

ONCE UPON A SMALL RHINOCEROS

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F	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	✓	✓	✓	✓						

This book could be shared with all year levels but used to study reading and writing for the above year levels.

Writing	
Ideas	✓
Organisation	
Voice	✓
Word Choice	✓
Sentence Fluency	✓
Conventions	
Presentation	✓



Reading	
Determining Importance	
Inferring	✓
Making Connections	
Predicting	✓
Questioning	✓
Summarising & Synthesising	
Visualising	✓

Writing

The real highlight of this book is the exquisite WORD CHOICE. There are a range of fabulous tier 2 words including strong verbs and adjectives as well as examples of alliteration and visual descriptions (E.g, "At night, stars floated on the ocean's dark surface.")

There are a variety of sentence lengths and starters (SENTENCE FLUENCY) and the central IDEA of the book is one students could write about themselves- when have they done something someone else didn't think they could/should? I really like the VOICE in this text too- the small rhinoceros is quiet and unassuming but knows what she wants.

As for PRESENTATION- this book would be good for showing how the images can add to the text rather than simply illustrating everything the text is already telling the reader (This would also lead to good discussions around INFERENCE in reading too).

Reading

The descriptions in this book lend themselves well to VISUALISING and the book would be good for PREDICTING as well. QUESTIONING could occur before, during and after.