

THE GRIZZLY BEAR WHO LOST HIS GRRRRR!

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Each year, for as long as the forest has stood, a contest is held for the bears of the wood. . . . Fred is the champion. He's the best. But being the best takes time and training, especially when it comes to having the loudest growl. Then, one morning, disaster strikes—Fred's GRRRRR is gone! Oh no! Will Fred find his GRRRRR and realize that there's more to life than being a winner?



STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **GROWL HELP:** Fred has lost his GRRRRR and needs his friends to help. Prompt the children to find their own letter R hidden around the room before you read the story. Let the children know that they will have to help Fred later on and to hold onto their Rs. When you hold up your G, they should hold up their Rs.
- **BEAR CHALLENGE:** Hold a race with the events that Fred competes in—children must catch a fish from a kiddie pool, turn a Hula-Hoop three times, and cross the finish line making their most terrifying scaring-humans face.
- **MAKING FRIENDS:** Have a conversation with the children about how Fred says that he and Boris are a lot alike. How are they alike? Why do they want to win the bear contest so badly? Is winning more important than friendship? How can they include new friends in their lives?
- **DESIGN AN OBSTACLE COURSE:** Provide blank paper and crayons/markers. Ask the children to design their own contest for a different kind of animal. What would an owl contest look like for Eugene and the other owls?
- **SPORTING EVENTS:** Just like the “Best Bear in the Wood” contest, there are sporting events all around the world. Ask the children if they can name any famous sporting events and the kind of activities that take place at them. Are they anything like what Fred and Boris do in their competition?



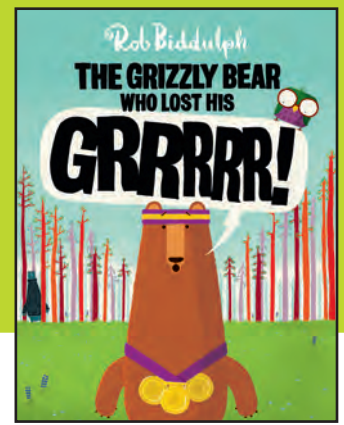
DESIGN YOUR OWN CONTEST

What would an owl contest look like for Eugene and the other owls? What events would that contest have? In the blank space below, design your own contest for the owls or a different kind of animal!



GROWL SEARCH!

Fred has lost his “GRRRRR” and needs your help! Find the missing words in the word search. Once you find all of the words, count how many Rs are in each word. How many Rs do Fred and his helpers need to complete their growl below? We’ve already done the first one for you:



E W O Q S F P E H R G H Y E M
 U Z V H O I K G Z D E B L Y J
 B N G R T O R F B L Z O Z T X
 Y H E A R D Q O P N Q S Z M F
 C S G V O T F E B G D J I O N
 T B I K P A R U R N R T R L N
 S Y **R** I H S Q O E L Z O G W M
 U N E S I P A I N I N U W N T
 Z I N G E R R R A E B P O L M
 H E N D S F E G P C V Z M M U
 X Q I R P Q F Z U X A U U T F
 D U **W** E V Q L B B U U N R H
 N B S Y C X T K J H C G E K S
 M J J F B N U R Q C G D B O H
 X I K M T D E N Q K T Z A K M

WORD SEARCH

BEAR	FRIENDS	RUN
BORIS	GRIZZLY	TROPHIES
FOREST	GROWL	WINNER
FRED	HELPERS	



Answer: 11

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