

Wolf in the snow – Matthew Cordell

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Before reading

About this book

A girl walks home from school into a snowstorm. She gets lost and she meets a little wolf who is also lost. The way home is long and she falls into the snow, exhausted. The howling wolves help the father and mother to find the girl again.

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 girl saves the cub.
- How come the girl gets lost?
- Suppose you were the girl. How would you feel during the journey to the wolves?

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

The girl meets the cub. How does that meeting go? What does she do? What does she say?
The father or mother finds the girl. How does that meeting go?

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 winter	de winter	the snow storm	de sneeuwstorm
to get lost	verdwalen	the cub	het welpje
scared	bang	to meet	ontmoeten
to cry	huilen	it's freezing	het vriest
to help	helpen	the flashlight	de zaklamp
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After reading

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

Have you ever gotten lost yourself? Tell me about that.

It is very exciting for the girl to come face to face with the wolf. Have you ever had an exciting moment with an animal? Tell me about that.

Do an activity together

It's winter and we're going outside. There's a snowstorm, how do you walk against the wind? And how do you walk in high snow? How do you cross a frozen ditch? And suppose you are a wolf, on 4 legs? How does the wolf do all that? Just imagine yourself as a wolf in the winter!

