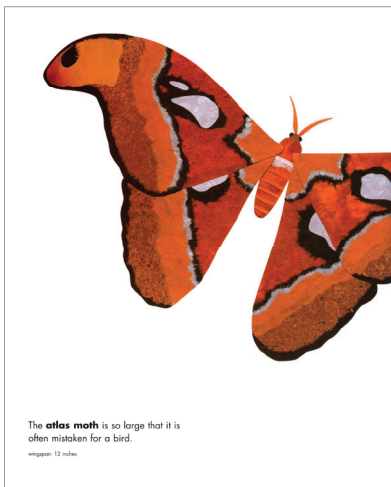


Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

AGE LEVEL 4–5 years

About the Story

In *Actual Size*, we meet animals of different sizes. Animals are drawn to scale so children can see how they measure up to each animal. Each page includes interesting facts and physical dimensions of the animal.



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Words to Learn

MEASUREMENT WORDS

largest, giant, enormous, heaviest, longest, smallest

ANIMALS

moth, squid, crocodile, ostrich, anteater, tarantula

About the Math

Actual Size is about size relationships and measurement. When exploring and measuring the animals in the book, your child may learn:

- Animals come in many different sizes. Some are big, small, short, or long.
- How to compare animals of different sizes to find out which animal is bigger, smaller, shorter, or longer.
- How your child compares in size to the different animals.



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Math Talk During Reading

MAKE AN INFORMED JUDGMENT

Can you tell what animal is on this page? How do you know?

COMPARE ANIMALS OF DIFFERENT SIZES

Which one do you think is bigger, smaller, shorter, longer? How do you know?

MEASURE THE ANIMALS USING DIFFERENT BODY PARTS

Let's use your hand to measure the size of the animals. How big is this animal compared to your hand?

EXPLORE HOW YOUR CHILD'S SIZE COMPARES TO THE SIZE OF THE ANIMALS

How does your foot compare to the elephant's foot? Which one is bigger?

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

Activity After Reading

TALK ABOUT MEASUREMENT IN THE WORLD AROUND YOU

Let's look at this tiny ant! How small is it compared to your thumb?