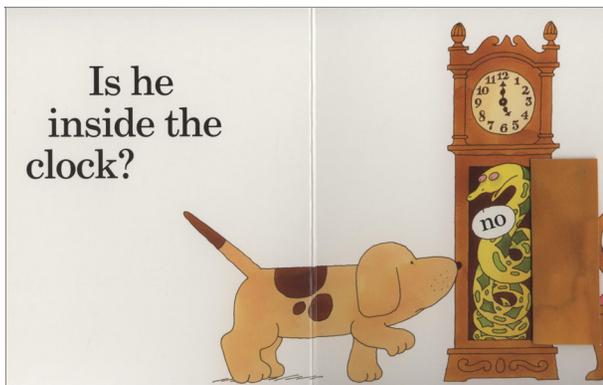


# Where's Spot? by Eric Hill

AGE LEVEL 2–4 YEARS

## About the Story

In this simple tale, a mother dog searches for her lost puppy, Spot. She finds other animals hiding behind the door, inside the clock, and under the stairs—but not her puppy. Finally, the mother dog finds Spot hiding inside a basket. Throughout the story, children can lift the flap on each page to help mother dog find her puppy.



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## Words to Learn

### MATH WORDS

behind, inside, in, under

### OTHER WORDS

supper, clock, piano, stairs, closet, bed, box, rug

## About the Math

*Where's Spot?* is all about spatial relationships. While reading the story, your child can learn:

- How to use spatial words to describe the location of objects. For example, the mother dog searches *behind* the door, *in* the piano, and *under* the stairs.
- Your child can also learn about the need for evidence. If you don't know, search until you get the information you need, such as where the pesky puppy is hiding.



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## Math Talk During Reading

### TALK ABOUT THE STORY USING DIFFERENT SPATIAL WORDS

The Mommy dog found a snake hiding inside the clock! What did she find under the stairs?

### MAKE A PREDICTION ABOUT WHERE THE MOTHER DOG MIGHT LOOK NEXT

The Mommy dog already looked in the box. Where do you think she'll look in this room?

### ASK ABOUT THE SIZE OF DIFFERENT CREATURES

Do you think an elephant can fit in this box? Do you think an ant could fit in the closet?

### HELP THE CHILD SUMMARIZE WHAT HAPPENED AT THE END OF THE STORY

What was the Mommy dog doing in the story? Where did she look for her puppy? Where did she end up finding her puppy?

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

## Activity After Reading

### TAKE TURNS HIDING A TOY AROUND YOUR HOUSE OR APARTMENT.

When you hide the toy, give your child clues using words like *under*, *over*, *behind*, *on top*, and *below* to help them find the hidden toy. Then have your child hide the toy. Ask them to give you clues to help you find the hidden toy.