

# Smiley Shark

by Ruth Galloway

A thoroughly delightful and imaginative color picture book about a shark who loves to smile, yet finds that his scary teeth frighten all the other sea creatures away.



## Read

### Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Who has seen a shark?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if sharks brush their teeth?

### During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

### Rare Words in *Smiley Shark*

- toothiest: having a lot of protruding teeth
- splish: to scatter water in large amounts
- jiggled: small rapid movements in any direction
- jived: lively dancing style
- spiky: having one or more narrow sharp points
- pricked: hurt in stinging way
- churning: to move violently

### After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Why wouldn't the fish play with Smiley Shark?
- Can you name the types of fish that Smiley Shark wanted to play with?
- What type of fish pricked Smiley Shark on the nose?
- What were all the fish trapped in?
- How did Smiley Shark get the fish out of the net?
- Will the other fish play with Smiley Shark now? What do they like to play?

## Do

### Making Whale Toothpaste

Encourage the children to make toothpaste. Add water to baking soda until you have a paste consistency. Add a couple of drops of peppermint extract.

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