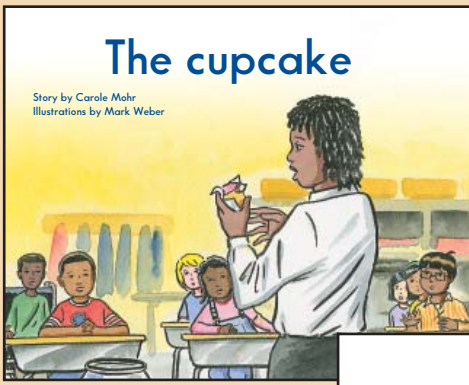


# The cupcake

Story by Carole Mohr  
Illustrations by Mark Weber



## Sample Mid First Grade / Emergent Book

Level 9

Word count this book: 151

Slightly smaller font, a little less space between words and lines, longer sentences

Less reliance on illustration to cue text

Sara's mom brought cupcakes for Sara's birthday.

"Let's eat our treats after lunch," said Mrs. Hall.



Students will relate to Kendra's and Victor's whispered comments.

"I want to eat a cupcake now," said Victor.

"Me, too," said Kendra.



Mrs. Hall doesn't see Snowball. But if your students look closely, they will!

Just then, Mr. Mead came to Mrs. Hall's class.

"Snowball, our pet mouse, is missing!" he said.

"Have you seen him?"

"No," said Mrs. Hall.

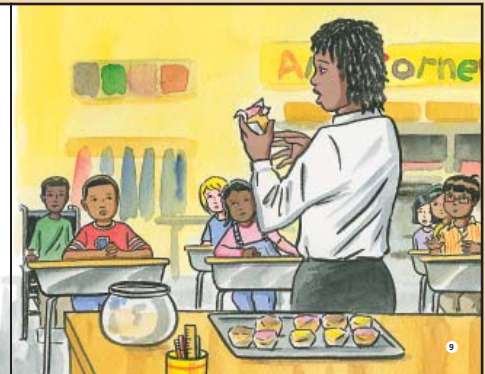


Reading aloud, students will have fun making Mrs. Hall sound upset.

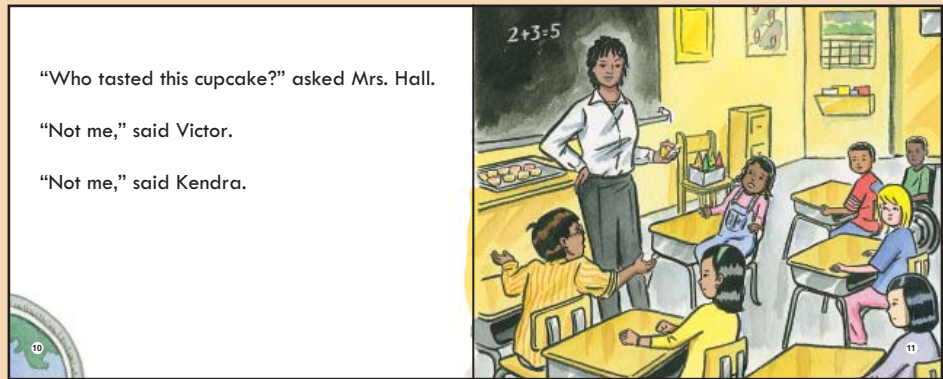
After lunch, it was time to eat the cupcakes.

"Oh no!" said Mrs. Hall.

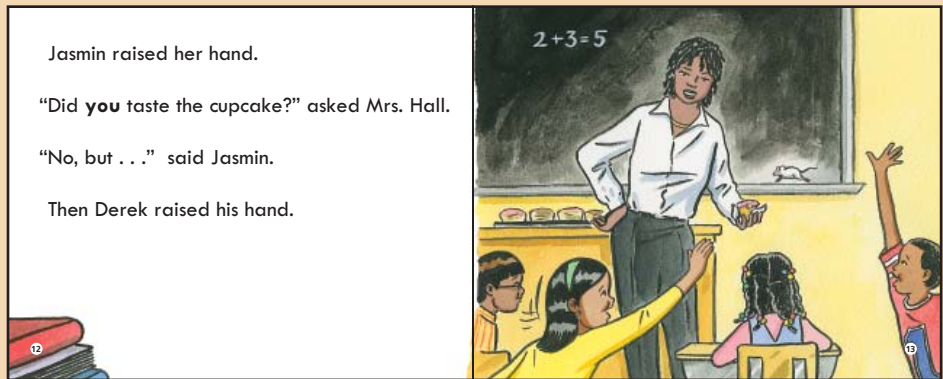
"Someone tasted one of the cupcakes!"



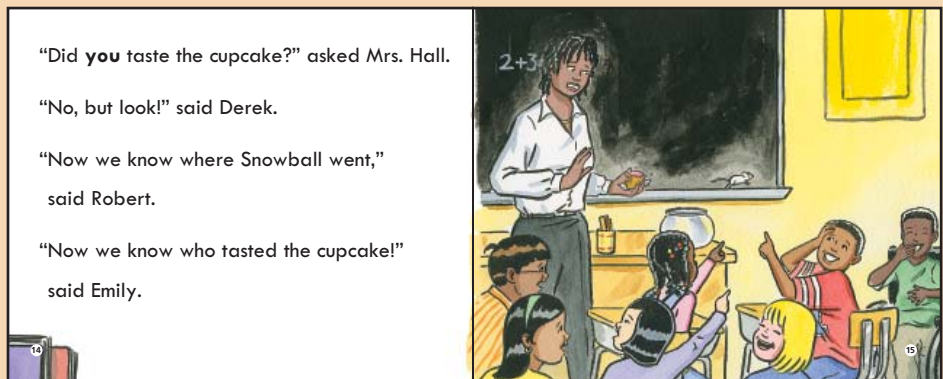
Some patterned text here and on later pages, but much less than in lower-level books



A perfect opportunity for students to predict who *did* eat the cupcake



Mrs. Hall’s expression will make students chuckle.



**Boldface type encourages students to read with expression.**

