

Ed Sheeran To Read CBeebies Bedtime Story Joe Tiller, 22 October 2021



Ed Sheeran read a story about a boy with a stutter, a subject close to Sheeran's heart as he had a stutter as a child.

Sheeran will read the 2020 book *I Talk Like A River* by Jordan Scott and Sydney Smith. The book tells the story of a boy whose father gives him encouragement by explaining that the flow of his words is like a river.

Sheeran said he was "delighted" to read the tale, adding: "I hope the story helps inspire and support other children who stutter."

He went on: "Growing up, I had a stutter like the boy in *I Talk Like a River*, so I'm delighted to be reading this story for CBeebies Bedtime Stories, especially as I'm a new dad myself."

Past musicians to read the bedtime story include Dave Grohl, Dolly Parton, Robbie Williams, Mark Ronson and Sir Elton John.

NME reported that Sheeran told a New York fundraiser for the American Institute Of Stuttering in 2015 that learning to rap like Eminem helped him to overcome his childhood stutter. Sheeran said: "My Uncle Jim told my dad that Eminem was the next Bob Dylan - it's pretty similar, it's all just storytelling - so my dad bought me *The Marshall Mathers LP* when I was nine years old, not knowing what was on it. I learned every word of it, back to front, by the time I was 10. He raps very fast and melodically and percussively, and it helped me get rid of the stutter."

SOURCE : <https://www.thisisdig.com/ed-sheeran-to-read-cbeebies-bedtime-story/>

EXAM PREP : COMPREHENSION

1) → RIGHT OR WRONG

- a) Il s'agit d'un article qui présente une émission pour enfant
- b) Sheeran a lu le livre en 2020
- c) Son fils a un bégaiement comme dans le livre
- d) Il vient d'être papa
- e) Il est le premier musicien à participer
- f) Son oncle Jim connaît Bob Dylan et Eminem
- g) Il avait 10 ans quand on lui a offert l'album d'Eminem
- h) L'album s'appelle *The American Institute of Stuttering* et il est sorti en 2015

2) → Qu'est ce que cette album lui a permis ?

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If you want to watch Ed's reading of *I speak like a river* →



PROJECT : Create a READ ALOUD video for October 22nd

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6AvVSy_ing

Nous allons enregistrer le livre de Jordan Scott and Sydney Smith à l'oral et monter une video pour proposer notre propre interprétation du livre. Vous devez :

- choisir une ou plusieurs pages de livre et entraîner vous à les lire à haute voix
- vérifier que toute les pages ont été attribuées dans la classe
- vous enregistrer et mettre le résultat sur votre PAD.



STUTTERING 101

MYTHBUSTERS

People who stutter are less intelligent

FACT: There is no link between stuttering and intelligence

People who stutter are nervous

FACT: Nervousness does not cause stuttering but can increase disfluencies

People stutter on every word

FACT: Stuttering doesn't happen all the time

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Let us finish our sentences

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