



Imagining Stories

Wordless picture books can be a wonderful way to encourage students to understand characters and imagine and tell whole stories. Below is a list of several wordless books available in the local libraries. Select one or two and:

- Show the entire story to students.
- Discuss with them what the story seems to be about. Who are the characters? What are they doing? What's a problem they might be having in the story? How do they make things better?
- Go back through the story slowly, encouraging students to help tell the story and talk like the characters.

Wordless Stories

- *Alligator's Toothache* by Diane de Groat: An alligator with a toothache is afraid of the dentist.
- *A Boy, a Dog, and a Frog* by Mercer Mayer: A boy's unsuccessful attempts to catch a frog.
- *Frog, Where are You?* By Mercer Mayer: A boy and his dog search for an escaped pet frog.
- *Do You Want to be My Friend* by Eric Carle: A mouse searches everywhere for a friend.
- *The Farmer and the Clown* by Marla Frazee: A farmer rescues a baby clown who's bounced off the circus train, and reunites him with his clown family.

