

Vocabulary

This book features some descriptive verbs related to movement. This provides opportunities to expose children to more sophisticated verbs.

Useful Words: sway, leaning, setting

CORE SKILL OBJECTIVES

INTENTIONAL TEACHING PRACTICES

COMMUNICATE



Children will:

- ◆ Actively build vocabulary

Teachers will:

- ◆ Provide child-friendly definitions

TEACHING TIP

Books often use more sophisticated words than what typically occurs in everyday conversation. Sophisticated words often represent a familiar and basic idea but with slightly different ‘shades of meaning.’ Helping children make these fine-tuned distinctions among words is important to building their vocabulary knowledge.

1. INTRODUCE

- ◆ “We’re going to read *Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn* and talk about some different ways to move.”

2. READ THE BOOK

- ◆ Pause 3 times to define words related to movement.
- ◆ Elaborate on the words selected.

Provide Child-Friendly Definitions

Read: “...we love how our branches sway in the sun.”

Say: “Sway is moving back and forth from side to side.”

Elaborate: “So in the book, the branches (*point*) sway or move from one side to the other. They rock or move back and forth (*demonstrate sway with your body*).”

Read: “We are leaning into the sun, enjoying the last summer rays.”

Say: “Leaning means moving closer.”

Elaborate: “In the book, the flowers are leaning or moving closer to the sun. The flowers are bending so they can be near the warmth of the sun.”

Read: “I am setting earlier and earlier now that summer is coming to an end...”

Say: “Setting means to go down.”

Elaborate: “The sun (*point*) is setting or moving down in the sky. When the sun is setting, day is turning into night. Once the sun sets, it’s dark outside.”

3. REVIEW

- ◆ “We talked about different kinds of ways to move: sway, leaning, and setting. Sway is moving back and forth (*demonstrate with your body*); leaning means moving closer to; and setting means going down.”

4. KEEP IT GOING

- ◆ Pairing verbs, or action words, with movements is a great way to help children understand their meanings. Provide a child-friendly definition of a verb, demonstrate its meaning, and then prompt children to imitate the action. For example, you could say, “leaning means moving closer.” Then you can carefully tilt your body to the side and invite children to “lean” to one side then the other.