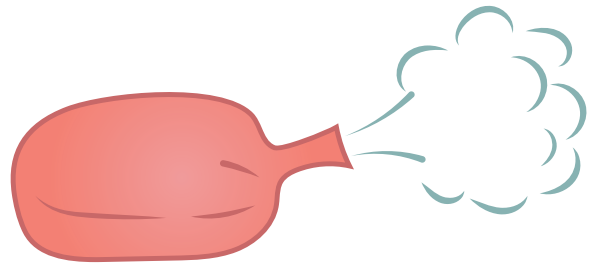
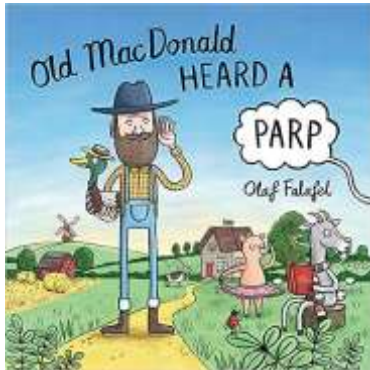


Read for Pleasure

Old MacDonald Heard a Parp

By Olaf Falafel



Old MacDonald is trying to get some work done on the farm, but every time he turns his back, he hears... a great BIG PARP!

Who is making that RUDE noise?

Join Old MacDonald on his mission to find the culprit, and recreate the different parps he hears along the way!

Teachers' Note:

This picture book is read to the tune of Old MacDonald Had a Farm and is made even funnier if accompanied by the sitting on a whoopee cushion each time a different parp is heard.

Title Talk

The title of this story is: Old MacDonald Heard a Parp

- Have you heard of Old MacDonald before? If so, where?
- What might this suggest about where this story will be set and what characters we might come across?
- What does Old MacDonald hear in this story?
- What do you think a PARP is?
- What does this suggest about what type of story this will be? Discuss.

Cover Chat

Now look at the cover of this picture book.

- Where is this story set? Why do you think this?
- What is Old MacDonald doing at this very moment? How do you know?
- Who else do you think has just heard this PARP? How can you tell?
- Which of these characters do you think is the most shocked? Discuss.
- How is the word PARP written? Why do you think it is written like this?
- Why do you think the word PARP is written in a cloud?
- Do you think this was a good or bad idea? Why do you think this?

Page 1-2

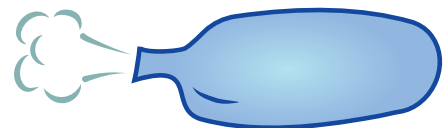
- From what animal did Old MacDonald hear his first parp?
- Can you spot them on page 2?

Page 3-4

- Where did Old MacDonald hear this parp?
- How does Farmer MacDonald tell us to make this particular PLRRB?
Act it out.

Page 5-6

- From what animal did Old MacDonald hear his second parp?
- Can you spot them on page 6?
- Why can you see bubbles in the water?
- Who else can you spot on page 5?

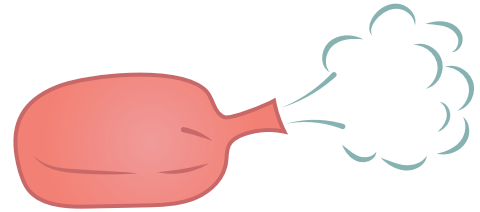


Page 7-8

- Where did Old MacDonald hear this parp?
- How does Farmer MacDonald tell us to make this particular WWBB?
Act it out.

Page 9-10

- From what animal did Old MacDonald hear his third parp?
- Can you spot them on page 10?
- Who else can you spot on page 9?



Page 11-12

- Where did Old MacDonald hear this parp?
- How does Farmer MacDonald tell us to make this particular BWWB?
Act it out.

Page 13-14

- Why is the fourth parp Farmer MacDonald hears unusual?
- What is Old MacDonald doing to show us he is confused?
- What animal can you see on page 14?
- What else can you see on this page that is magical/unusual?

Page 15-16

- Did Farmer MacDonald really see a unicorn parping musical notes?
- Why not?

Page 17-18

- From what animal did Old MacDonald hear his next parp?
- Can you spot them on page 18?
- Who else can you spot on page 17?



Page 19-20

- Where did Old MacDonald hear this parp?
- How does Farmer MacDonald tell us to make this particular THRRBB?
Act it out.

Page 21-22

- From what animal did Old MacDonald hear his next parp?
- Can you spot them on page 22?
- Who else can you spot on page 21?

Page 23-24

- Where did Old MacDonald hear this parp?
- How does Farmer MacDonald tell us to make this particular BLRLRLR?
Act it out.

Page 25-26

- From where does Old MacDonald hear his final parp?
- Can you spot this on page 26?
- Who do you think this final parp will belong to?



Page 27-28

- Was your prediction as to who gave out this final parp correct?
- Who did this parp belong to?

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