

Before reading

About this book

A wooden couple builds a house from blocks. But then it catches fire, so they have to come up with a solution. They just have to turn the house into a fire engine!



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 what the block builders make one after the other.
- Why are they building a fire truck? And why a boat?
- If you were one of the builders, what would you build? Why?

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

You can choose the man or the woman. What do they 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
the blocks	de blokken	the clouds of smoke	de rookwolken
to extinguish	blussen	shocked	geschrokken
the water	het water	to break down	afbreken
the triangle	de driehoek	to give	aangeven
to build	bouwen	the means of transport	het vervoersmiddel
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After reading

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

Tell us about the time you built something together, or that something was built for you? How did that go? How many bricks or blocks did you need? How long did construction take? Is it still there?

Do an activity together

First use blocks to recreate a vehicle from the book together. Now build something that you can live in yourself. How do you know you can live in it?