

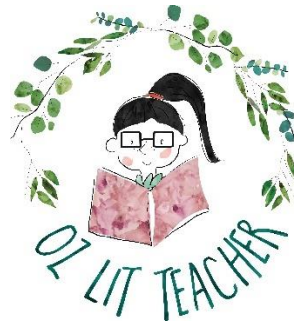
TAYTA'S SECRET INGREDIENT

AMAL ABOU-EID AND CARA KING



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	✓	✓	✓	✓						

Writing	
Ideas	✓
Organisation	✓
Voice	
Word Choice	✓
Sentence Fluency	✓
Conventions	✓
Presentation	



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Reading	
Determining Importance	
Inferring	✓
Making Connections	✓
Predicting	✓
Questioning	✓
Summarising & Synthesising	✓
Visualising	

Tayta's Secret Ingredient, by Amal Abou-Eid and Cara King, is a book about celebrating Harmony Day at school. Billy wants to take some of his Tayta's delicious Lebanese *kaak* to school to share with his classmates, so he asks his Tayta to make some. He watches her make the yummy cakes and tries to uncover the details of the 'secret ingredient' that she puts in every batch.

Writing

IDEAS: Students could use this book as inspiration to write a similar story about a special food/ person or event in their lives. Alternatively, they could write about something special they have done with a family member. **ORGANISATION:** This book is written in chronological order. It has a circular structure, starting with Harmony Day, then moving to the baking, before returning to Harmony Day again. **WORD CHOICE:** Tier 2 words worthy of instruction include: diverse, rummaged, searched, connected, form, sprinkled, popped, joyous, replied. Use this text to introduce and examine the concept of pronouns. Note how the pronouns link different sentences together (e.g. 'Tayta didn't wait for Billy. She put the dry ingredients in a large bowl...') Examine the use of intentional repetition and/or the rule of 3 -where the author has listed 3 items or repeated something 3 times (e.g. What could it possibly be? What did it look like? Where did she hide it?') **SENTENCE FLUENCY:** Look at the ways the author has varied their sentence beginnings (e.g. through using adverbial phrases of time such as 'Last year', and 'This year'.)

Reading

QUESTIONING: How does this book reflect your experience of Harmony Day at school? Billy said he loves the food on the day, what do you love about Harmony Day? What have you learned about other cultures through Harmony Day celebrations? Do you have a family recipe that includes a secret ingredient? Who gets to find out what the ingredient is in your family? What does 'diversity' mean to you?