

TEXT SUMMARY: *Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber

This summary is divided into the segments of the read-aloud where the teacher stopped to think-aloud or to have the children turn and talk and record their thinking.

Pages	Summary
1-15	A little boy named Ira is invited to his first sleepover by his neighbor, Reggie. He is excited but then his sister starts to plant ideas in his mind that if he doesn't take his teddy bear with him, he'll be afraid and unhappy, but if he does take the teddy bear, Reggie will laugh at him. Ira goes back and forth in his mind about whether he should take his teddy bear. His mother and father both advise him to take it, but of course his sister warns him against it. Finally he decides not to take the bear.
16-33	Ira and Reggie play in the afternoon, and Reggie tells Ira all about the fun they will have at the sleepover – the magic tricks, junk collection, etc. Then Reggie tells Ira that they will tell ghost stories once they are in bed in the dark, and how scary and spooky it will be. Ira tries to get Reggie to talk about what he thinks about teddy bears, but Reggie always changes the subject. Ira decides that he will take his bear after all. His mother and father are glad, but his sister teases that Reggie will ask his teddy bear's name, and he'll laugh when he tells him it's Tata. So Ira changes his mind again and decides not to take Tata. Ira goes to the sleepover, and they play and have fun. Reggie's father tells them to get into bed, and they do, and turn out the lights.
34-39	Once they are in bed, Reggie starts to tell scary ghost stories. Then Reggie gets out of bed to "get something." Ira sees that it is a teddy bear, and begins to ply Reggie with questions about whether he sleeps with the bear all the time and what his name is. Reggie hesitates to answer, and says, "You promise you won't laugh?" and tells him the bear's name is Fufu. Hearing all this, Ira tells Reggie he has to go get something too.
39 - 48	Ira goes to his house and tells his surprised family that he changed his mind and wants to get Tata. His sister continues to tell him that Reggie will laugh, but Ira responds, "He won't laugh." When he gets back to Reggie's room he tells Reggie to finish the ghost story and that he has a teddy bear too, but Reggie doesn't respond – he's already fast asleep. So Ira happily falls sleep too, whispering goodnight to Tata.