



THE PURPLE PUFFY COAT

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Beetle gives Stick Bug an attention-grabbing coat for his birthday—but is that what Stick Bug really wants? This delightful story is about friends learning to understand each other.



Use *The Purple Puffy Coat* in your classroom to teach new vocabulary and differing perspectives.



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- There is wonderful vocabulary in *The Purple Puffy Coat*. Here are some words to teach your students: *spectacle, portrait, admire, attention, shudder, generous, thoughtful, and magnificent*. Have students write out their definitions of these words and use them in their writing.
- Stick Bug and Beetle have very different opinions on the purple puffy coat. Have students discuss a time they disagreed with a friend.
- Beetle doesn't realize Stick Bug doesn't like his present until he finally reflects on the fact that Stick Bug isn't happy when wearing the coat. Define empathy and discuss how this is an example of it.
- Why is it important to see another person's point of view when you have different opinions? In the end, what makes Stick Bug and Beetle such good friends?



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