

## There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves!

### READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Fall, Funny, Nursery Rhymes

**Book Brief:** The familiar song gets a new twist in these silly energetic books.

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### BEFORE READING

**The Cover:** Read the title. “This is a book that takes a popular song and gives it a new silly twist around the theme of fall.”

**Vocabulary:** leaves, sneeze, pumpkin

**The Pictures:** Flip through some of the pictures. What do you see the old lady doing on each page? Why do you think she’s doing that?

**Purpose for Reading:** Words rhyme when they have the same ending sound. As we read, listen for the words that rhyme.

**Prior Knowledge:** Look at the cover. What are some fall things that the old lady might swallow in this story?

### DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What do you see in this picture?
- Why do you think the old lady swallowed some leaves?
- What do you think she’s going to swallow next?
- What could the old lady be building?
- What do you think is going to happen when the old lady sneezes?

### AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** As a class, make a list of all the words that rhyme from the book. Can you come up with any other rhyming words to go along with the words in the book?

**Extending Our Thinking:** Create your own “There Was an Old Lady” style book! Come up with a theme or topic and see if you can write rhyming stanzas that go with the book.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more by reading other books such as [There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat!](#) and [There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Frog!](#)