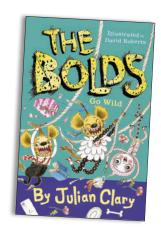


## Things to talk about ...

- What do you think it means to be 'wild'?
- Most humans consider rain to be 'bad weather', and stay inside when it's wet. Why do you think the Bolds feel the opposite? Read pages 5-11 to see what they get up to.
- Miranda tells Hector that he is very boring, but Mrs Bold enjoys his educational facts. What do you think? Read pages 33-34 for an example.



- Why does Imamu disapprove of the Bolds' lives in Teddington? Read pages 92-95 to see what some of her complaints are.
- Minnie was scared to meet Imamu for the first time on page 127. How do you think you would feel meeting a wild hyena?
- Pages 146-147 show that Bobby and Betty tape down their tails for school every day, even though they find it uncomfortable. Do you think they would be happier if they didn't have to hide their secret?
- How did you expect Mrs Dobson to react when she discovered Bobby and Betty's secret? Read Chapter 13 (pages 166-174) to see what happened. Were you surprised?
- The Bolds learn on page 185 that their friend Jeffrey wants to live as a chimpanzee. If you could live as an animal, what would you choose and why?
- In *The Bolds Go Wild*, the narrator keeps reminding us that 'everything happens for a reason'. Do you agree with this? Is it always the case in the Bolds books?
- The Bolds explain on page 170 that humans 'are too busy thinking of yourselves as the most intelligent species to notice us living among you.' Do you think you would notice if your teacher, neighbour or friend was actually an animal?







## Activities

- Imamu is very confused by life on Fairfield Road. Create a guide with five main lessons you think a wild animal would need to learn about living amongst humans.
- Mrs Dobson is shocked to find out that there are animals working as teachers, like a koala bear at Eton, and a chemistry professor at Cambridge who's a particularly clever goat. Draw one of these teachers, showing how they might try to disguise their features at work.
- Jeffrey heads off to live in Tanzania after his adventures with the Bolds. Design a cover for a new book about his life with the monkeys. Think of a title and an attention-grabbing illustration, and don't forget to include the names of the author and illustrator.
- At the end of *The Bolds Go Wild*, Imamu and Hector set off towards the Serengeti, on a luxurious yacht with Gi-Gi the supermodel giraffe. Write a postcard from Imamu to the Bolds in Teddington, imagining what adventures she might have got up to on the way home.
- Hector loves facts pick an animal and make a fact file with interesting things about them.

