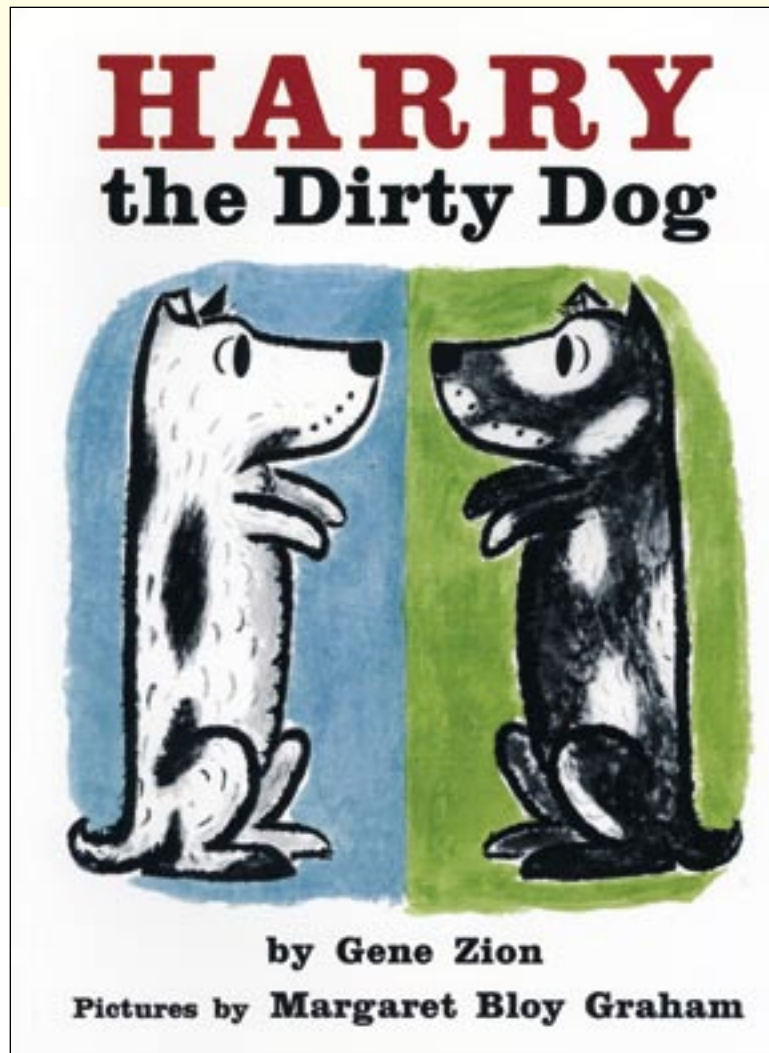


Harry the Dirty Dog

By Gene Zion

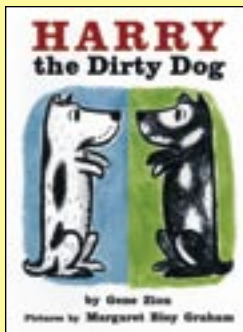
Harry the dog runs away because he doesn't want to take a bath and has a fun filled day getting dirty.



First Reading

Before you read this story, **set the stage** with an introduction to it. Here are some ideas or you could make up your own.

“There are two dogs on the cover of this book. Do they look alike? What makes them different? Only one dog’s name is in the title of the story. I wonder which one the story is about. Listen to the title again, *Harry the Dirty Dog*. Which one do you think it is? Let’s read the story and find out.”



Read It Again (and Again) and Start a Conversation

“What is in Harry’s mouth?

What do you think he is going to do with it?

Do you like baths?

Look at him playing in the street! What do you think the men looking at him would say? Is this a safe place to play? Have you ever gone to the railroad station? Harry plays with other dogs. Who do you play with? What do you play?

What is a coal chute? What is coal used for?

Harry gets so dirty no one recognizes him. Have you ever gotten that dirty? Why do you think Harry got so dirty?

Where did Harry want to go when he got tired and hungry?

How do you think Harry felt when no one recognized him? What could he do?

Look at all the bubbles in the tub! What made all the bubbles? Did you ever take a bath like that or would you like to? Why?

Do you think Harry will get dirty again? Would you like to get dirty with him?”

Play With Language

Game: Word Endings

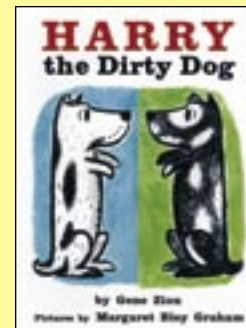
Both “Harry” and “dirty” end with a hard “E” sound.

Act out words that have the same ending.

Examples: Silly–funny–sleepy–happy

Harry is a white dog with black spots who changes into the opposite, a black dog with white spots. Explore the room, yard, etc. to find more opposites.

For example: In/out, up/down, open/close, empty/full, short/tall, catch/throw, hello/good-bye.



Songs

Bingo

There was a farmer had a dog and Bingo was his name-o.

B - I - N - G - O

B - I - N - G - O

B - I - N - G - O

And Bingo was his name-o.

(Clap to the beat and each time you sing it, leave out one letter of B-I-N-G-O until the whole name is clapped, instead of spelled out loud.)

Rhymes

This Is the Way We Wash Our Face

This is the way we wash our face,

Wash our face, wash our face.

This is the way we wash our face so early in the morning.

(You can sing this song while the child is actually washing that part of the body. Change “face” to another body part such as hands, feet, etc. to expand the song.)

After the Bath

(Suit actions to words.)

After my bath, I try, try, try

To wipe myself 'till I'm dry, dry, dry.

Hands to wipe, and fingers and toes,

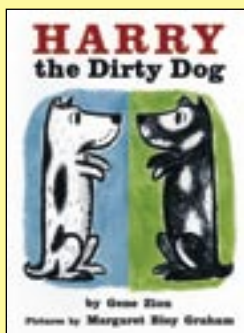
And two wet legs and a shiny nose.

Just think how much less time I'd take

If I were a dog and could shake, shake, shake.

From Ring A Ring O'Roses edited by Charles Hansen





Other Activities To Do Together

Play in the dirt, perhaps adding water and making mud pies.

Fill the sink or a tub up with water and soap and let the child play in it or wash clothes, dishes, dolls, etc.

Blow bubbles and chase them.

Visit a train station.

Work in the yard or garden.

Dig a hole.

Look at a book that has photos of different breeds of dogs.

Play tag like Harry and his friends did.

Try to learn some tricks just like Harry did.

More Books About Dogs and Baths

Angus and the Cat by Marjorie Flack

Bath Day by Julia Noonan

Biscuit by Alyssa Capucilli

Clifford, the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell

Maisy Takes a Bath by Lucy Cousins

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle's Won't Take a Bath Cure
adapted from Betty MacDonald's book

The Night I Followed the Dog by Nina Laden

