

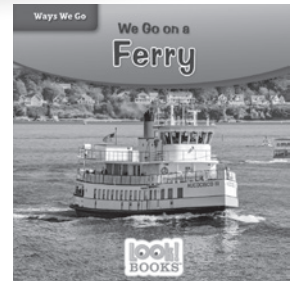


Teaching with Ways We Go

We Go on a Ferry

ELL Tips Provide vocabulary words in a variety of contexts so that students' experiences are not limited to one experience or situation. Encourage students to use new words outside of class and to share successful interactions in class.

Standards CCSS: ELA-Literacy RI.K.1, RI.K.2, RI.K.3, RI.K.4, RI.K.5, RI.K.7, RI.1.1, RI.1.2, RI.1.3, RI.1.4, RI.1.5, RI.1.7, RI.1.10



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Take a Look! (Building Background)

- Make a list on the board of all the ways to travel on water.
- Share experiences that students have had with boats, from small to large.
- Ask students what kind of boats would be best for taking passengers or vehicles from one place to another. Save their responses to compare to what they discover during the next section.

Look Ahead! (Prereading)

- Have students look at the cover of the book. Have any of the students ridden on a ferry?
- Look through the pictures, noting that on page 10 there are cars on the ferry.
- If the students have read other books in the series, ask them what they see that is similar to other experiences of transportation? Examples could include getting tickets, waiting to board, having a conductor, etc.
- Review the table of contents before beginning the next section.

Look for Big Ideas! (During Reading)

Write the following assignment on the board to guide the reading. Explain that this book answers lots of “Why?” questions. The students should answer those questions as they read. Remind them to read the sidebars.

- Answer the following questions.
 - Page 4. Why are ferries used?
 - Page 8. Why do people and cars line up?
 - Page 12. Why do some people sit outside?
 - Page 16. Why are the waves rough sometimes?

Look Back! (After Reading)

- Be a picture detective! These ferries in the illustrations are from all around the world.
 - Pages 4–5. Blue Star Ferry: Greece
 - Pages 6–7. Cotai Water Jet: Hong Kong to Macau
 - Pages 8–9. Oceanjet 388 ferries can be found in the Philippines.
 - Pages 20–21. Cozumel, Mexico
 - Page 23. New York City
- Find the respective countries and New York City on a world map. Discuss how ferries can be used for both regular transportation as well as tourism..

Look Around! (Rereading)

- Passengers have a much different experience on a ferry than on other modes of transportation. Have students go through the book and compare what it is like from a passenger point-of-view to ride a ferry compared to any other type of vehicle. Suggestions for comparison could be a compare-and-contrast chart or a Venn diagram. This could be an individual or group activity.
- Have students review the pictures and note what the weather seems to be in all but the picture on page 16, which depicts a storm. Discuss the topic of passenger safety. Editors chose not to cover this so as not to frighten children about water travel.
- Ferry accidents are rare, but they do happen. Ferries are required to carry lifejackets for all passengers. Brainstorm safety practices that passengers would want to observe. Suggestions include:
 1. Hold onto handrails when boarding and leaving the ferry.
 2. Know where the lifejackets are stored.
 3. Listen to all announcements.
 4. Wear tennis shoes or other shoes with good traction in case the floors or docks are slippery.
 5. Know where the exits are in case of an emergency.
 6. Look for the signs, especially those in different languages.
 7. Take warm clothes in case it gets cold on the trip.
 8. Take along a hat, sunscreen, or sunglasses.
 9. Take water and motion sickness pills if necessary.
 10. Stay safe, being aware of your surroundings, especially if in a foreign country.

Word Work

The word *board* can be hard to spell because of the *oa* digraph followed by the letter *r*. Students need to memorize it. A few words that have the same or similar pattern include: *hoard*, *oared*, *roared* and *soared*.

Vocabulary Building

Build a word family for *ferry* with these rhyming words, pointing out the variations in spellings: airy, Barry, berry, bury, carry, cherry, dairy, fairy, Gary, hairy, Harry, Jerry, Kerry, Larry, marry, Mary, merry, parry, Perry, prairie, scary, Sherry, tarry, Terry, vary, very, wary.

Name _____

Taking the Ferry

You are on vacation! You're taking the ferry!

Look through the pictures in the book.

Many of the passengers are carrying a backpack.

Fill your backpack. Fill it with things to take on the water!

Stay safe and have fun!

