Teacher Talk for *Rufus Finds a Home* by Theodore Jerome Cohen

*Non-affiliate link*

Pages 2-6 are for Pre-K and up. They may be used generally in conjunction with the story and discussion, without too much emphasis on why the man has to give the dog a new home. Just focus on the fact the dog needs and gets a new home with younger children.

- Page 2  Dog words and coloring page, no preparation, art or writing center
- Page 3  Story word writing page, no preparation, writing center
- Page 4  Dabbers and Q-tip painting activity page, art center
- Page 5  Dog coloring page, no preparation, art center or seatwork
- Page 6  Dog theme patterning page, what is next? This cut and paste activity could be placed in the math center as it includes patterns:
  - ABC
  - AB
  - AAB

**Pages 7-9 Word Cards**

The word cards are intended for a more in-depth discussion of the ideas in the story, including empathy and kindness, which is missing from large sections of our society today.

*The word cards may be used in the following ways:*

1. On a word wall
2. With blank writing paper in the writing center
3. For students to use and retell the story for a comprehension check
4. Make 2 copies of each page 7-9 to make a memory matching game
5. For story sequencing – students could pull some of the pictures and put them in order to match the story.
6. As book markers for students to bookmark story pages where the words are located
7. For word flash cards after familiarity with the story and vocabulary
8. For Read Around the Room
9. As story discussion prompts
Color words and pictures.

dog
puppy
food
leash
doghouse
Name _______________________ Date ______

Q-tip and dabber paint page.
Name _______________________  Date __________

Man’s Best Friend
Which is next?

Name ______________________

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[Images of scissors, food, and leashes at the bottom]
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move  stick

feed  forgot
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food
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doghouse
children
ball
paper
Sequencing cutting strips. Pictures can be pasted on adding machine tape. In each row, what would be first? Last? Why? This page is also the answer key.
Supplies for pasting pictures in sequence on adding machine tape or other paper cut in strips.

Sequencing pictures pasted in order first to last. More—the apple cutting strips are included in the printable at this blog post.

More— Bird cutting strips are at this link.

Another free PDF— Free sequencing cards are at this post.
Free printable by Wise Owl Factory and the artists listed.

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