



Teaching Notes for "Cockatoo Magic"

Early Stage 1 / Stage 1

SUMMARY

Cockatoo Magic is written by Katharine Rogers and illustrated by Nana Sakata.

Little Ellie wishes she could go on big flying adventures like Snowy, the sulphur-crested cockatoo. What if there is a way to be brave... even when you feel too small?

Curriculum Links

- **Cross curriculum connection of personal and social capability.** Students develop personal and social capability as they learn to understand and manage themselves, their relationships, lives, work and learning more effectively.
- **Critical and creative thinking, ethical understanding.** Students develop critical and creative thinking by seeking new pathways or solutions when they evaluate knowledge, ideas and possibilities.

Syllabus Connections

- **Ene- 4A** Demonstrates developing skills and strategies to read, view and comprehend short, predictable texts on familiar topics in different media and technologies
- **Ene-2A** Composes simple text to convey an idea or message.

Pre-Reading Discussion Questions

- Raise your hand if you have seen a cockatoo before.
- Did the cockatoo you saw look like the one on the cover or was it a different colour?
- The title of this book is "Cockatoo Magic," how do we know when something is magical? Or What are the elements that make something magic?
- How do you think this cockatoo will be magical?
- Does anyone know what the collective noun for a group of cockatoos is called? (*A crackle.*)

Post-Reading Discussion Questions

- Were the classes' predictions about the magic right? How was it different/ similar?
- Has anyone here ever felt scared by big noises? What do you do when you feel scared? Why do we all feel scared sometimes?
- Ellie had to be brave to help get the puppy out of the bush. How did Snowy help her to be brave? Have you ever had anyone to help you be brave?

Cockatoo Magic - Activity Sheet



**What kind of cockatoo
is Snowy?**

Snowy is a

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**What were the things that made Ellie feel too
scared to go on adventures outside of her
backyard with Snowy?**



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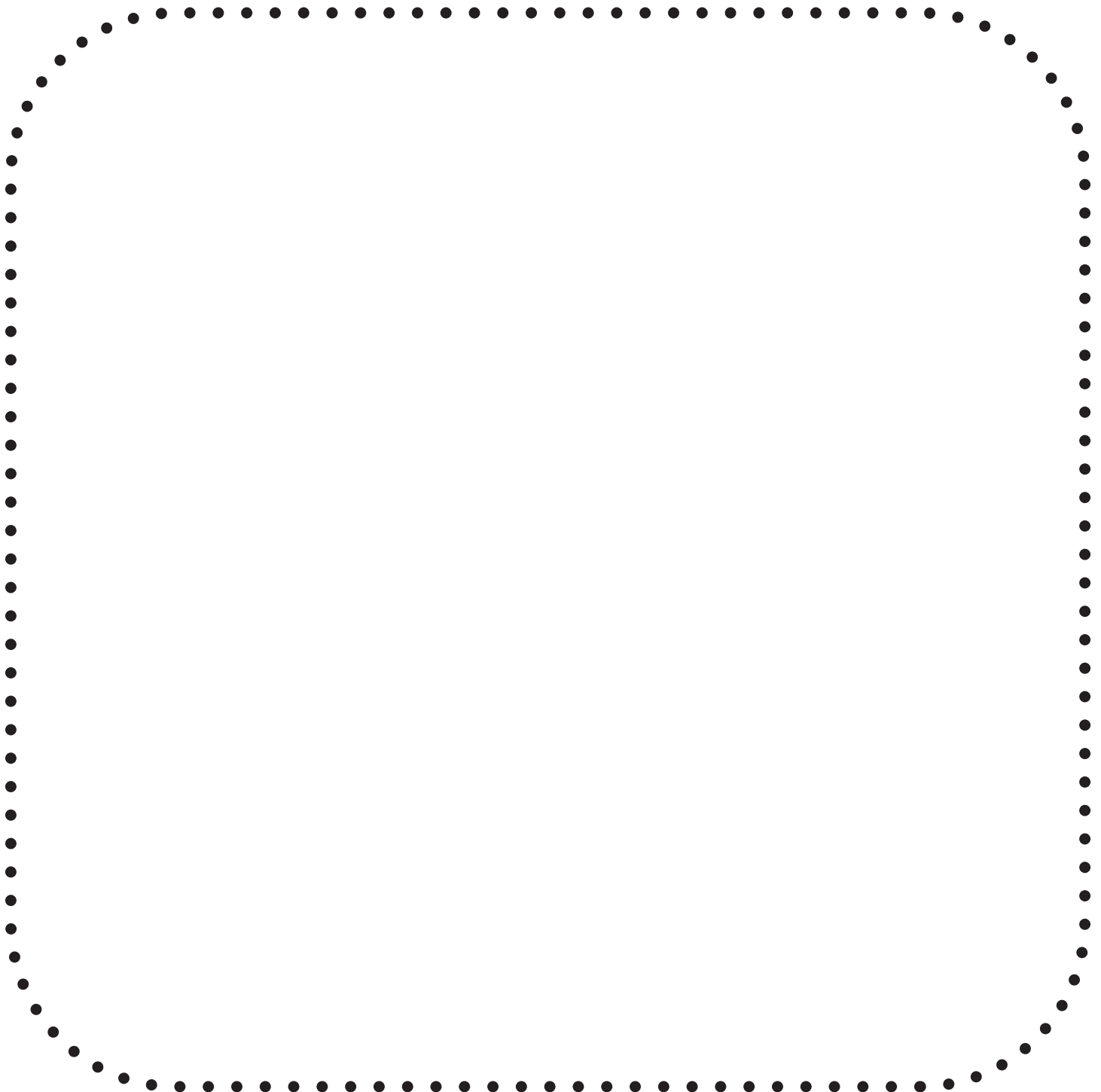
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Cockatoo Magic - Writing Activity

In the story, Ellie had to be brave to help the puppy stuck in a bush. Can you think of a time when you had to be brave?

Write or draw your experience in the space below. Try to think about how it felt inside your body when you felt nervous or scared. Was your heart racing? Were your hands sweaty? Did your tummy feel funny? Did you take a big breath before you were brave?



Cockatoo Magic - Artwork

The illustrator for Cockatoo Magic used a combination of paint, coloured pencils and crayons to create Snowy and his swirls of magic.

Use some of these materials to draw your own "magic" around Snowy.

