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**Picture Story** 

Teacher Notes and Activities

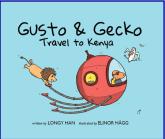
## Gusto & Gecko Travel to Kenya

By Longy Han & Illustrated by Elinor Hagg Publisher: Longy Han ISBN 9780994341303 \$22.95

The Curious Travels of Gusto & Gecko is a children's picture book series which follows two dinosaurs, Gusto and Gecko, on their epic journey around the world.

Our first adventure takes Gusto and Gecko to the rolling plains of Kenya where they stumble upon a ferocious lion and must run for their lives!

Along the way, readers encounter Africa's 'Big Five' animals in their natural habitats, learn collective nouns and become little explorers.



## Themes:

- Travelling & Exploring
- Friendship
- Animals

## **Discussion Points:**

- On an ordinary Sunday afternoon, Gusto & Gecko ended up in Kenya. Do you know where there is? Do you know anything about it? If so, share it with the class.
- What was the machine called that they travelled in? Do you think it was real? Why or why not?
- In order, can you recall all the different animals that Gusto and Gecko encountered along the way? How do you think they felt when they were being chased by the lion?
- What is the collective noun for each of the animals?
- As a class, make a list of all the characteristics of each of the animals.
- Which one of these is your favourite and why?
- If you found yourself in Kenya, which animal would you least like to come across and why?
- How did Gusto & Gecko eventually fool the lion?
- Why were the other animals happy when they did?
- Do you think Gusto & Gecko would have had such a fun adventure if they had been by themselves? Explain.
- Who would you like to go on such an adventure with?

## Activities:

- Make your own miniature 'Rombom'. Experiment with different materials and colours to make it unique. You may even like to rename it.
- Write your own short adventure story that starts with 'It was an ordinary Sunday afternoon...' You may find yourself travelling the world or you may like to stay closer to home. Either way, make sure to include all the animals and wildlife that you see along the way.