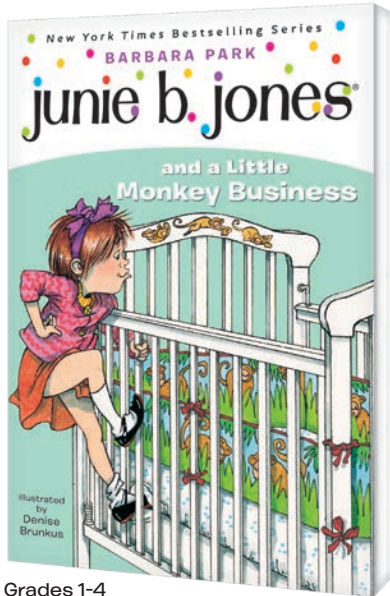


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## and a Little Monkey Business



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### Pre-Reading Activities

In *Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business*, Junie B.'s new little brother is brought home from the hospital and joins the family. Find out from your class where they are in their family tree and discuss how they feel about being the oldest, youngest, only child.

It's poeey on B-A-B-I-E-S until Junie B. finds out that her new dumb old baby brother is a big fat deal. Her two bestest friends are giving her everything they own just to see him. And guess what else? Maybe she can bring him to school on Pet Day.

In this guide, words and their meanings are discussed with a lesson in the difference between literal and figurative language.

### In A Pickle

Junie B.'s confusion with figurative expressions like, "Cute as a monkey" or "Curiosity killed the cat" often places her "in a pickle". Using examples of such statements found in Junie B.'s books, introduce students to the difference between literal and figurative language and how use of the latter often serves to make writing more "colorful." Then, ask students to contribute additional expressions for class discussion from their own experiences. Students may then have a "barrel of fun" interpreting selected phrases literally in drawings accompanied by written descriptions of their intended meanings.

As an additional follow-up, older students may incorporate figurative expressions in creative writing assignments of their own. No "couch potatoes" allowed!

