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BOOK TITLE
Owl Moon Jane Yolen
LEARNING CATEGORY
Reading Comprehension, Literacy, Poetry
AGE LEVEL
GRADES K - 3
PRIMARY STANDARDS MET*
Reading: Literature; Speaking and Listening
<i>*see footnote for more information</i>

### LEARNING TARGETS

**Students will:**

- Determine how the illustrations and sounds add sensory information to literacy experiences
  - Discuss literal versus figurative language in the story

**Key Terms for Learning:**

🦉 literal 🦉 figurative 🦉 metaphor 🦉 simile 🦉 personification 🦉 imagery 🦉 mood 🦉 setting

### ACTIVITY DETAILS

<b>Instructions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read Owl Moon with the Novel Effect App</li> <li>2. Instruct students to pay careful attention to the images, sounds, and text</li> <li>3. Use the discussion prompts below to discuss the use of figurative and literal language.</li> </ol> <p>*adapt as needed for younger students</p>
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\*Standards: K - 3 Many Literature and Speaking and Literacy Standards encompass this activity. Most notable, LITERATURE:[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.4](#) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.SPEAKING AND LISTENING:[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.3.2](#) Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

**Discussion**

- What are some examples of literal words?  
What are some examples of figurative words?
- How does the music make you feel?
- What is the setting of the story? What is the season and the time of day?
- What do you think the mood of this story might be?
- How do the sounds add to the imagery you see on the pages of the book?
- Can you point out specific noises that match with the pictures?
- Is the overall feeling of the story reflected in the pictures and the sounds? How?
- If you're comfortable sharing, can you think of a special activity you've shared with a family member or friend similar to the narrator's experience of "Owling" with her father?