

Before reading

About this book

A child goes to another country with her father, mother and sister/brother, to live in a large, strange city. A seed reminds him of the land he misses. He loses the seed and he looks for it in the new city. This is how he discovers new things and makes friends.



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 the journey to the new country.
- Why is the child happy at the end of the story?
- Imagine you are the child. How would you feel about moving? Why?

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

The child sits high in the window and drops the seed on a girl's head. Imagine you are the child. What do you shout from the window and as you follow her?

The child comes to a stand and buys a pretzel. What do they tell each other?

The child meets the girl in the park and he finds his seed again. What do they tell each other? Just play it out!

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 plane	het vliegtuig	the arrival	de aankomst
unhappy	ongelukkig	apartment	het appartement
the seed	het zaadje	the library	de bibliotheek
to take	meenemen	the skipping rope	het springtouw
the park	het park	the birdhouse	het vogelhuisje
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After reading

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

Have you ever moved? What was it like?

Do an activity together

We are going on an adventure: we leave the school and walk through the neighborhood. What might we encounter along the way? We think of 3-4 places. What do we do in each place? And how can we see how you feel in that place?