Join James on his visit to the doctor for his check-up! He learns about his body and shows how brave he is when he needs a shot.

Meet the Writer

Melanie Lasoff Levs
Author Melanie Lasoff Levs enjoyed writing each of the Hot Dots Tots books, but the farm and safari stories are her favorites—she playfully named the characters after the children in her own family, which includes two sons and a daughter. Though Melanie has not been on a safari, she and her husband love taking their children to the zoo in their hometown of Atlanta.

Meet the Illustrator

Gabriele Tafuni
As a child in his native Italy, Gabriele Tafuni dreaded going to the doctor and was scared of getting shots. He tried to help other kids with the same fear by depicting a happy boy wiggling his fingers and toes on the doctor’s table, and it turned out to be his favorite illustration in the book!
James is going to the doctor. He brings his toy dog with him.

James sits on a chair in the waiting room.

Which is a boy?

boy
dog

Which shows on?

on
off
It is James' turn! James sits on a special table.

What shape is the table?

triangle  rectangle

The doctor looks in James' nose.

Which is his nose?

nose  ear
She looks into his two eyes.

Which are his eyes?

James wiggles his fingers and toes.

Which are his toes?

mouth  eyes  fingers  toes
Ouch! James needs a shot. He cries for just a minute.

When the shot is done, James gets a bandage on his arm.

Which face shows crying?

- crying
- laughing

Which is his arm?

- arm
- leg
James picks out a big, orange lollipop!

Which one is big?

big  small

He waves goodbye to the doctor.

Which is his hand?

ear  hand