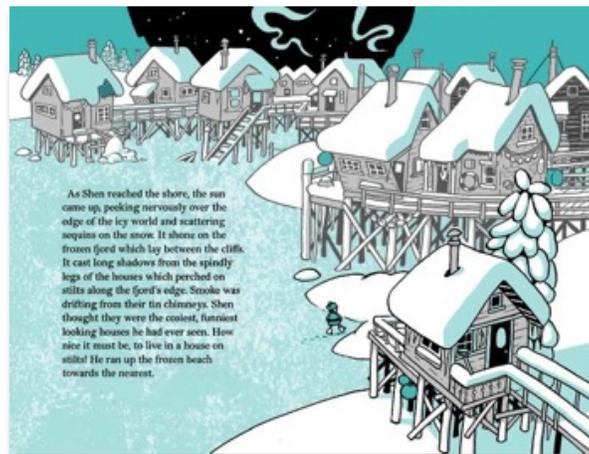


Pugs of the Frozen North

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own. Conversations will help increase your child's oral language skills and build their vocabulary. C.A.R. is a conversation starter that you can use with your child any time.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with the book, *Pugs of the Frozen North*.



C.A.R.	Example
<p>C Comment and Wait (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see on the page.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> Look at the snow on top of the houses</p> <p>You can see where some of the houses have smoke coming out of the chimney. It must be cold there.</p> <p><i>Child:</i></p>
<p>A Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) *Ask questions that do not have a "yes/no" or one-word answer to them.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> Why were the houses on stilts?</p> <p><i>Child:</i> The houses were on stilts because they were on the beach.</p>
<p>R Respond by adding a little more to the child's response.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> Yes, you are right. They were on stilts to keep their houses safe from flooding from the ocean.</p>



Activities	Parent Tips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Draw a Pug! Give your child confidence in character creation by making a pug out of simple shapes. It's fun to write about a character who looks back off the page at you. » Make a map of the story. Draw a big map of the world in the story with all the key places included and labeled. Some examples of places to label are: Lucky Star, Po of ice, Kraken Deep, The Lost Hope, The Snowfather's Palace. Your child could use their maps to help them retell the story. » Have your child write a diary entry imagining they are either Shen or Sika. Children could make a mini folded-paper diary to write about their visit to the Snowfather's Palace to help them remember the story so they can pass it on. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Tell family tales. Children love hearing stories about their family. Share memories from your childhood or a memory about your child from when they were a baby. » Create a writing toolbox. Fill a box with drawing and writing materials. Find opportunities for your child to write, such as the shopping list, thank you notes, or birthday cards. » Do storytelling on the go. Take turns adding to a story the two of you make up while riding in a car or bus. Try making the story funny or spooky. » Once is not enough. Encourage your child to reread favorite books and poems. Repeated reading helps kids read more quickly and accurately. » Visit the local library and sign up for a library card to enable your child to select books based on their interests.
More Activities	Related Books/Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Make a race to the Top of the World book. Children could make a booklet about the race to the Top of the World described in the story using a scrapbook or by folding several sheets paper in half and stapling them. The book could include: profiles of the contestants, information about the prize and a picture of the Snowfather's palace, advice for contestants about dangers on the way (e.g. the Kraken), or a chart with some of the 50 kinds of snow with pictures and captions. » Design a sled. Children can design their own sled to take part in the competition. What would it look like? Who would it be for? How would it be pulled along? Perhaps children could make a junk model of their design, too. 	<p>Curious About Snow by Gina Shaw</p> <p>Pugs, Pug Dogs and the Pug by Matthew Masterson</p> <p>Molly of Denali: Molly's Awesome Alaska Guide by WGBH Kids</p> <p>Alaska's Dog Heroes by Shelley Gill</p> <p>The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder by Mark Cassino and Jon Nelson, Ph. D</p>

