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Storytelling – *Big Letter B Dislikes Bananas*

Big Letter B loved all kinds of fruit except for bananas. One day, Big Letter B went to a restaurant and he ordered a big bowl of fruit salad for lunch.

Big Letter B was very hungry so he put a spoonful of fruit salad into his mouth. Suddenly, Big Letter B shouted, 'Oh no, bananas! I don't like bananas!' Big Letter B called for a waiter in the restaurant and he asked with his mouth full of food, '**Sorry, I don't like bananas.** Can you take away all the bananas in the salad?' The waiter took the salad and replied, 'No problem. I'll be right back.'

The waiter came back with a big bowl of fruit salad. Big Letter B was very hungry so he put a spoonful of fruit salad into his mouth. Suddenly, Big Letter B shouted, 'Oh no, bananas! I don't like bananas!' Big Letter B called for a waiter again and he asked with his mouth full of food, '**Sorry, I don't like bananas.** Can you take away all the bananas in the salad?' The waiter took the salad and replied, 'No problem. I'll be right back.'

The waiter came back with a big bowl of fruit salad. Big Letter B was very hungry so he put a spoonful of fruit salad into his mouth. Suddenly, Big Letter B shouted, 'Oh no, bananas again?! I don't like bananas!' Big Letter B called for a waiter again and he asked, '**Sorry, I don't like bananas.** Did you take away all the BANANAS?!' The waiter replied, 'Oh sorry! I made a mistake! I took away all the papayas instead.'

Big Letter B was shocked and fell on the ground laughing.

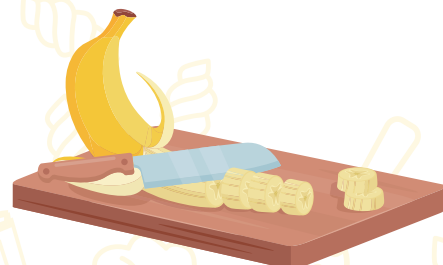
Extended activities related to the story

- Game: Picking out bananas
 - Show children a big bowl of fruit salad – with cutouts/toys of fruit inside.
 - Invite children to take turns picking out bananas from the bowl within a 20-second time limit for each turn.
 - Guide the class to count the number of bananas picked out each round.
- Art-and-craft activity: Decorating the letter B
 - Give each child a pre-cut A-4 sized letter B.
 - Ask children to trace the letter B with their finger.
 - Give each child some small cutouts of bananas.
 - Guide children to paste the cutouts of bananas onto the letter B following the stroke order of forming the letter.



Real-life experience activity – Making banana sandwiches

- Tell children that you want to make banana sandwiches with them.
- Invite Small Letter b to provide children with bananas and bread for making banana sandwiches.
- Invite children to make their own banana sandwich by guiding them to:
 - take one banana and a slice of bread.
 - peel the banana and slice the banana with a plastic knife.
 - put slices of banana on the bread.
 - fold the bread.
- Provide children with ample chances to listen to and say the names of the objects: banana, bread.
- Guide children to make association between the letter and the words (e.g., banana, bread, banana sandwich).
- Invite Small Letter b to eat banana sandwiches with children.



Other possible real-life experience activities and extended activities

- Forming the letter B using counting bears
 - Give each child an A-4 sized big letter B template, with arrows showing the formation of the letter.
 - Give each child a basket of counting bears.
 - Guide children to form the letter B by putting the counting bears on the letter B according to the stroke order and the arrows shown on the template of the letter.
- Physical activity: Throwing balls
 - Label balls of different sizes with the letter 'B' or 'b', and label two baskets 'B' and 'b'.
 - Have children stand from a distance and throw the balls into the baskets with the matching letters.
 - Check the balls in the baskets with children.
- Singing a song

The More We Eat Bananas (Tune: The More We Get Together)

The more we eat bananas, bananas, bananas,
The more we eat bananas, the healthier we'll be.
Some for you and for me,
Some for you and for me.
The more we eat bananas, the healthier we'll be.



Suggested books



Book Title

1. *Bees Like Flowers*
2. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*
3. *Counting to Bananas*
4. *The Backyard Bug Book for Kids*

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