










# Dark



<p><b>1</b> Teach</p>	<p> Use a <u>sign</u> or <u>gesture</u> for <b>dark</b>.</p> <p> Look at the <u>symbol</u> together.</p> <p> <u>Say</u> the word <b>dark</b> to your partner.</p> <p> <u>Sing</u> a Word Aware song including the word <b>dark</b>.</p>
<p><b>2</b> Teach</p> 	<p><b>Equipment: Concept Cat toy, a working lamp and a window with curtains (from a dolls' house).</b></p> <p>Concept Cat is a clever, clever cat. He looks here, he looks there, learning as he goes and, when he comes home, he tells us a story. Concept Cat is a clever, clever cat. This story is all about <b>dark</b>. Listen out for the word <b>dark</b>.</p> <p>Concept Cat is going to bed but his room is <u>not</u> <b>dark</b>. To make his room <b>dark</b>, he closes the curtains. Now his room is <b>dark</b>.</p> <p>In the middle of the night, Concept Cat wakes up. Oh no! He can't see. It is so <b>dark</b>. Dad comes in and switches the light on. It is <u>not</u> <b>dark</b> now. Concept Cat can see.</p> <p>In the morning, the light is off and the curtains are closed. It is <b>dark</b>. Mum comes in and opens the curtains. It is <u>not</u> <b>dark</b> now!</p> <p>When the light was off, it was <b>dark</b>. When the curtains were closed, it was <b>dark</b>.</p> <p>Concept Cat, what a clever, clever cat. He knows all about <b>dark</b>.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Teach</p>	<p>A Turn the lights on and off and talk about <b>dark</b> and <u>not</u> <b>dark</b>.</p> <p>B Try on sunglasses or blindfolds to make things look <b>dark</b>.</p>
<p><b>4</b> Activate</p>	<p>A Put out the symbol for <b>dark</b> with blankets and a torch. Encourage children to make it <b>dark</b> and <u>not</u> <b>dark</b>.</p> <p>B In the role play area, play at opening and closing doors or curtains to make it <b>dark</b>.</p>
<p><b>5</b> Review</p>	<p> <b>Activity:</b> read <i>A Dark, Dark Tale</i> (Brown, 2012).</p> <p> <b>Word Bag:</b> put a blindfold in the bag and talk about <b>dark</b>.</p> <p> <b>Concept book:</b> see page 76 for details.</p> <p> <b>Family:</b> let children try on sunglasses indoors with the lights off so that it is <b>dark</b>.</p>