

InterAct Story Theatre's RABBITS and SHARKS!

Activities and Discussion Ideas for *AFTER* the show

(Warning: Spoilers Ahead! Wait until after the show to read these.)

Talking with our family after watching a show is a great way to practice speaking, reading, and listening skills! Here are some questions and activities to try with your children after you watch the video. Pick and choose whichever ones you want to do. Thanks for coming to our online show!

1. Who were the **characters** or animals in the story? What was the **setting** of the story--where did the story take place?

2. Rabbit tried a lot of different ways to get to the other island! What did Rabbit try **first**? What did Rabbit try **second**? What did Rabbit try **third**? What was the **last** thing Rabbit tried? Did it work?

3. **What was your favorite moment from the story?** Can you draw a picture of it? Can you show someone your picture and tell them what you drew?

4. **Do you think the Rabbit learned any lessons?** What lessons do you think the Rabbit learned?

5. Rabbit made some choices that were not smart choices. Rabbit also hurt the sharks' feelings. What were some choices Rabbit made that were not smart, or hurt others? What would you do differently? What could Rabbit do instead?

6. **What happens next?** What do you think Rabbit did after the end of the story? What do you think the Sharks did? Can you make up a story about what happened with Rabbit OR Shark after the end of this story?

7. **Exploring Japanese Stories:** *Rabbits and Sharks!* is based on a story Ms. OK's childhood home in **Japan**. What did you already know about Japan? What did you learn today about Japan? What other stories can you find from Japan online or at the library?

8. Rabbit or Animal Stories from Our Own Cultures: This story talks about why Rabbits Have Short Tails, and Why Rabbits Are Careful and Kind To Others. Many Japanese stories have animals. In Japanese stories, rabbits are often the kindest animals--they are also thoughtful, they are careful, and they think before they act. Are there rabbits in stories from your culture? What are rabbits like in stories from your culture? What other animals are in the stories from your culture, and what are they like?

9. Write to Ms. OK! Do you want to tell Ms. OK about your favorite part of the story? Do you want to show Ms. OK the picture you drew or the story you made up? Do you have ideas for what story Ms. OK should tell next? Then you can write us! Email us at emailus@interactstory.com. We can't wait to read all about it!