



Teaching Notes: ASH INVITES HER FRIENDS TO TEA

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SYNOPSIS

Ash loves listening to her grandpa's stories. When he tells her about some magic leaves, mysterious animals start to appear! A charming tale of family love, traditions and teatime friends.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Fu Wenzheng grew up in a temple in China where her grandfather was a monk. The experiences she had as a child have greatly influenced her writing and style of illustration. Traditional Chinese culture and philosophy are at the focal point of all her work. Fu Wenzheng did her undergraduate studies at Fujian University's College of Fine Art and then went on to study illustration at Zhejiang Science and Engineering University's School of Art and Design.

Although Fu Wenzheng is new to the UK and Australia, she is already well-respected and known in China. She has received a number of national and international awards for her work, including the excellent illustrator award in The 2nd CCBF (China Shanghai International Children's Book Fair). As well as writing and illustrating picture books, she also teaches in the Cultural Products Department at Fujian Normal University's Union College.

ANOTHER BOOK BY FU WENZHENG





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EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Ash Invites Her Friends to Tea is a sweet, heart-warming story which encourages children to appreciate a relationship with an older family member. Key themes are nostalgia, listening and telling stories. Readers will also learn how tea is traditionally made.



DISCUSSION TOPICS

Before, during and after reading the book

1. Introduce *Ash Invites Her Friends to Tea* to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about.
2. Ash loves listening and talking to her grandpa. Ask the children if there's an older family member they like to spend time with. What do they talk about? What stories do they share?
3. Ask the children who they would like to invite for tea – friends and imaginary friends.
4. Tea originally comes from and was invented in China. Grandpa shows Ash how tea is made. Ask the children if they know how tea is made. Talk about the ceremony surrounding tea in China. You could then talk about the process involved in making coffee and hot chocolate.
5. After reading the book, ask them what they thought of the story. Which was their favourite part and why?



WORDSEARCH ACTIVITY

Find all the words below in the *Ash Invites Her Friends to Tea* wordsearch.

Ash invites her friends to tea

P I P T D U A S
X H A T A S H Y
S O N O E M D I
I M D V O A R O
G R A N D P A L
E E K E N A G O
L E R K R A O B
Y K N I R D N A

ASH
BOAR
DRAGON
DREAMS

DRINK
GRANDPA
LEAVES
MONKEY

PANDA
TEA



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G	R	A	N	D	P	A	L
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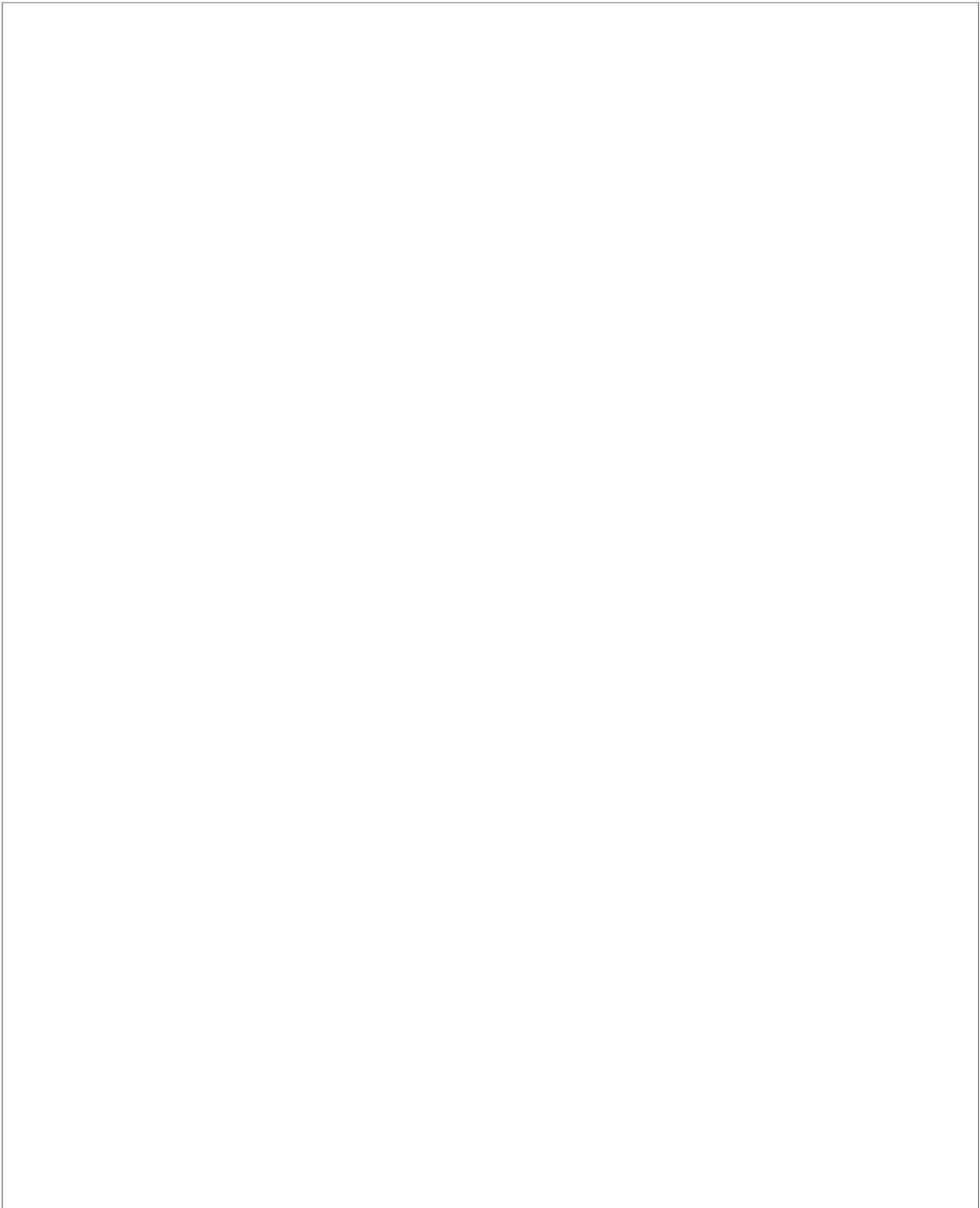
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DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw your own tea party! Who would you invite?
What would you have to drink and eat?



DESIGN ACTIVITY

Now it's time to design your tea party invitation so you can invite all your favourite family and friends. Remember to photocopy this sheet a few times before you write on it.

Ask an adult to help you cut it out.

invites

to a special tea party!

AT

ON

RSVP
NAME
NUMBER

