

Sample Think Aloud for *Mr. Brown Can Moo*

Think Aloud

Most of these lines just describe Mr. Brown and what he can do.

Mr. Brown can make wonderful sounds, and one of the sounds is just "like a cow." The sound words are "Moo Moo."

Dr. Seuss could have just said "He can go like a cow," but instead, Dr. Seuss adds the line "He can go Moo Moo."

Without the "Moo Moo," I'd have to guess what sounds Mr. Brown makes.

Cows make noises other than mooing — they could make a noise when they're running, they could make a sound when they're chewing, and they could make a noise when they're eating or getting a drink of water.

If Dr. Seuss didn't say exactly which word it was, we'd have to guess.

Sound Word and Purpose

The word "Moo" on the first page of Dr. Seuss's book uses sound words to make it clear exactly what sounds both Mr. Brown and a cow make.