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Illus. in full color. Beginning readers can learn 100 different words in this story about a remarkable dog.

## I'll Teach My Dog 100 Words Details

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# **From Reader Review I'll Teach My Dog 100 Words for online ebook**

## **Mia Morrison says**

A cute way to teach colours, concepts and body parts to children.

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## **Hákon Gunnarsson says**

Amusing book with nice illustrations for young kids. Quite funny, but it will not teach kids anything about dogs.

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## **Rosa Cline says**

Nice beginner reader book as it introduces various words along with the picture so the child can look at the picture and see the item then the word, thus reading it. Helping their self esteem. OR like I did, I read it out loud to my adult special needs son and he loved it. He smiled and giggled throughout to see the various things "my dog" could do. Fun book. BTW it's another timeless story that is still just as fun as it was 40 years ago when I read it as a little girl.

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## **Alexa Beal says**

I don't know why, but this book has been one of my favorites since before i can remember. All I know is that my dad would read this to me, and I would laugh so hard. To this day I still giggle when I reread this book.

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## **Sean Harding says**

Dr Seuss styled book to teach the young reader 100 words without them realising they are learning it, very clever approach and entertaining as well.

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## **David Sarkies says**

### **A lesson in vocabulary**

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This story, structured in beautiful meter and excellent rhyme, is about how we set ourselves huge goals, and imagine huge success, only to put it off because we prefer to sit under a tree and pass our days catching the rays from the sun. The protagonist in this book (known only as 'I') is a man who has great hopes for his dog because he wants to teach his dog 100 words, but not only teach him those words but to also teach him how

to do these things.

It seems that the first thing he wants to teach the dog is to do what we call 'busy work' which is work that has no appreciable outcome other than to keep people busy – such as digging a hole and then filling it in again. However he also wants to teach his dog very complex things, such as painting a road, cleaning a zoo, and giving a moose a clean with a mop. It seems that the protagonist believes that his dog is a very intelligent dog (but since he never actually does it we don't know how intelligent this dog really is: we can only speculate).

If he does succeed (and there is no evidence that he will, because he is only speculating) then he imagines that he will become the talk of the town because he has such an amazing dog that can spray paint chairs, perform marvellous feats of acrobatics, and clean a moose with a mop. As such he imagines fame, glory, and a public holiday dedicated to his dog.

However, despite all of these grand plans, in the end it seems that it is simply too hard, and the sun too nice, that it is better to go outside, lie down under a tree, and go to sleep.

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### **R. G. Nairam says**

Well-executed early reader.

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### **Jenna Mills says**

Fun

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### **Sarah Adamson says**

A fun book for early readers.

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### **Cassandra Gelvin says**

#### **Poetic primer.**

It's one of those books published by Random House which piggybacks on the popularity of Dr. Seuss by being called a "Cat in the Hat Presents" book, without actually being written by Seuss. It's also illustrated by P.D. Eastman, the illustrator and writer of "Are You My Mother?", another classic children's book. It's not quite repetitive, but it's pedantic. It's almost patronizing. It's basically a primer with a tenuous thread of a story running through it, with words like "walk" and "run" and "day" and "night" and opposites and colors. It's clearly trying to teach the child these words, but as I've stated in other reviews, you don't have to teach children words individually. They will pick them up in context. That's how childhood language acquisition works. You CAN teach them words specifically, but you don't need to.

It's in more complete sentences than "See Jane. See Jane run. Run, Jane, run," or something like that, and it's got this silly conceit about all the people in the town being fascinated with a semi-intelligent dog. He doesn't talk; he's not a talking dog, but he identifies commands and colors, like "Comb your hair," and "Beat a drum." The meter is usually pretty solid, but occasionally a bit shaky. Like, "The first six words I'll teach my pup/Are 'dig a hole' and 'fill it up.'/I'll teach him 'walk' and 'run' and then/'Catch a ball,' now that makes ten./And Mr. Smith, who lives next door/Will say, 'That's great! Can you teach him more?'" Where you have to combine two syllables in to one somewhere in the last sentence, or put the stress somewhere non-intuitive. Maybe I obsess over these kinds of things, but it makes it hard to read this without stumbling over it, and not in a good way like "Fox in Socks."

Again, it's silly, fairly well-written, but nothing amazing. It's okay. It's kind of an average children's book, although the vast amount of mediocre ones out there make that not as high a compliment as it sounds. I guess it's a 6/10 where the vast majority of the ones I read are maybe 3/10 at best in quality. There's no real message here, I don't think it's actually claiming that dogs can be taught words like this. The narrator merely claims that he will do that in the future. And at the end he says, "I think I'll start next year," either as he realizes it's a difficult undertaking, or revealing that the narrator is just bragging. It's just a list of words. It's a rhyming list of words, so maybe that's a little bit entertaining. But there's nothing to it. There's no story. The rhyming is the only thing that could possibly keep your attention in this. It's decent rhyming, and decent meter, so what it's trying to do it does well, but in my opinion it's not trying to do enough, and comes off as disappointing.

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### **Gary says**

A delight for any young child, this wonderful book is filled with bright and cheerful illustrations, as well as fun rhyming.

It is full of life and action in only 29 pages.

It teaches small children, the meaning of words, as they are taught to the dog.

Finally it teaches the meaning of procrastination, as the owner of the dog, with all his big dreams for his pet, on the last page says:

?I think I'll start next year?

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### **Joy Keil says**

A favourite from my childhood...that my daughter is also enjoying. What fun!

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### **Mariah Roze says**

I read this book to my students. It was a cute story that rhymed.

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**Lara Lamb says**

This book is a great book to help students learn how to read through the context of teaching different concepts to dogs. Overall I found this book to be a great learning tool even though it lacked an overall story line and message.

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**Stephanie Watson says**

This is a cute book! This book highlights 100 words that children can point out that a dog may be able to do. I enjoyed reading this book.

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