



Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Book Tip Sheet

Book Tip Sheet proudly
supported by:

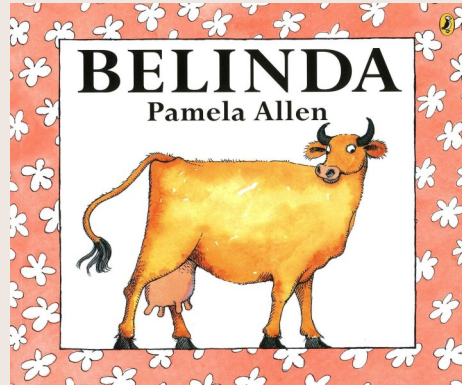


COLLABORATE SPEECH
PATHOLOGY

Belinda

Pamela Allen

This fast-paced and fun book tells the story of what happens when Bessie goes to visit her daughter in the city and Tom needs to milk Belinda the cow. Bessie is the person who usually does the milking so Tom needs to come up with a clever plan to help him to milk. The milk is used on the farm in many different ways; will Tom manage to milk Belinda?!



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Place your finger under the title *Belinda* as you read it. Clap out the three syllables or beats in the word with your child: "Be-lin-da". Point out that *Belinda* starts with a "buh" sound and ends with an "ah" sound.
- ▶ Name and talk about the use *Belinda* has for her body parts in the picture on the front cover –notice that she has four legs for walking, two eyes for seeing, two ears for hearing and udders to make milk.

WHILE READING...



- ▶ Tom grows lots of beautiful foods in his garden. Count the vegetables and herbs on your fingers with your child to see how many different types there are. See if you can think of any other vegetables, fruits or herbs that Tom could grow.
- ▶ Label *Belinda's* emotions during the story. She may be feeling scared when Tom first milked her and she may be feeling calm and relaxed when Tom milked her while he was wearing Bessie's clothes.

AFTER READING...



- ▶ Use an "I wonder" comment to help your child's thinking skills as they come up with reasons for why Tom dressed up in Bessie's dress.
- ▶ Talk about a time when you and your child may have visited animals in nature, at a farm, park or petting zoo. Use action words in the past tense to talk about what each of you did. Include sentences such as: "I patted the animals", "You fed the rabbits", "I gave milk to the sheep", "You saw the kittens".

Email read@unitedway.com.au for address changes or any questions!