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Busy machines for busy kids!

*"Diggers are good at dig, dig, digging,  
scooping up the earth and lifting and tipping.  
They make huge holes with their dig, dig, digging.  
They can work all day."*

Trucks and tractors, fire engines and helicopters-they all like to work hard. But after a long, happy day of beep-beeping and vroom-vrooming, even the busiest engines need to rest. This bright, bouncy, noise-filled book brings together all the vehicles that children adore.

## Dig Dig Digging Details

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## **From Reader Review Dig Dig Digging for online ebook**

### **Lucy Andrew says**

Dig Dig Digging is well established, bestselling, touch and feel book.

It explores the laborious, everyday life of construction workers.

The most distinct aspect that I find particularly effective is the touch and feel feature which occurs in every page as this makes the book inclusive for all needs. Mayo achieves this by making each 'touch and feel' feature correspond to the activity of the construction worker, this way the children can still engage with the main concept of the story despite them not having a full understanding of what is written.

Dig Dig Digging has a repetitive, jaunty rhythm and rhyming scheme, which encourages readers to maintain a fast and upbeat pace making the delivery of the book all the more thrilling.

In my opinion, the book is fit for 2+ year olds for it will entice a young mind even if they cannot understand the language, the images and sensory aspect is enough to grab their attention. Nevertheless, the repetitiveness in language will prove to be an effective way for children to pick up and recite the language.

I am on the lookout for more Margaret Mayo books and would highly recommend this book to any transport lovers!

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### **Vicki says**

This book is awesome, awesome, awesoming (read it to find out why I said this)! A perfect day to use this book, as next to the library right during story time there were a few construction equipment finishing up a project with banging, crashing, and pushing. This would work for the SRP theme "Dig into Reading" also. A cute repetitive phrase "They can work all day". My 25 month old grandson who happens to love any type of truck, construction vehicle etc., also enjoyed it very much.

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### **Miss Lou says**

Great way to introduce the vocabulary words my 8-month son will one day ask. Enough repetition to keep the pages turnin' like the caterpillar wheels.

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### **Nicola says**

Miss 3 and I like to explore different books and authors at the library, sometimes around particular topics or themes. We try to get different ones out every week or so; it's fun for both of us to have the variety and to look at a mix of new & favourite authors.

Miss 3 didn't like it. We ended up with two Margaret Mayo picture books out at the same time and she wasn't interested in either of them. The pictures must have attracted her a little when she grabbed them off the shelves but she found the text boring.

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## **Carly says**

Awesome book for children who love to read about things that go. Has a cute rhythm to it and awesome pictures.

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## **Janine says**

I had to read it twice in a row to a 2 year old and a 4 year old and they both got something out of it. Good for the pre-reader with the rhyming and repetition.

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## **Cindy Mitchell \*Kiss the Book\* says**

Mayo, Margaret. *Dig Dig Digging*, illustrated by Alex Ayliffe. Henry Holt, 2006. \$6.99. BOARD BOOK. Author, Margaret Mayo, cleverly uses word repetition to explain the different jobs of trucks, tractors, diggers, and bulldozers. For example, “Tractors are good at pull pull pulling.” The illustrations are colorful and detailed; but what really makes this board book shine is the mini-tabs around the top and the side of the book. Little fingers love to use tabs. And little eyes love bright colors and different text sizes.

Pre-K-ESSENTIAL. Samantha Hastings, MA, MLS.

<https://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2017...>

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## **Charlotte says**

My son absolutely loves this book. It was on the shelves in a holiday cottage in Wales and he read it so much that the owners gifted it to him. The repetitious nature of the book has helped him pick up some new words and as we sign it together he is developing there too. Brilliant!

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## **Louise says**

Fantastic book, especially for those children who are really interested in cars and trucks!

Lot's of opportunity for repetition for the children to join in. A really fun and interesting book to read in the early years.

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## **Brian Strand says**

This book introduces many different types of equipment, and the different things that they can do. There are dump trucks, tractors, transporter trucks, bull dozers, rescue vehicles, and many others. The great thing about this book is the variety of vehicles, the depth in which they are described, and the repetition of some words over and over again for the kids to hear.

1. Have the students write about their favorite vehicle, and tell why they like it.
  2. Have half the class have a picture of a vehicle, and the other half a description of what it does, then have them wander the room and try to match up.
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### **Cuong Truong says**

#### **WIDER READING FOCUS: POSSIBLY SEN**

**TARGET:** One for those who are hardcore fans of "Bob the Builder" and construction site enthusiasts in key stage 1. It tells the story of what various vehicles do and what you will find on the journey through a construction site. A great pick for those with SEN in the area of visual impairment. The book is made of a shiny, page by page hardcover, so it can take the knocks and sticky fingers of younger children. It stimulates learning through touch as you can feel the sand as the digger digs (sandpaper) on page 1. The illustrations are simple and don't overload the visual senses. It uses the tried and tested method of repetition of 3 to give that rhythmic pace. The text appeals to the ear by using onomatopoeic vocabulary which allows the reader to "feel" the words e.g. "the wheels squelched."

**Criticisms:** No story line is really developed and it feels like there is no particular beginning or end. However the fact that it reaches out to the other senses of touch and sound far outweigh the negative.

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### **Barbara says**

With small, sturdy tabs on various spots of this very small board book, young readers will be able to navigate its contents quickly while listening to another reader read it to them or reading it for themselves. Each page features some vehicle such as a garbage truck or a dump truck and describes what it does. What I loved about the book was the use of vivid words such as "gobble, gobble, gobbling" (unpaged) and "grip, grip, gripping" (unpaged) to describe the actions of the moving machines featured in the book. But beware: this is not a quiet book intended for bedtime reading. It is sure to get the listener or reader all revved up and ready to do some digging and moving of his/her own. The book was originally published in England, and it is great to have it in this particular format. I cannot imagine any child being able to resist this book.

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### **Sarah Traynor says**

My third boy adores this book above all the others. Whatever it is about it all three children insisted on it over and over again at age two. The illustrations and the sounds repeated really draws them in.

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### **Julie Haigh says**

Lovely, colourful book.

This is a lovely, eye-catching book; my Grandson loves Diggers, Fire Engines etc. and they are all in here. You can double tap areas on the page to enlarge. It's ideal for new readers as there is a lot of repetition of words, some simple three letter ones such as 'dig, dig, digging'. It shows in two-page format, like a traditional open book. This is a nice idea, but, on my 7 inch Kindle Fires, I didn't think it was optimum so I tried on kindle on my computer. That was where the problem was-this book won't transfer from the cloud to the computer. If you look at the 'deliver to' and the drop-down menu-kindle on computer is faded out. I've tried it on other computers and my partner bought it too on his account and the same happened there. So, I feel it will be even better on a tablet with a larger screen, but, having said that, it's still pretty good and it's really good value at only .99p

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### **Nel says**

Callum really enjoyed it, has a range of vehicles and different words describing the actions each perform.

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