



**BOOK TITLE:** **Stretch**  
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**SUMMARY OF BOOK:** In this colorful book with bold images, a dog stretches ... in different locations, with different parts of his body, with assorted animal friends. He invites readers to stretch along with him. Everyone can get exercise!

**\*BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

Try questions such as these:

1. Talk about the cover of the book:  
“What is the dog doing?” “Does he look like he’s having fun?”
2. “Can you stand on one foot? Let’s try it.”
3. Try stretching to get ready for reading this book, as if you’re preparing for exercise or a big activity.

**DURING READING** (ask these questions):

1. Stretch along with the dog! *Whisper, roar, yawn, and blow, too.* pretending to be? How did the dog get his spots?”
2. On the first panel, there are animal feet along the bottom. “Can you tell which animal they belong to?” As you read along, you’ll come across those animals.
3. Spend time with the pictures, encouraging your child to find details he wants to pay attention to. “What’s happening here? What’s the dog
4. If your child is learning colors, try pointing them out.
5. Does your child find things particularly funny? Laugh along.
6. Relate to your child’s experience: “Has our cat ever done that?” “What happens when you blow bubble gum?”

**AFTER READING** (activity to extend book experience):

1. Ask “What’s your favorite part of the story? Why?”
2. Afterwards, try stretching on occasion and relate it back to the book: “Are we stretching to the ceiling like the elephant?” “Is that a yawn or a stretch from deep inside?”
3. Try to get your child and friends to stretch together, to work on something together. Talk about cooperation and how it makes lots of things easier and more fun. Where in the book were the dog and his friends working together?

