



Teaching Notes: MR BAT WANTS A HAT

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SYNOPSIS

Mr Bat is missing something. Something important. A HAT! He WANTS A HAT!

Soon he find the perfect pink hat with pretty roses and covered in GLITTER. But this hat belongs to someone else... Which doesn't bother him AT ALL. Or does it?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kitty Black is a children's author living in Perth, Western Australia. With a background in psychology and education Kitty knows how important stories are for everyone. Kitty lives with her partner and two children who are excellent at providing both noise and inspiration, although rarely in equal amounts. *Mr Bat Wants A Hat* is her second book with New Frontier Publishing.

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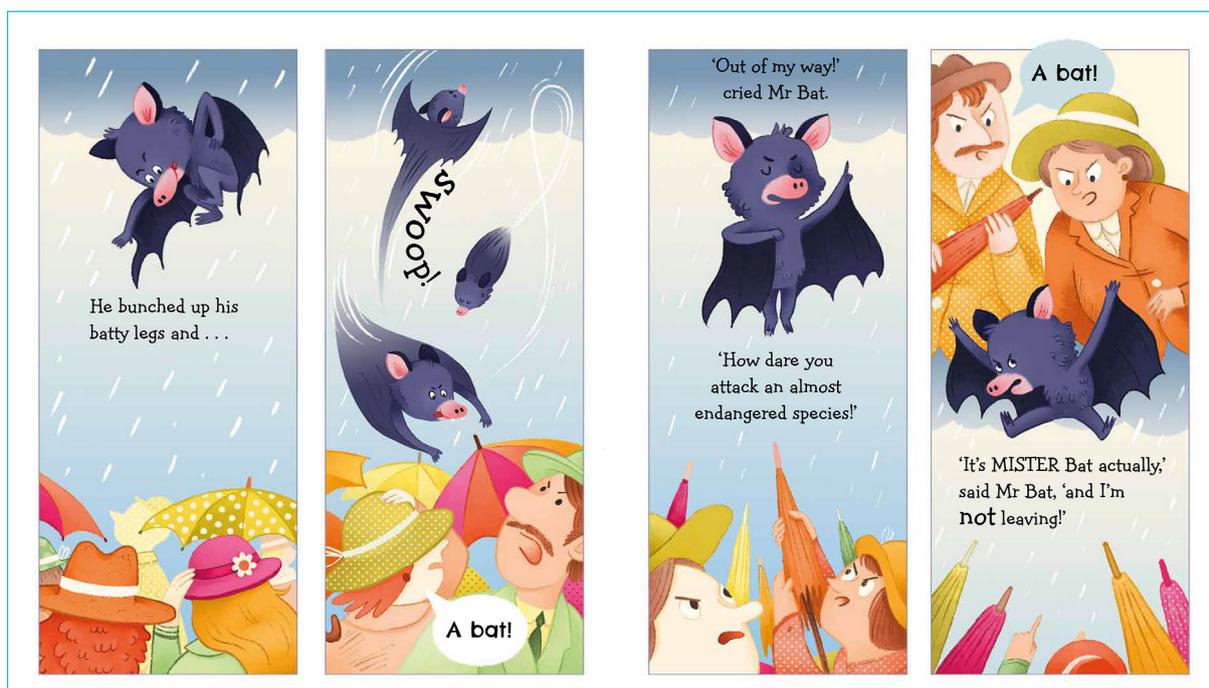
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ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Laura Wood is an independent illustrator based in Milan. While she loves the whole world of illustration, she is particularly drawn to children's illustration because it allows her to play with colours and characters in order to create the perfect world she would like to live in: sunny, safe and fun. Her sunny art style is conveyed by earthy and pastel tones and is accompanied by a strong sense of narrative. She can be found on Twitter @i_am_laura_wood and Instagram @laura_wood_illustration.

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EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Mr Bat wants a Hat is a funny heart-warming story which encourages children to learn to think about others. Key themes are empathy, kindness and doing the right thing.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Before, during and after reading the book

1. Introduce *Mr Bat wants a Hat* to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about.
2. Ask the children if they've ever seen a bat before?
3. What sort of character do they think Mr Bat is? Kind, selfish, giving...? What clues do Mr Bat's facial expressions give us about his character? For example, on p16 his eyebrows arch with delight, or on p18 his eyes narrow.
4. Do they think Mr Bat speaks in a respectful way?
5. Talk to the children about sometimes having two lines of thought or behaviour running alongside each other. This is shown on p21. Do they sometimes debate about whether to do something or think before they act?
6. What happens when Mr Bat gives the bonnet back to the baby? Is he rewarded for it? Talk about how it feels to do the right thing.
7. Turn to the last page. What has Mr Bat got his eye on? Do you think he's going to stop being selfish for good?
8. After reading the book, ask them what they thought of the story. Which was their favourite part and why?



WORDSEARCH

Find all the words below in *Mr Bat wants a Hat* wordsearch.

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F L A P T B R
A V I Y E A E
S W O O P B T
L B A T T Y T
T Y T R A P I
T S T C D H L
M O T T O B G

AWARD
BABY
BAT
BATTY

BOTTOM
FLAP
GLITTER
HAT

PARTY
SWOOP



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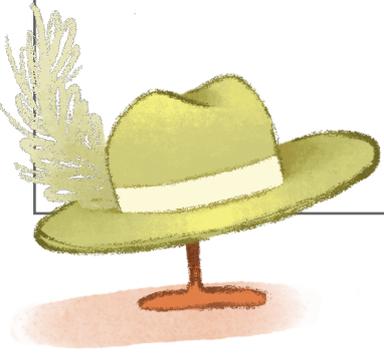
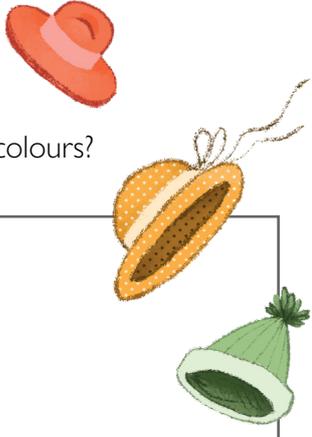
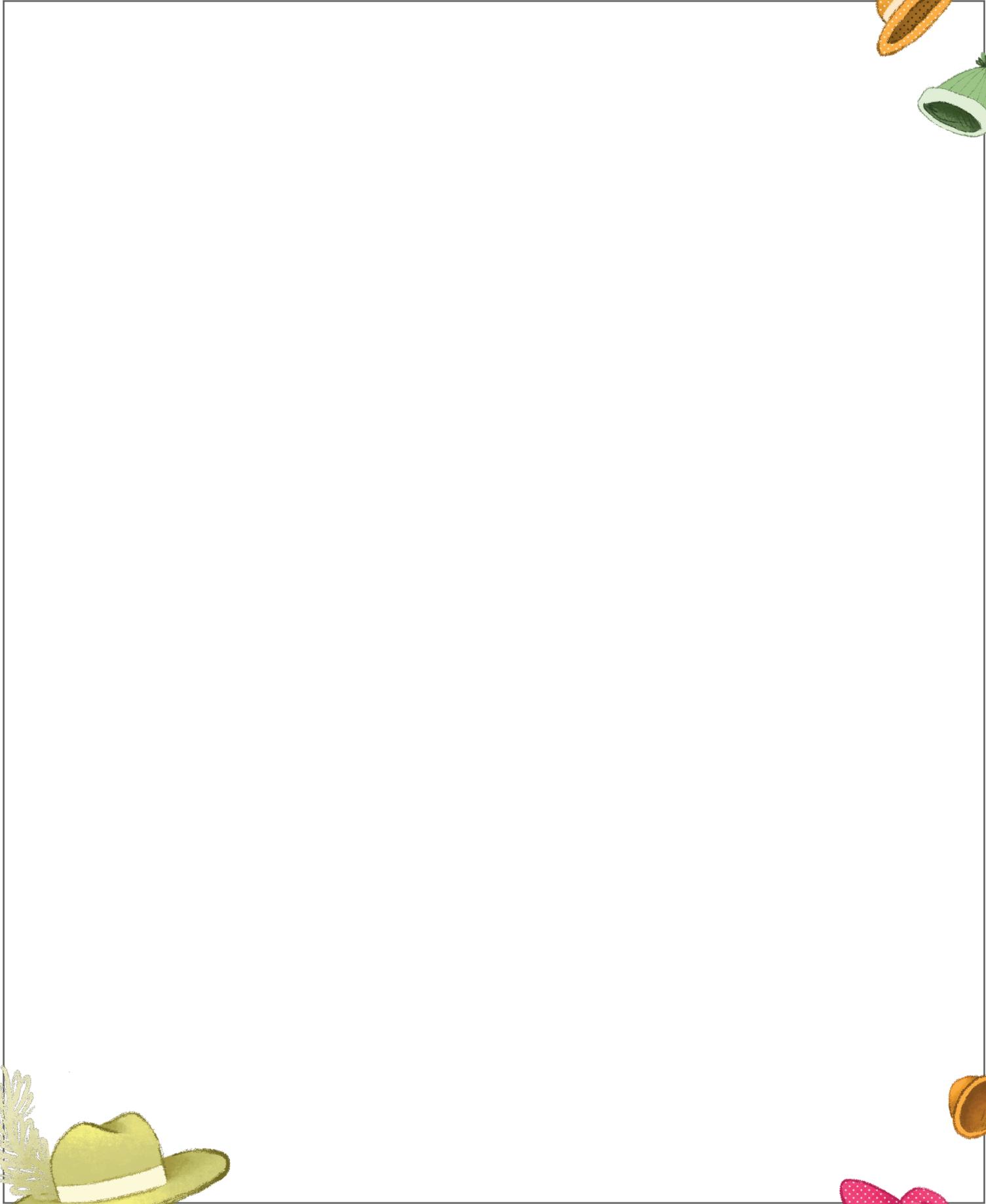
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DRAWING ACTIVITY

Design your own fabulous hat! What shape will it be? Are you going to use bright colours? Will it have a theme? A summer hat, a party hat or even an animal hat...



DESIGN ACTIVITY

Give your friend an award for being a fabulous friend. Colour and write in the rosette below. You could write in 'Fabulous Friend' or chose something else if you want. Cut it out and give it to your friend or someone in your family. How kind!

Ask an adult to help you cut it out!

