

Mirror – Jeannie Baker

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Before reading

About this book

Two stories play out side by side. What differences and similarities are there in the lives of an Australian and Moroccan family?



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

- Choose a side and describe what the boy's day looks like.
- Where does the carpet come from? How did they make this book?
- What would it be like to be the boy on the left or the boy on the right?

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

Choose one of the boys and one of his parents. What do they say and how do you think they feel?

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 family	de familie	the carpet	het tapijt
the country	het land	on the way	onderweg
to have breakfast	ontbijten	to transport	vervoeren
the highchair	de kinderstoel	the means of transport	het vervoersmiddel
the shop	de winkel	the packmule	de pakezel
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After reading

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

Tell me about the time you took a trip to a country that seemed different, but maybe was not that different.

Do an activity together

Think of a story in which you and your parent travel on a magic carpet to distant lands. You sit at the front of the carpet and control the carpet. Where are you flying to and what is happening there?