

De grote dag – Arnoud Wierstra

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Before reading

About this book

Tomorrow is the big day! He has prepared everything, but when he gets out of bed, it does not go as planned.



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

- First you see a man in his house one day. He does all kinds of things before he goes to sleep. What does he do? Then he falls asleep and dreams. Of which? What strange things happen to the people or animals?
- How could the bed, bath, toilet and chair float? Why do you think the man with the eye patch and the man with the mustache appear in the man's dream?
- If you were the woman who ultimately embraces the man, can you imagine why she likes the man?

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

You can choose someone from the book: the man, the woman, the octopus, the captain of the boat, the gentleman with the tie. What might this person say 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 waves	de golven	hastily	haastig
startle	schrikken	to capsize	kapseizen
to float	zweven	to desire	verlangen
the toilet bowl	de wc-pot	to grab	grijpen
to dream	dromen	to be in love	verliefd zijn
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After reading

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

Tell about a time when you had something very important one day and you had trouble sleeping the night before. Or that time you dreamed you were being chased. What did you dream about? What happened?

Do an activity together

Both draw the nicest or most annoying or scariest dream. What is happening? Who appears in that dream besides yourself? Now draw a big cloud around it so you know it's just a dream.