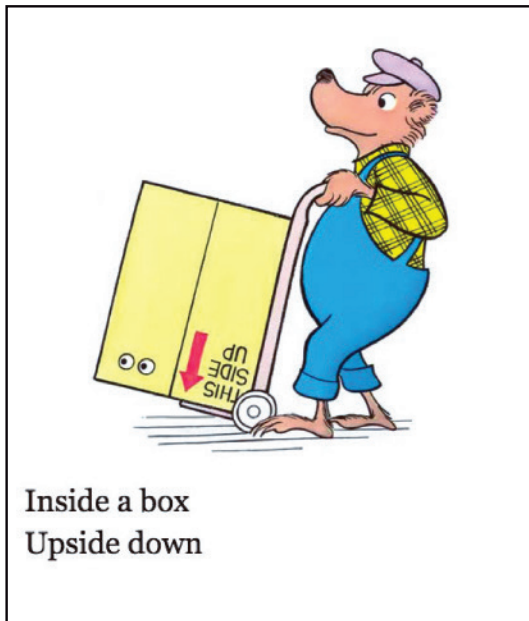


# Inside, Outside, Upside Down by Stan and Jan Berenstain age level: 2 - 4

## about the story

In this simple story, Brother Bear gets in a box that gets turned upside down, taken outside, and put on a truck. Children learn about spatial words when the box goes *outside*, falls off the truck, and Brother Bear lands *right side up*.



## words to learn

Spatial words: inside, outside, upside down, falling off, right side up

## about the math

This story introduces children to spatial ideas. As they take a journey with Brother Bear in the box, children can learn:

- To describe the location of objects using spatial words, such as inside.
- To describe the direction of objects using spatial words, such as falling off.
- To name spatial words that are the opposite of one another, such as upside down and right side up.



## tips and questions for reading

Talk about what is happening in the picture, emphasizing words that describe spatial relationship: **Do you see Brother Bear getting in the box? Where is the box going?**

Consider opposites: **What is the opposite of going on the truck? What is the opposite of getting inside the box?**

Make predictions: **What might happen next in the story? If the box is upside down and we turn it around, will it still be upside down?**

## activity after reading

Try writing a story of your own, using the same words: **Let's write our own story using the words inside, outside, and upside down.**