

The Use of Picture Book Entitled The History of Surabaya in Learning Vocabulary

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Why this picture book?

Narrative texts are important in English learning, but many students face difficulties in understanding story structures, vocabulary, and moral values. To overcome these challenges, picture books provide a meaningful solution by combining simple texts with illustrations, making stories easier to follow and more enjoyable. This product was created to help students not only improve their language skills but also integrate English learning with local culture.

Storyline

The picture book tells the legend of Surabaya, featuring Sura the Sark and Baya the crocodile. The story begins with their peaceful lives in the sea and the river, but soon they start fighting over territory and food. Their conflict grows into a fierce battle until they finally agree to live separately, with Sura in the sea and Baya in the river. The place where they fought later became known as Surabaya, a name that combines the two characters.

Picture Book Features

- ✓ Short and simple English sentences
- ✓ Colorful illustrations to support comprehension
- ✓ Sequential story structure: orientation, complication, climax, and resolution
- ✓ Cultural integration with local folklore

Goals

- Improve students' reading comprehension.
- Enrich vocabulary through visual support.
- Increase motivation and engagement in learning.

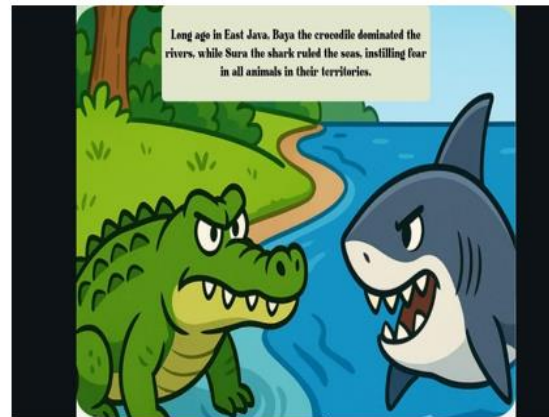
It aligns with today's digital learning environment and responds to the need for **active, creative, and engaging educational media.**

How to use

Step 1: Open the Picture Book via the provided online link.

B. Preparation of Picture Book

1. Students access the flipbook using the link <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/a61ec64a4b.html>
2. Each page of the picture book presents short English sentences that are directly supported by illustrations.
3. The story is adapted from the Surabaya legend of *Sura* (shark) and *Baya* (crocodile).
4. Vocabulary is simplified to suit learners' levels and accompanied by visual cues.
5. The layout is designed in a sequential panel format to make the storyline easy to follow.



Picture 1



Picture 2

How to use

Step 2: Let students read aloud the story page by page..

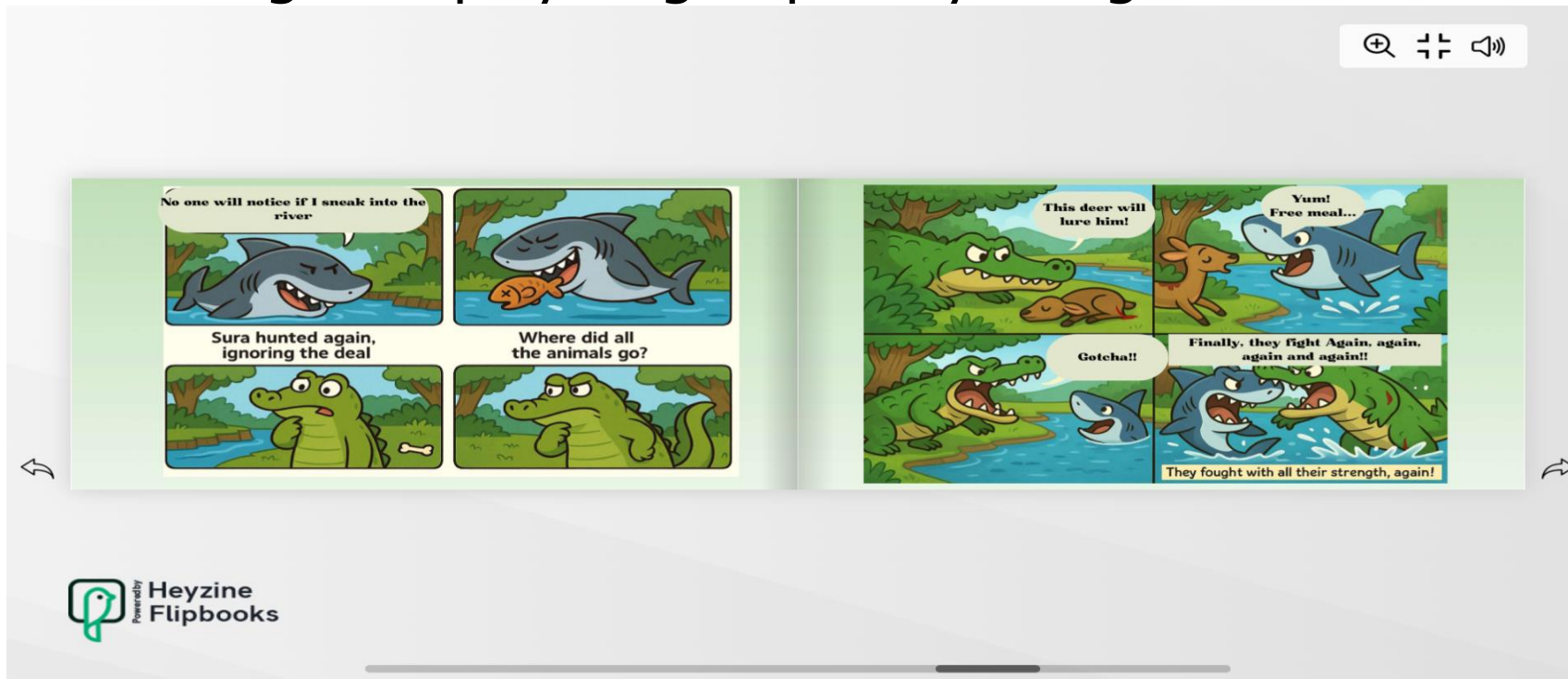


How to use

Step 3: Discuss key moments, vocabulary, and moral values.

Step 4: Let students sequence the story or retell it.

Step 5: encourage roleplay or group storytelling



Conclusion

In conclusion, this picture book makes learning English easier and more engaging. It improves skills, builds vocabulary and connects students with local culture.

