

GOOD COPYCAT OR BAD COPYCAT?

LANGUAGE ARTS

Just like engineers can be inspired by nature, writers can be inspired by books! One inspiration for **Copy That, Copy Cat!** was Abi Cushman's picture book **Animals Go Vroom!**. Let's learn how to be good copycats in our writing.

READ

Read **Copy That, Copy Cat!** and **Animals Go Vroom!**

COMPARE

Compare and contrast the elements of the books, using a Venn diagram. Do they use the common elements in different ways?

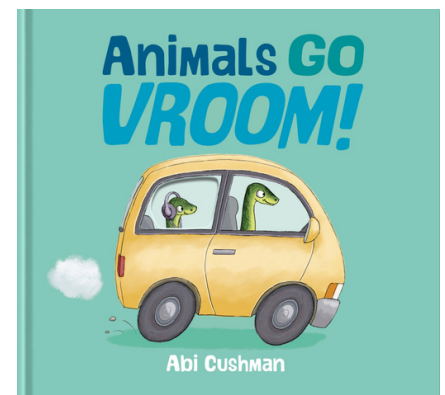
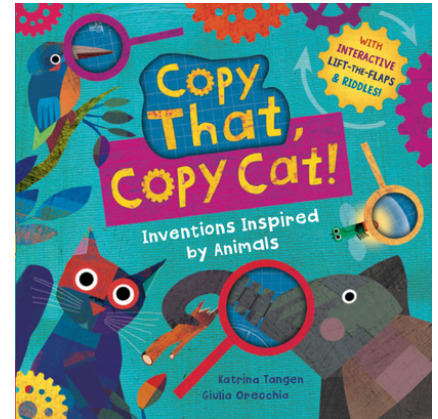
(Some possible elements: die-cuts, fiction vs. nonfiction, riddles, interrupted rhyme, animals, "trick" picture, art styles, flaps, exclamation marks, sound effects, etc.)

DISCUSS

Katrina was inspired by the page-turn surprises and die-cuts in Abi's book. Is this a good or bad kind of copying? Why? What's the difference between inspiration, cheating, and plagiarism?

CREATE

Choose an element from either book to copy. Make an art project, story, presentation, or picture book using the same element in a new way!





Copy That, Copy Cat!

Animals Go Vroom!

