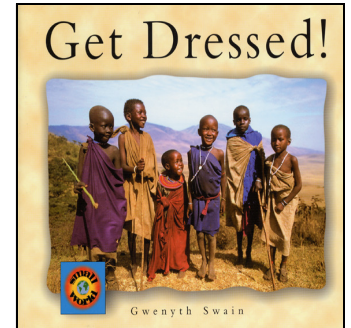


Minnesota Storytime
Reading Guide

Title: *Get Dressed!*
Author: Gwennyth Swain
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Summary: This is a nonfiction book, with rhyming text, about how children around the world get dressed. Through photographs the book introduces young readers to children and clothing styles in 15 different countries.

Suggested ages: 4-6

- Tips for Reading:**
- Read the main text, pages 3-21, slowly giving children time to answer specific questions such as “What do you like to wear?”
 - Ask children to identify the seasons shown in individual photographs and to speculate about whether the outfits shown are for everyday use or for special occasions.
 - After reading the main text, read pages 22 and 23 where each photograph in the book is identified and further information is provided.
 - Look at the photographs in the main text a second time, referring to pages 22 and 23 to identify the different countries shown in each photograph.
 - Several methods to enhance the reading of the book are listed on page 24.

- Questions before reading:**
- What did you do this morning? (Among the usual answers, “got out of bed,” “ate breakfast,” “brushed teeth,” someone is sure to say “got dressed.”)
 - What’s your favorite outfit and why? Do you have a favorite shirt? pants? dress?
 - Why did you put on the clothes you are wearing right now? (Did the weather affect your choices? Did someone else choose your clothes for you?)
 - Why do people wear different kinds of clothing in different parts of the world?

To Introduce this story say: People all around the world get dressed every morning, but what they put on can be very different. Let’s take a look at how kids get dressed and what they wear in countries around the world.

**Questions
After Reading:**

- Which outfit shown in the book would you most want to try on?
- Which outfit looks most like something you would wear?
- Do you have any clothes you wear for special occasions? What do they look like? How do you feel when you wear these clothes?
- Take a look at the clothing worn by children in a climate unlike your own. How are the clothing styles different and similar to your own?
- What kind of shoes are you wearing? Pull-ons? Velcros? Tie shoes? Which kind of shoe is most popular among the children you know?
- Can you button your own buttons, tie your own shoelaces, or tie your own necktie? What kinds of skills have you had to learn to dress yourself?
- How has the clothing you wear changed as you've grown older?

RELATED ACTIVITIES (More activities are listed on page 24 of the book.)

- Art:**
- Draw a picture of your favorite clothes.
 - Ask parents, grandparents, or older friends to share with you photographs taken of them when they were children. Put them in a photo album. How did their clothing differ from yours? How was it similar?
 - Create a timeline of photos showing what you wore at different times in your life. Include locations, dates, photographs and/or drawings with your comments.
- Culture:**
- On a large world map, locate all the countries shown in the book.
 - Interview someone from another culture and ask about his or her favorite clothes.
- Language:**
- Share photographs of yourself dressed up for a special occasion and/or dressed casually for everyday activities. Then describe how you felt in either or both outfits.
 - Compare and contrast the clothes you are wearing right now with those shown in a photograph in the book.
 - Use descriptive words to identify colors, textures, lengths, and other aspects of the clothes you are wearing right now. (For example: "I am wearing a cozy, nubby, green sweater.")
- Other:**
- Explore the seasons by talking about specific clothes you wear in each season of the year.
- Suggestions for English Language Learners:**
- Interview family members about clothing traditionally worn in your family's home country.
 - Discuss the names for different articles of clothing, such as "hat," "shoe," "dress," "shirt," and "pants," in different languages.
- Related Books:**
- ***Around the World: Clothes*** by Margaret Hall (Heinemann Education, 2003)
 - ***Ella Sarah Gets Dressed*** by Margaret Chodos-Irvine (Harcourt, 2003)
 - ***Hats, Hats, Hats*** by Ann Morris, illustrated by Ken Heyman (Lothrop, 1989)
 - ***Shoes, Shoes, Shoes*** by Ann Morris (Lothrop, 1995)
 - ***Jamela's Shoes*** by Niki Daly (Farrar, 1999)
 - ***Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?*** by Nancy White Carlstrom, illustrated by Bruce Degen (Simon & Schuster, 1986)

