



Waiting  
By Kevin Henkes

What are you waiting for? An owl, a puppy, a bear, a rabbit, and a pig—all toys arranged on a child's windowsill—wait for marvelous things to happen in this irresistible picture book by the New York Times–bestselling and Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes. Five friends sit happily on a windowsill, waiting for something amazing to happen.

Check out this book on Hoopla  
<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12206046>

Make a *Waiting* memory match card game  
[https://kevinhenkes.com/wp-content/uploads/Waiting\\_MemoryCards\\_Kevin\\_Henkes.pdf](https://kevinhenkes.com/wp-content/uploads/Waiting_MemoryCards_Kevin_Henkes.pdf)

Writing prompts and more for parents teaching at home  
[https://www.teachingbooks.net/media/pdf/HarperCollins/Waiting\\_2015.pdf](https://www.teachingbooks.net/media/pdf/HarperCollins/Waiting_2015.pdf)

Learn about the clay figures that inspired the book

<https://www.shelf-awareness.com/max-issue.html?issue=167#m346>

Make your own clay figures to watch out your window

<https://www.familyeducation.com/fun/clay/homemade-clay-recipes>

#### Extension Activities:

1. Keep a weather log for the next week--would any of the story characters be happy with what happens?
2. Look out the window together and play iSpy. What wonderful, interesting things can you see out your very own window?
3. Discuss waiting--what are some things you have had to wait for? Was it easy or hard? Did you get what you wanted? Was it worth the wait? What are some ways to make waiting easier?
4. Draw a window on a sheet of paper and draw the view through it--either a real view from your real window, or one in your imagination! If you have a printer, you can print out this window coloring sheet, but if not drawing your own is just fine. <https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/out-my-window-coloring-page/>
5. The five animals saw cloud versions of themselves in the sky when they looked out the window. It's a little easier to look at the clouds outside, so take a blanket out into your backyard, lie down, and see what shapes you can see in the clouds.