

Dandelion's dream – Yoko Tanaka

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Before reading

About this book

In a field full of dandelions, one of them would rather be a lion. There is a whole world to discover if you have legs instead of roots.



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 how the lion travels to the city.
- How come the lion became a dandelion?
- Suppose you are the dandelion. How would you feel at the end of the story? Why?

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

The lion falls into the fleece of a sheep. What do they say to each other?

The lion meets a seagull. What do they tell each other?

The lion meets a girl at the cinema. In the cinema you are usually quiet, but if they were allowed to talk, what would 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
to change	veranderen	the dandelion	de paardenbloem
the lion	de leeuw	the ship	het schip
the train	de trein	danger	gevaar
the sheep	het schaap	busy	druk
the seeds	de zaadjes	to blow away	wegwaaien
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After reading

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

Have you ever travelled? How did it go?

Have you ever been very sad on holiday? Tell me about that.

Do an activity together

Together we dream that we will change. We turn from a flower into an animal. Which animal do you want to be? At first we're stuck in the ground, but now we can move. What parts of us can suddenly move?

Just tell me! Just move! How does that feel? Where are you going?

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