

Retelling Cards

The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything

These retelling cards bring the story to life and give your students hands-on practice with comprehension, sequencing, and vocabulary. Use them in whole-group, small-group, or independent settings to deepen understanding and engagement.

Ways to Use the Cards:

- **Sequencing the Story**

Lay the cards out of order. Have students put them back in the correct sequence to retell the story from beginning to end.

- **Interactive Read-Aloud**

Pass out the cards before you begin reading. Each time an item appears in the story, the student holding that card stands up, acts out the sound, and joins the retelling.

- **Sound Word Connections**

Practice onomatopoeia by having students say the sound word on their card (clomp, wiggle, clap, shake, nod, boo) each time the item appears in the text.

- **Story Theater**

Assign each card to a small group or individual. Reread the story, and when their card's character comes up, students act it out with motions and sound effects.

- **Partner Retelling**

In pairs, students use the cards to retell the story without the book. One partner lays down the cards in order, while the other explains what is happening in each part.

- **Writing Extension**

Have students choose one card and write a sentence or short story about what the item might do if it came to life outside the book.

Why It Works:

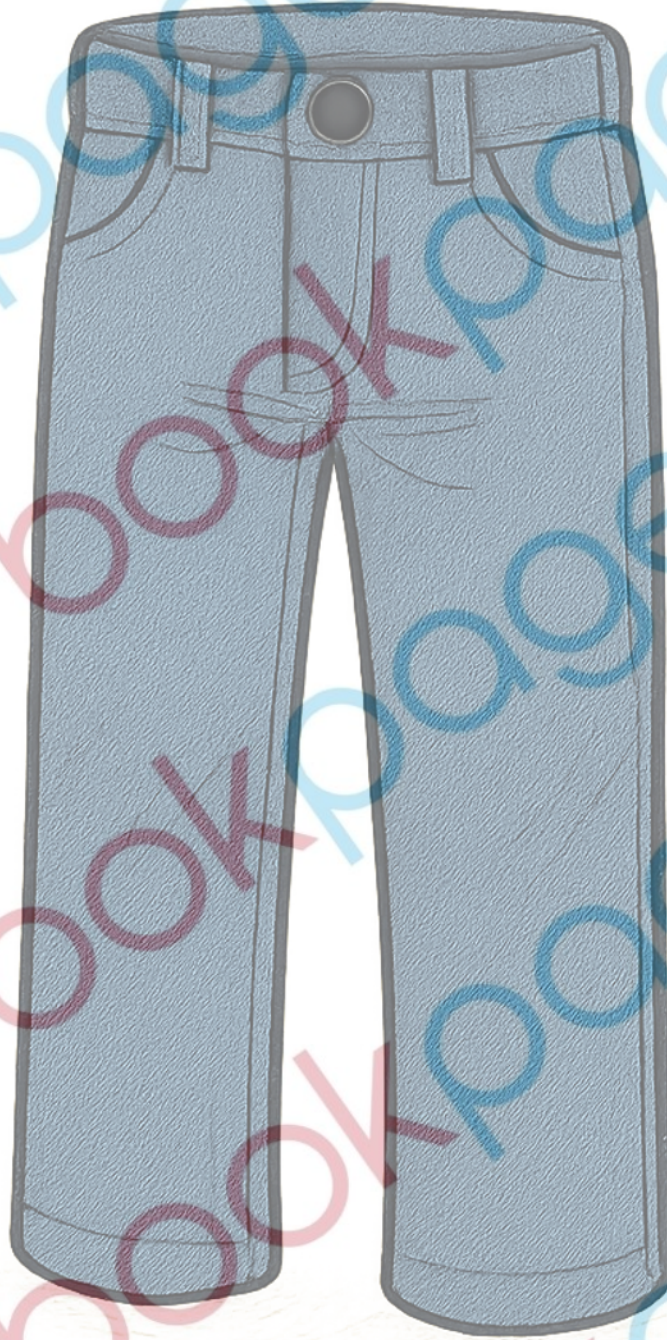
The cards give students concrete visuals to hold and move, supporting memory, sequencing, and comprehension. They also make reading interactive and fun—perfect for building confidence in young readers.



CLOMP, CLOMP



WIGGLE, WIGGLE



SHAKE, SHAKE



CLAP, CLAP



Clap, Clap



BOO, BOO!