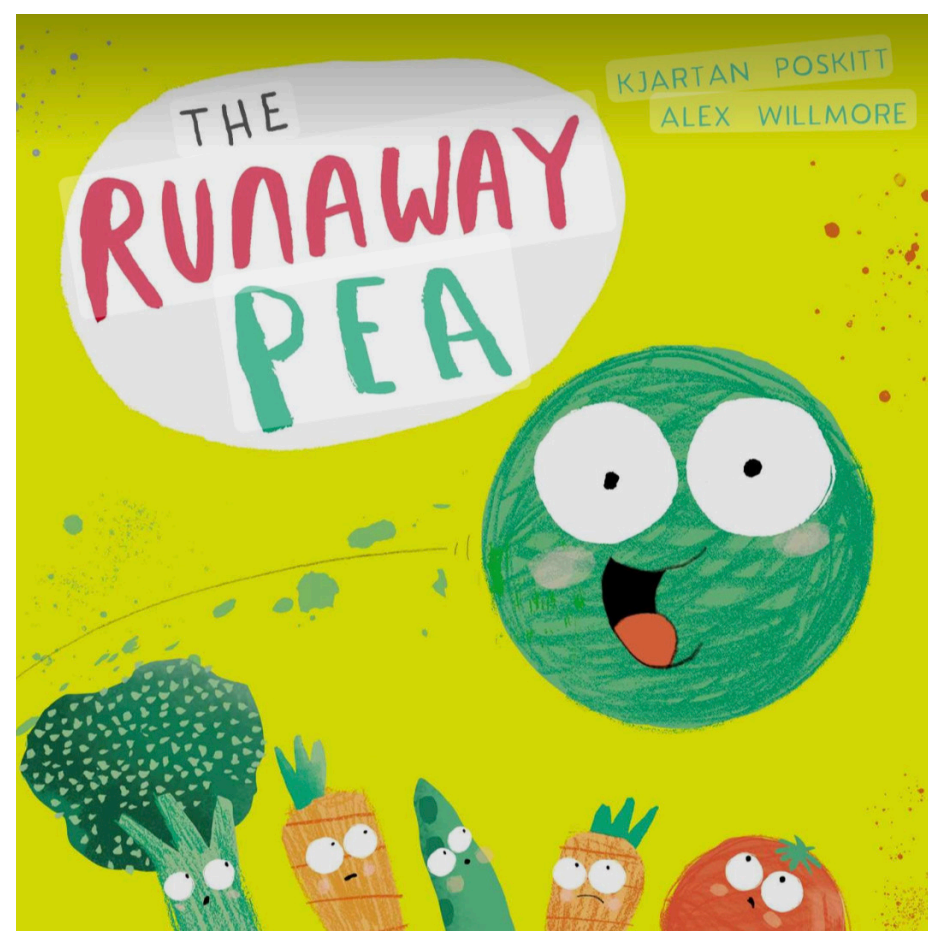


To help you get the best out of the book here are some ideas to talk about when reading aloud with your child. We hope you and your child enjoy reading together!



The Runaway Pea
by KJartan Poskitt

Listen and watch



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Before Reading

Read the title and look at the picture on the front cover.

- ***“How do you think the pea is feeling? How do you know?”***
- ***“I wonder why the pea is running away?”***
- ***“Can you name the other vegetables?”***
- ***“I wonder how they might feeling? What makes you say that?”***

During Reading

- ***“I wonder where the pea will land when the dog flicks his tail?”***
- ***“How do you think the pea is feeling as he is squirted, twanged and blown along?”***
- ***“What do you think is hiding under the fridge with the pea?”***
- ***“Why did the grape and banana get wrinkled and smell badly?”***
- ***“I wonder what magic might happen whilst the pea is asleep?”***

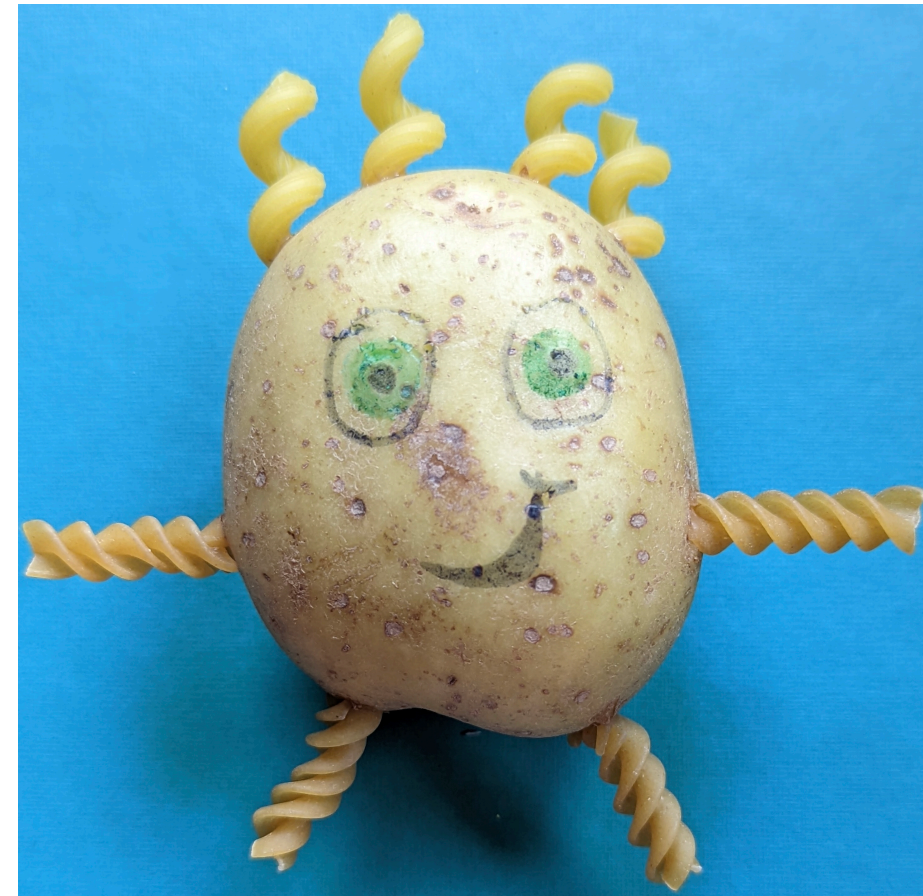
After Reading

- The vegetables laughed at the pea when he pinged off the plate. ***“Why did the pea shoot away with a skip and a hop?”***
- ***“I wonder why the pea would not be loved after falling on the floor?”***
- ***“How did the pea sprout roots and shoots?”***
- In the story food waste is recycled to make soil. ***“What do you recycle in your home?”***

Runaway Vegetables

Make your own runaway vegetable.

- Find a vegetable e.g. potato, carrot or broccoli etc.
- Encourage your child to draw eyes and a mouth.
- If you have craft materials or other food items your child could add other features such as hair or clothes.



“Where will your vegetable runaway to?”

- Use some of the words from the book to help your child create their own ‘Runaway Vegetable’ story.

“Where will it ping, splash, twang, bang...?”

Five Fat Peas

Listen to this rhyme about peas in a pod.

Copy the actions or make up your own.



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Supermarket Sweep

Next time you go shopping talk to your child about all the different vegetables they can see.



- ***“How many different vegetables can you name?”***
- ***Which vegetables do you like/are your favourite?”***
- ***Can you find the ‘Runaway Peas’?”***