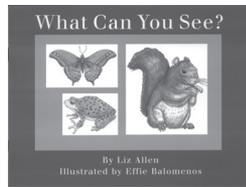


WHAT CAN YOU SEE?

By – Liz Allen
 Illustrations by – Effie Balomenos
 Set 2 – 60 words

Building Anticipation – Setting the Context

Invite children to go into the schoolyard and sit or stand very still. Ask them how many different creatures they can see. Tally the numbers. When they return to the classroom, instruct them to draw pictures and list information on the reproducible master showing all the animals and insects they saw.



Read-Aloud Connection

Ladybug Garden by Celia Godkin. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1997.

- This scientifically accurate book tells a story about all the creatures who live in a garden.

Look, Look, Look! by Tana Hoban. Greenwillow, 1988.

- Photographs of familiar objects are glimpsed through a cut-out in the page, then shown in their entirety. Look also for *Take Another Look*.

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?

Why are animals, including birds, insects, and reptiles often hard to see? Why do they hide? How does their color make them hard to see?

Creative Response – Independent Practice

Children can:

- create a picture in which a creature is camouflaged. Write a caption, such as, "Can you see the _____?"
- find a book in the library and look for creatures that are especially well camouflaged.
- use Plasticine to make models of the creatures in the story. Label the models.
- use various found materials (e.g., tissue paper, construction paper, foil, yarn, string, seeds, etc.) to create a collage of a garden that contains flowers in bloom, trees, insects, and birds.

Learning About Language - Focused Teaching		
High Frequency Words	Can, see	Practice writing these words on an erasable board.
Letters and Letter Clusters	<i>b</i> — butterfly, bird, branch <i>g</i> — garden, grass	Write the letter <i>b</i> in the air with a finger while saying the sound.
Rhymes and Word Families	see, bee, wee, tree lake, snake, take, make	Use movable letters to make as many words containing the sound made by <i>ee</i> as possible.
Compound Words	butterfly	

Field Trip

Illustrate the Animal/Insect	What is it called?	Where does it live?