



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

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Useful Information

Author	Eric Carle
Illustrator	Eric Carle
Year published	1994
Other titles by this author	The Very Busy Spider, Brown bear, brown bear what do you see?, The Bad-tempered Ladybird

Tiny	Extremely, very, small (<i>little, small, mini</i>)
Pop	a sudden noise, like a small explosion when it comes out of a bottle (<i>bang, snap, crack</i>)

Tales Toolkit

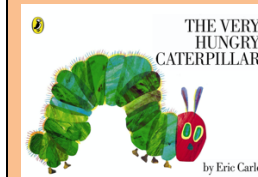
	Character- A person or an animal in a story.		Setting- Where the story takes place.
	A tiny and very hungry caterpillar		Tree – on a leaf
	Problem- There is another character or a situation that is a problem for the main character.		How the characters manage to sort out the problem and have a happy ending.
	Eating unhealthy food gave him a stomachache!		Eating healthy food helped him come out of his cocoon and grow into a beautiful butterfly



Book Knowledge and Concepts about Print

Can your child show you the

Front Cover



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Spine



Title

THE VERY
HUNGRY
CATERPILLAR

Phrases and repeated refrains from story text

Children will become very familiar with these phrases and use them in the oral retelling of the story

In the light of the moon	One slice of swiss cheese / salami / watermelon
The warm sun came up and ... pop!	One piece of cherry pie
On Monday he ate through one apple / On Tuesday/Wednesday etc	That night he had a stomachache!
But he was still hungry!	Now he wasn't hungry anymore / He was a big, fat caterpillar

Vocabulary – definitions and synonyms

synonyms are words with the same meaning (or almost the same meaning)

Lay	When a female animal produces the egg by pushing it from its body / put something down carefully, gently (<i>put, place, set</i>)
Cocoon	A silky case that keep insects safe, warm (<i>chrysalis, cover</i>)
Nibble	Take small bites out of (<i>bite, nip</i>)