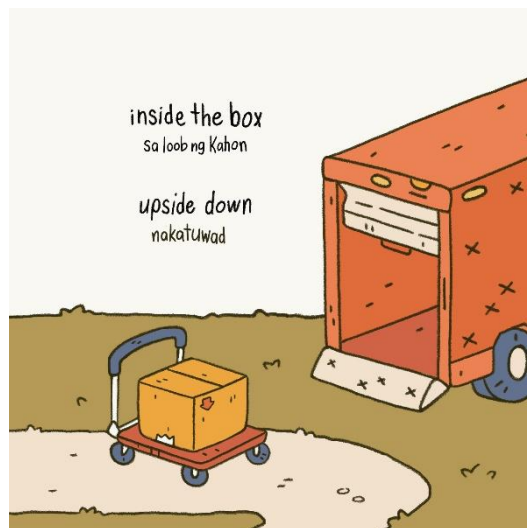


Balikbayan Box: Journey to the Philippines by Jocelyn Francisco, Ph.D.

Age Level: 2-4 Years

About the Story

In this simple story, the pasalubong (gifts/souvenirs) gets placed in a box that gets turned upside down, taken outside, and put on a truck, then a plane. Children learn about spatial words when the box goes outside, gets on the plane, and the Balikbayan Box lands right-side up.



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Words to Learn**SPATIAL WORDS**

Inside, outside, upside down, going on, right-side up

About the Math

This story introduces children to spatial ideas. As the Balikbayan Box takes a journey to the Philippines, children can learn:

- To describe the location of objects using spatial words, such as inside.
- To describe the direction of objects using spatial words, such as going on.
- To name spatial words that are the opposite of one another, such as upside down and right-side up.



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Math Discussion During Reading

TALK ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PICTURE, EMPHASIZING WORDS THAT DESCRIBE SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Do you see the pasalubong going in the box?

Where is the box going? How do you know?

CONSIDER OPPOSITES

What is the opposite of going on the plane?

What is the opposite of going inside the box?

MAKE PREDICTIONS

What might happen next in the story? If the box is upside down and we turn it around, will it still be upside down?

Try to come up with some of your own questions and comments, too!

Activity After Reading

TRY WRITING A STORY OF YOUR OWN USING THE SAME WORDS

Write your own story using the words inside, outside, upside-down.