



Señor Roscoe on Vacation

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*Beyond introducing children (and perhaps the grown-up reader!) to a vast variety of Spanish words, **Señor Roscoe on Vacation** can spark conversation which fosters language skills and builds child/caregiver bond.*

As you read along, ask the child the following questions:

- Señor Roscoe is packing for a vacation. Where do you think he might be going?
- What kinds of stores do señor Roscoe and Fry pass on their way out of the city?
- Have you ever ridden on a train like señor Roscoe? Where to? What was that like?
- Have you ever gone camping? Where did you go? Where did you sleep? What did you do? What did you like/dislike about your adventure?
- Which shelter pictured in the book would you be unlikely to see in a real campground? Why?
- Have you ever taken a vacation to a snowy destination? What was that like? What do you like or imagine you might like most about snow?
- Why are Stan and the crowd impressed?
- The book shows lots of ways to have fun on the lake. Which looks like the most fun to you and why?
- If you've ever been to the beach, what is your favorite thing to do there? If not, would you like to go? Why or why not?
- The café customers are enjoying a variety of treats. Which would you choose?

Further questions and activities for after reading the book.

- What is señor Roscoe's favorite place? What is yours and what do like doing there? Draw a picture of you and your friends or family enjoying this place.
- What did señor Roscoe give each of his friends? Why do you think he gave them these things?
- Make a list of all the different vehicles señor Roscoe travels on. Which looks like the most fun? Draw a picture of yourself on your favorite.
- Señor Roscoe takes his pet, Fry, on vacation with him. Draw a picture of your pet or of an imaginary pet you might like to have. Make up a story about you and the pet going on a wonderful vacation and illustrate, if you like.
- Make your own dictionary with all the Spanish words and their English translations found in the book and draw pictures for some of the words, if you like.

Read **Señor Roscoe in the City** for more Spanish-language learning – and fun!

