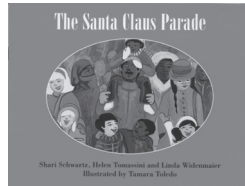


# THE SANTA CLAUS PARADE

By – Shari Schwartz, Helen Tomassini,  
and Linda Widenmaier  
Illustrations by – Tamara Toledo  
Set 4 – 99 words

## Building Anticipation – Setting the Context

Discuss what a parade is. Ask the children if they have ever been to a parade or seen a parade on television. What would they expect to see in a Santa Claus Parade?



Introduce the book and guide the children through a book-walk. Before they start reading, focus the children’s attention on strategies they can use when they come to an unknown word.

## Discussion – Book Talk

What reading strategy did you use when you came to an unknown word?

What did Ravi see at the parade? List the children’s responses on a chart using the sentence frame “Ravi saw \_\_\_\_\_ at the parade.” What time of year must it be? Is there a parade in your community? If so, in what season of the year is it held?

## Creative Response – Independent Practice

Children can:

- draw the parade pictures on the reproducible master, cut them out and create their own paper parade.
- draw a picture of the parade Ravi saw. Use the chart created earlier or go back to the book to find spellings and label the things he saw.
- make a list of things they would like to see in a parade in their neighbourhood.
- create a mural of the parade and label the things in the parade.
- create a class big book about parades. The children can illustrate their page of the big book.

## Read-Aloud Connection

*Curious George and the Parade* by H.A. Rey. Houghton Mifflin, 1999.

- George the little monkey is always curious. In this story, his curiosity creates chaos at a holiday parade.

Learning About Language - Focused Teaching		
High Frequency Words	Where, comes, he, get, You, good	Practice writing words that need reviewing on an erasable board.
Letters and Letter Clusters	<i>u</i> — up <i>dr</i> — drum <i>D</i> — Dad <i>wb</i> — where <i>Cl</i> — Claus <i>cl</i> — clown	Brainstorm to create a list of words that start with the letter <i>u</i> . Use movable letters to make words that start with <i>cl</i> .
Rhymes and Word Families	will, pill, hill, fill, Bill clown, down drum, hum, gum me, he, we, she up, cup, pup	Use movable letters to put together and take apart words from these families. Focus on the rime up to reinforce the introduction of the sound made by <i>u</i> .
Word Endings	<i>s</i> — comes, Claus, Christmas	
Compound Words	reindeer	

## Reproducible Master - The Santa Claus Parade

Illustrate each word and then cut and paste them in order to create your own Santa Claus parade.

Drum	Clown
Marching Band	Reindeer
Animals	Santa Claus