



**Little
Novel-Ties**

COURDUROY

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A Study Guide

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For the Teacher

This reproducible **Little Novel-Ties** study guide consists of activities to use in conjunction with the book *Corduroy*. The picture book and its corresponding guide can become an important element in your whole language reading program. The guide contains a synopsis; background information on the author and illustrator; suggested pre-reading activities; exercises that focus on vocabulary; visual literacy, story comprehension, and critical thinking skills; and extension activities that link the story to other curriculum areas.



Suggestions For Using Activities

Pre-Reading Activities – Before You Read

These activities are designed to activate children's prior knowledge and build concepts or background information. They will motivate children to read and help them to understand the story better. Children can discuss answers to the questions with a partner, in a small cooperative learning group, or with the entire class.

Word Study – Sound Off

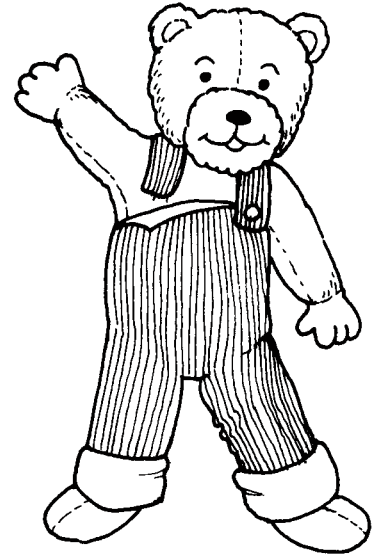
This page presents instructional material on onomatopoeia in which children explore words that sound like the noises they describe. Children use onomatopoeic words to label a picture of something that can make a particular sound.

Understanding the Story – Story Questions, Picture Questions

The story questions include a number of literal, inferential, and evaluative questions that help children focus on major story elements. The picture questions help children draw inferences from the illustrations.

BEFORE YOU READ

1. Read the title of the book. Then look at the picture on the cover. Who is Corduroy?
2. What is Corduroy looking at?
Can you guess why?
What makes you think this?
3. Think of some things you have lost. Make a list.
Put stars next to the things that were most important.
Share your list with a partner. Tell whether you found each thing.
4. Draw a picture of a toy that is like a friend to you.





STORY QUESTIONS

1. What does Corduroy wish for?
2. Why doesn't Lisa's mother want to buy Corduroy?
3. Why do you think Corduroy waits until late at night to begin his search for a button?
4. What mistake does Corduroy make when he goes on the escalator? Why do you think he makes this mistake?
5. Why does Corduroy think he is in a palace?
6. Where does Corduroy think he has found a button?
7. How does the night watchman find Corduroy? Why is he puzzled by what he finds?
8. Why does Lisa return to the store? How is she able to buy Corduroy?
9. How do Lisa and Corduroy feel about each other?
10. Parts of this story seem real and other parts seem make-believe. Tell two story events that could happen in real life and two events that could never happen.