Rosie, the Pirate Parrot



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Level 22

Running Words	Complete text	755
Reading Record	Pages 2–7	203

Key Teaching Points

- Encourage the students to read and discuss the blurb and the chapter headings.
- Explain how an audition for a part in a play is conducted.
- Demonstrate how the game 'Scissors, Paper, Rock' is played.

Key Questions

- Why do you think Grace didn't want the boys in her class to know about Rosie? *(Inferential)*
- Why did Grace take a deep breath before she went onto the stage? *(Inferential)*
- How did Rosie help Grace get the lead part in the play? *(Literal)*
- Do you think Mr Grimm really believed there was a baby in the pram? Why? *(Inferential)*
- Explain what was meant by 'Mr Grimm was very big on rules'. *(Applied knowledge)*

Vocabulary Enrichment

- Use dictionaries to find compound words beginning with *any;* e.g. *anyway.*
- Write the root words for the adverbs in the story; e.g. *close/closely.*
- Revise these letter clusters: *-awk, -ought, -ight.*

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Chapter 1

Looking After Rosie



Ahmed pushed his baby sister's pram
into their apartment building.
Grace, Jack and Lee followed closely behind him.
Mr Grimm, the caretaker of their building,
thought they were babysitting.

But it wasn't a baby in the pram.
It was Rosie, a parrot with an injured wing.
The children wanted to look after the parrot
until she was well again.
The problem was that their building had a rule:
NO PETS. And Mr Grimm was very big on rules.

Ahmed pushed the pram towards the lift.

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The doors closed after them.
"Whew!" they said. "We're in."

"I'm going to look after Rosie first," said Jack.



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The other children looked at each other.

"No, me!" said Grace.

"Me!" said Lee.

"It's my pram!" said Ahmed.



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"All right," Jack said.
"The fairest way is to play 'Scissors, Paper, Rock'."
He put his hands behind his back.
"Ready, Lee?" he asked.

Grace won the game.

"But you only keep Rosie for two days,"
the boys said. "Then it's our turn."

