

How to Find a Yeti

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A little boy (and self-proclaimed yeti expert) is certain that a yeti lives in the forest behind his house and today he's determined to find it. Armed with a rucksack full of adventuring essentials, he sets off into the snowy forest with his dog Milo.

Will YOU be able to find the yeti? Here's a clue: it might just be hiding in plain sight...

Preparation

- Read through the story so you are familiar with it – it will also enable you to practice the best way to hold the book so the children can see the pictures, and you can still see the words.
- Decide on any rhymes you want to include.
- Prepare any follow up activities you want to do – you can find activity sheets on the BookTrust website.

Reading the story

Here are some questions you could ask to engage children with the story. This could be as you read the story or you could come back to one or two pages and do this afterwards.

- **Cover page – before you start reading.** Does anyone know what a Yeti is? Can you see him on the cover of the book?
- **Page 5 (rucksack).** What can you see in rucksack? What would you take on a Yeti hunt?
- **Any page from 7/8 onwards.** Can you see the Yeti?



Rhymes

There are rhymes available on BookTrust's website for this story, here are some more to try:

We're Going on a Yeti Hunt (to the rhythm of We're Going on a Bear Hunt)

We're going on a Yeti Hunt, we're going to catch a big one
What a beautiful day, we're not scared
Oh no, ice, slippery slippy ice
We can't go over it, we can't go under it
We've got to go through it
Slip, Slide, Slip, Slide

Repeat

Oh no, snow, deep deep snow (cold, cold, cold, cold)
Oh no, a wood, a deep dark wood (creep, creep, creep, creep)
Oh no, a mountain, a really tall mountain (climb, climb, climb)

Final verse: Oh no a Yeti!! RUN.....

Original lyrics by Michael Rosen 1989

Yeti on the Mountain Top (to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Yeti climbs the mountain top, (climbing action)
Mountain top, mountain top,
Yeti climbs the mountain top,
High above the trees

Snowflakes fall upon his nose, (catching snowflakes)
On his nose, on his nose,
Snowflakes fall upon his nose,
Dancing in the breeze

He builds a castle made of snow, (miming building a castle)
Made of snow, made of snow
He builds a castle made of snow
What a lot of fun

Then he slides down icy hills (skiing action)
Icy hills, icy hills
Then he slides down icy hills
Laughing all the way



Activities

The following activity sheets are available on the BookTrust website:

- Colouring sheet 1 (boy and dog)
- Colouring sheet 2 (snowflakes)
- Activity Sheet 1 (find the yeti maze)
- Activity Sheet 2 (scavenger hunt - pack your bag to find the yeti)

Other activity ideas include:

- Use toilet rolls to make binoculars
- Draw a map of your journey to the library
- Play hide and seek (at home this could be with children's teddies)
- Go on your own hunt to find a duck, dog etc – I Spy style

End of session

- Hand out sticker books to any family who doesn't have one
- Give the relevant sticker
- Encourage the family to look at the rhyme for this week that's in the booklet
- Suggest one or two follow up activities from the list that you haven't used

