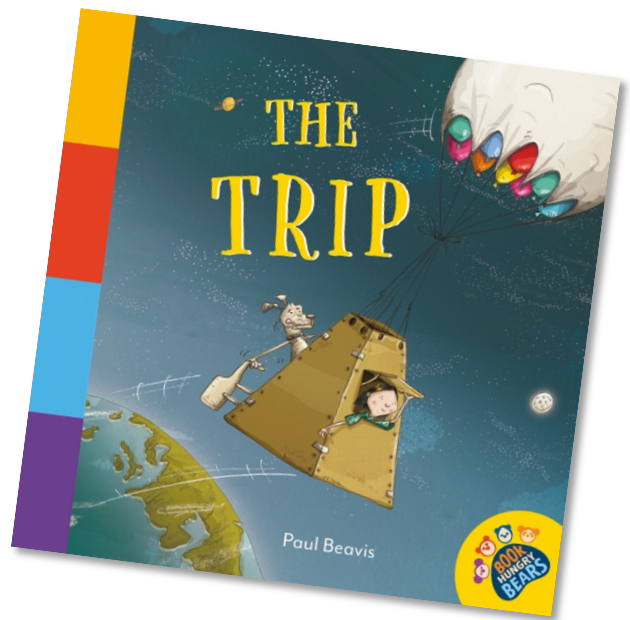


TEACHING NOTES: The Trip

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SYNOPSIS

A deceptively simple book about the nature of inclusiveness. The concepts of mine, yours and ours get depicted and repeated throughout in this quirky, comic tale of an imaginary trip.

ABOUT THE SERIES

The NEW Book Hungry Bears book collection features topical and imaginative stories used in The Book Hungry Bears TV show. From acceptance of diversity to blended families, this delightful series brings together compelling narrative to engage children in their emotional journey as they make sense of the world around them. These bears LOVE picture books and especially love reading them with each other. Sharing their delight and engagement with the books, they ask each other questions, point to the illustrations, and get caught up in the story.

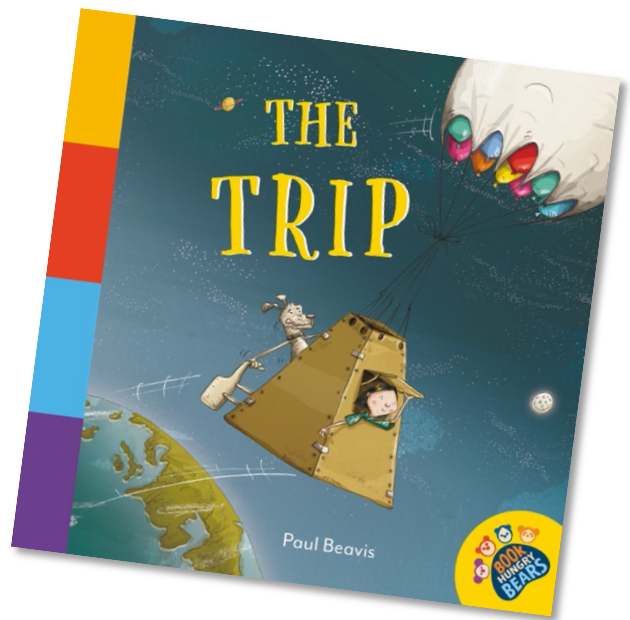
ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Paul Beavis was born in London. He studied Graphic Design at Central St. Martin's in London before working on children's animation shows for the BBC and Channel 4. Later, he moved into website design, working for a number of top corporate and creative clients. Paul now lives near the zoo in Wellington, New Zealand, with his partner Nicola. *Ron the Royal Guard*, published by New Frontier Publishing, is his fourth collaboration with author Deano Yipadee, and *The Trip* is his first book with Little Steps Publishing in partnership with Pukeko Pictures.



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EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

The Trip is an uplifting, quirky story where a girl teaches her dog about possession and pronouns while setting off on a magical hot-air balloon trip. Who they meet on their trip allows the girl to amplify and consolidate her lesson. The concepts of mine, yours and ours are depicted and repeated throughout the story with overarching themes of friendship, inclusiveness and belonging.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. In the first spread, what do you think the girl is trying to tell her dog? What has she drawn on the blackboard?
3. Talk about the words Me, You and Us. What do they mean? The reader is too young to understand the phrase 'object pronoun' but you can still talk about what the words mean.
4. Talk about the words Yours, Mine and Ours. What do they mean? The reader is too young to understand the phrase 'possession pronouns' but you can still talk about what the words mean.
5. What have the girl and the dog packed for the trip? What would you pack for a trip (depending on the trip)?
6. Who do they meet on their trip? Do they become friends?
7. Ask if they think that *The Trip* is a good title for the book. What other titles can they think of?
8. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?



THE TRIP



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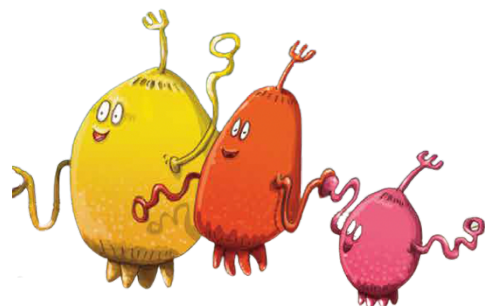
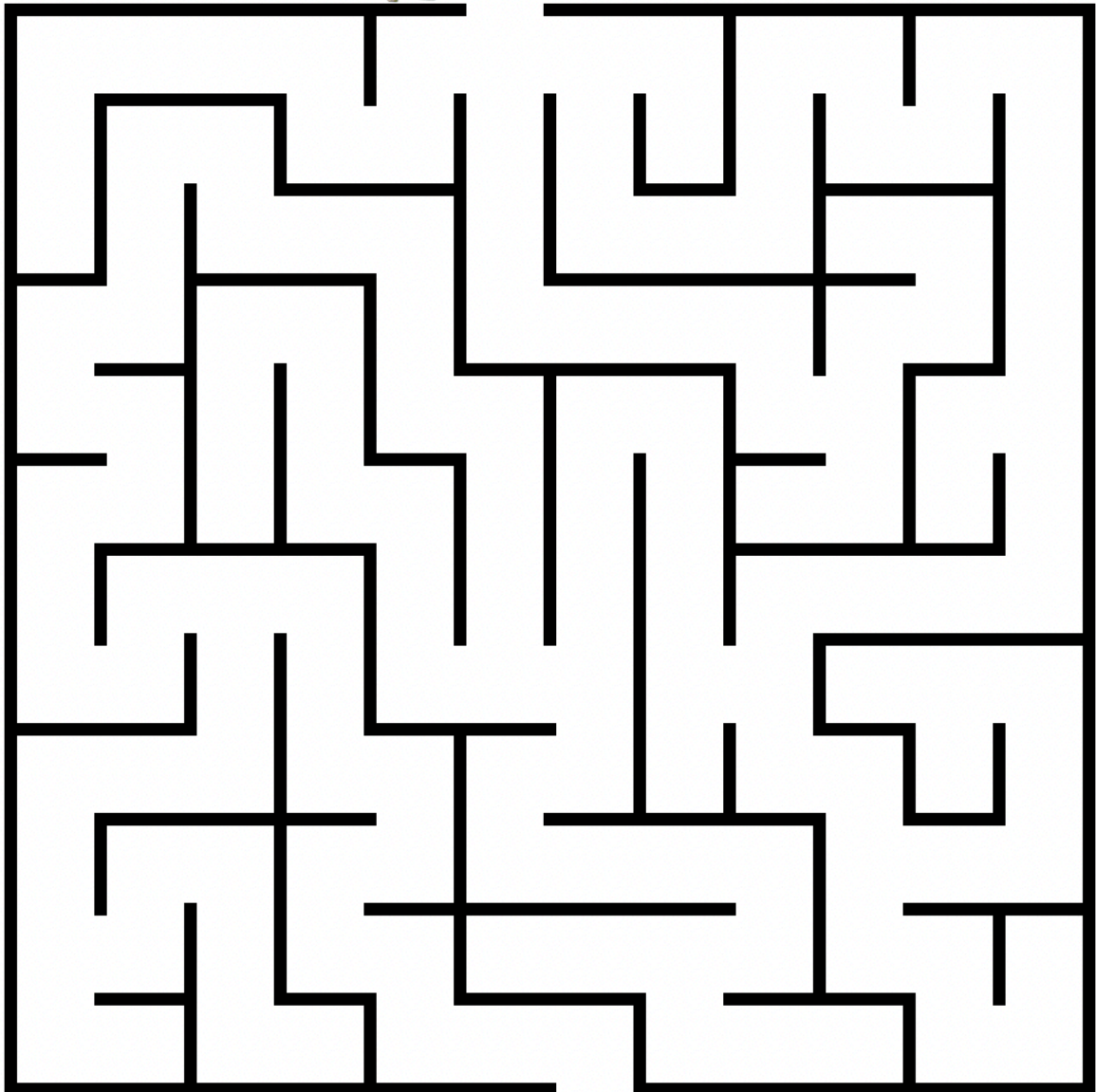
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A-MAZE-ING TRIP

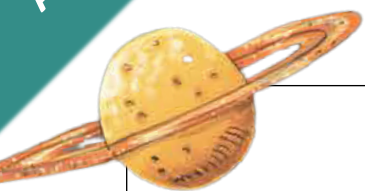
Help the girl and the dog find some friends on their trip.



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DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of yourself and a friend (can be a pet!) going on a trip.
What will you take with you? What transport will you use?



A large, empty rectangular frame intended for a child to draw their own scene of a trip.




POSTCARD FUN

Send somebody special a postcard and tell them what you've been doing. Cut out the two templates and glue them back to back. Remember to ask an adult to help you.



← Draw your image here

Postcard



← Stick your stamp here

← Write the address of the person you are sending the postcard to.

