	bewolkt
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After reading

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

Tell us about the time you made or drew something beautiful that you were not allowed or unable to keep. What was that? How did you make it? What did that look like? How did it disappear?

Do an activity together

Take some chalk and draw the most beautiful animal that could come to life. What shape is it? What color? What does it say to you?