

Welcome to the Happy Talk 'I'm a Librarian' Pack!



Happy Talk is a part of the HSE Speech and Language Therapy Service.

Happy Talk seeks to support language, literacy, and learning skills of young children.

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'I'm a Librarian' Pack!

This pack contains ideas and activities to play and use at home to help develop early language, literacy and learning skills.

We hope you enjoy these resources, and send photos of your drawings, make and do, and stories to us by email to aoife.oshea@hse.ie, by text or Whatsapp to 0876440177 or on Facebook (Happy Talk).

We look forward to seeing our regular Happy Talkers again in Cork City! Please note however, we are happy for this resource to be shared far and wide, and hope as many people as possible enjoy it.

All materials used in this pack are either generated by Happy Talk - HSE or are free to download online.

The activities in this pack are intended for children aged approximately 4 - 8 years. However that doesn't mean some of these activities can't be enjoyed by kids of all ages; even grown up kids!

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Happy Talk Mindful Moments

Happy Talk Mindful Moments are a chance to take a time out and to settle or energise your brain and body. Learning to pay attention can build great listening and learning skills. In these times it is normal to feel a little worried, and so a Happy Talk Mindful Moment is a great way to stay calm.



Listening Carefully Mindful Moment

Close your eyes and take a minute: sit still and take some deep breaths in and out. Imagine that you are a librarian. Librarians must be alert and know what is happening in their library. A library is a place that is often quiet. This allows us to take a quiet moment and notice what is going on around us. Now that you are relaxed you will notice that there is lots going on in your busy library. What things can you imagine seeing and hearing? Are people reading books and the newspaper? Are they having a chat? Can you hear typing on the computer? Can you see a librarian stacking the shelves with books? Can you see someone doing their homework?

The next time you are in the library take a quiet and slow walk around and see what you can notice. Sit on a chair and watch people for a few moments and you will see too: libraries are busy places!

'I'm a Librarian' Rhymes and Songs

We'll Borrow a Book from the Library

(To the tune of 'Bring Back My Bonnie to Me')

We'll borrow a book from the library,
We'll borrow a book for a wee,
We'll borrow a book and we'll read it,
Then we'll bring it right back the next week!
Oh! Bring back, bring back,
We'll bring back our book next week, next week,
Oh! Bring back, bring back,
We'll bring back our library books.

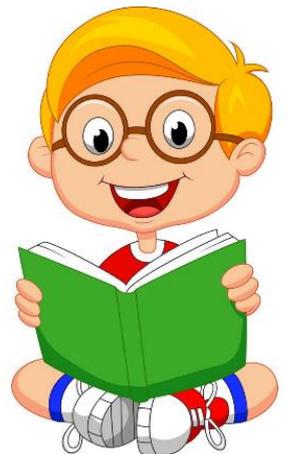


Open a Book!

Open a book,
And you will find,
People and places of every kind!

Open a book,
And you can be,
Anything you want to be!

Open a book,
And you can share
Wonderful words you find in there!



Open a book,
And I will too.
You read to me,
And I'll read to you!

'I'm a Librarian' Rhymes and Songs

Read, Read, Read a Book

(To the tune of 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat')



Read, Read, Read a Book
Travel anywhere,
Worldwide, you decide,
A book will take you there.

Read, read, read a book,
Beginning to the end,
What a way to spend the day,
A book's a special friend!

Welcome to the Library

(To the tune of 'Mary Had a Little Lamb')

Can you say this rhyme using the Happy Talk Voices and Games?

Welcome to the library, the library, the library,
Welcome to the library,
Please come inside and read!

We're glad to have you here today, here today, here today
We're glad to have you here today,
Today's a special day!



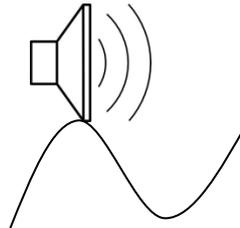
Rhyme Time Voices and Games

Say the rhymes using the following games and activities.

Whisper



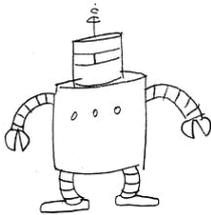
Loud-Soft-Loud



Laughing



Robot Voice



Silly Voice



Slow Motion



When it gets a bit easier try these games:

Tap/drum/clap
out each beat



Tap/drum/clap
out each word



Say every second
word with your
child



Leave words and see
can your child fill the gaps



Make mistakes and
see does your child
spot them



Happy Talk Listening Rules

Look with your eyes



Listen with your ears



Mouth is closed



Feet on the ground



Hands are still



Telephone Messages

A Librarian has many jobs including answering the phone and passing on information to others such as staff and library members. In this game we are going to do the same.

We will pass on a message to our family or friends.

This game is a really good way to practice remembering.

How to Play (This game is like Chinese Whispers!)

1. Get a group together (as many people as possible!) You can turn off your phone and use it as a prop! Or if you really want one person can go in the other room and really call the 'librarian'.
2. The the 'librarian' will 'answer' the phone. The caller must think of a funny message.
3. They will pass the message on to the person next to them and so on until the message is passed along to everyone.
4. The last person to receive the message says what they heard out loud.



What does a Librarian do?

I welcome people to the library and make sure they know we are happy to see them!
"Welcome!"

In Ireland, Librarians mostly work in Public Libraries, but we also work in Hospitals, Prisons, Universities and Colleges, and in the Law Library of Ireland.

(Did you know there is a Law Library of Ireland?)

I help people find books, and I recommend books! Sometimes people don't know what books they're looking for until they talk to me!

I make sure that all the books are on the right shelf for people to find. An organised Library is a good Library!

Some people come to the library to do their homework. It's a great place to learn. I help people find out facts and information if they need help for a project or their homework.

The funny thing about Librarians is; we love to say goodbye to books, we love when you take books home to read! I help people take books out of the library. We use a scanner and all the information is saved on our computers. I can check who took out what books and when they will return them to the library. In Ireland we are very lucky; even if you bring your books back late, there are no late fees! We want to make sure you keep coming back!



My Dream Job is...

Let's figure out everybody's dream job. There are so many hints it won't take you long to guess! One person read the hints and other person can guess. Check the pictures to see if you are right!



Oskar

I am a very good at planning.

I love animals and nature. I would like to own lots of animals.

I want to sell my fruit and vegetables at the _____ Market.

When I grow up....



Ben

I love books. I want to help people find good books.

I love finding out facts and information.

I am very organised.

When I grow up....



Carly

I am really good at figuring things out.

I like computers and I already know how to code.

I think I'd be a great team member.

I like solving problems.

When I grow up....



Sarah

I don't mind getting up very early in the morning.

I have a good imagination.

I love to make things from scratch.

I like to make a birthday cakes for my whole family.

When I grow up....



Joe

I like to make people laugh.

I can tell lots of jokes.

I am really good at climbing and tumbling.

I want to learn how to make balloon animals!

When I grow up....



Emma

I love science.

I am very caring.

I want to help people get better when they are sick.

I want to work in a hospital.

When I grow up...



Dylan

I know all about road safety.

I want to help people get to school and work.

I want to make sure people get to the places they want to on time.

When I grow up....



Abby

I want to help people when they are in trouble.

I can think fast when I have to.

I'm good at solving problems.

I want to teach people about fire safety.

When I grow up....

Every Librarian Needs a Bookmark!

Here are some ideas for different types of bookmarks:



← Every Day Bookmarks

Corner Bookmarks →



← Paperclip Bookmarks

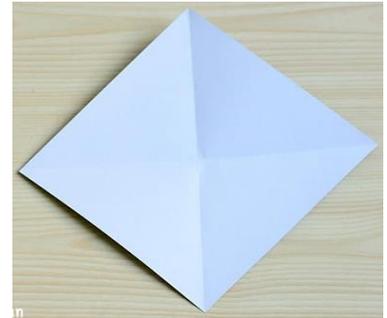
Let's Make a Corner Bookmark!

To make a corner bookmark you will need a scissors, glue and a square of paper.

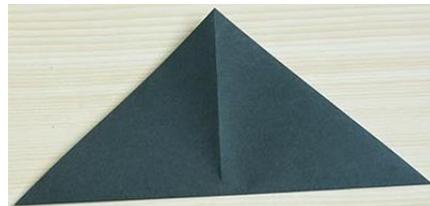


How to Make a Corner Bookmark:

Fold the origami paper diagonally on both sides.



Fold into a triangle

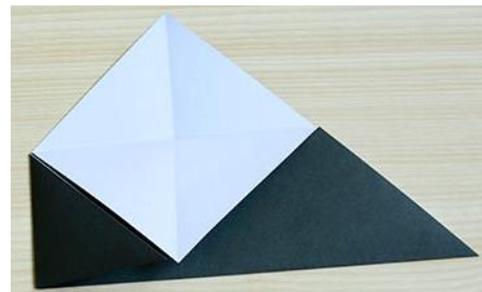


Hold the top of the triangle and fold it towards the bottom of the triangle (to the centre).

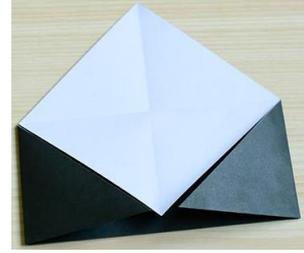


Crease well.

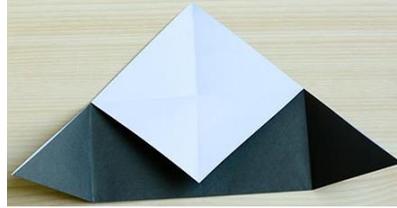
Hold the left corner and fold it towards the bottom centre of the triangle.



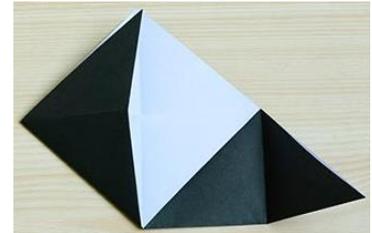
Do the same with the other corner. Crease well.



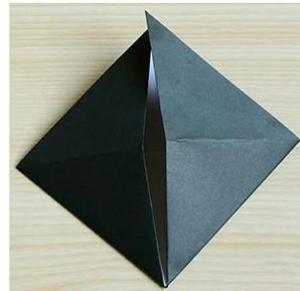
Unfold both ends.



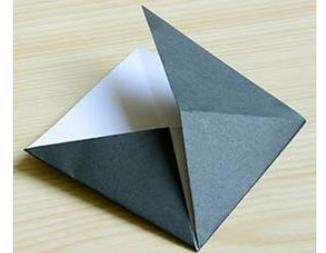
Grab hold of the left corner and fold it towards the top of the triangle. Crease.



Do the same with the other corner.



Tuck in the left "flap" into the pocket.



Do the same with the other.



Get creative and decorate the bookmark whatever way you like.

Two eyes are a good start!

Let's Talk about your Favourite Book!

Books are a fun escape from the real world! They allow you to use your imagination! Let's talk about your favourite book. We know your favourite book might change from day to day!



My favourite book is...

It was written by...

Some Characters in the book are...



MRS FOX



MR FOX



KRISTOFFERSON



ASH



RICKITY



RABBIT



MR BADGER



RAT

Let's Talk about your Favourite Book!

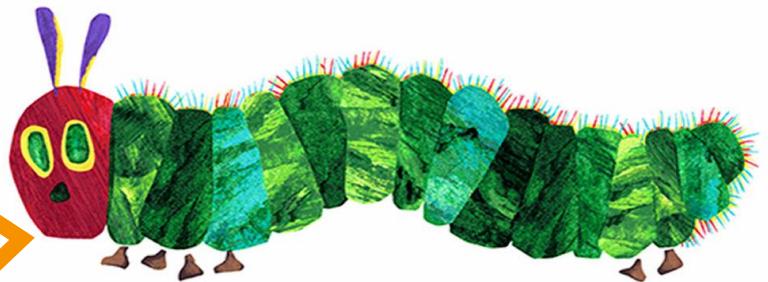
It is set in...



What happens in the story...

I would give it ...

5 Stars is Excellent



Why would I recommend this book to Nibbles and Twitch?



Sight Words!

There are 220 Sight Words in the English Language!

A Sight Word is a word you know immediately when you see it; you don't have to sound it out or work it out.

Examples of Sight Words are:

he and the if

Did your brain know these words immediately when you saw them? That's because they're Sight Words!

Your child is learning these words every day in school and when they read! Over 50% of the words we read are Sight Words.

Imagine what a head start you are giving your child by practicing some of these 220 words.

You can find all of these words online.

They are separated into lists called the Dolch Lists.

We will play some games to practice Sight Words!

Here we go!



I Spy Sight Words

For this game, all you need is to look at a page of writing/print. It can be from your favourite book or from a newspaper/magazine or a page of homework. So long as there is writing on the page it will do! You will also need your phone or a pen and paper.

We are going to play "I spy..." looking for sight words. This is a great bedtime game, or a great game for when you just want to snuggle and take a quiet moment on the couch.

On your phone or a piece of paper show your child the Sight Word you choose and say to your child...

"I spy 'said' on this page..."

and wait for them to find the sight word and point to it!

It is important you show your child the Sight Word (in this case 'said') on a piece of paper, or on your phone first. Older children might have these words in their head already, but showing them gives them a head start. For younger children, let them look for a word they can already see on a piece of paper or on your phone, and so they are matching words. This way they are learning the shape and pattern of the word and turning it into a 'Sight Word'; a word they recognise immediately when they see it!

If you are using a newspaper or magazine you can draw a circle around the word. You can give hints to help. "I spy 'said' at the bottom of the page."

Here are some Sight Words to Spy for:

the a of that they him
was she but with to I
and you said for had up
his on at in he it
this are went see
go my get am
up down run will
here be yes no
away big blue can
come find help is jump look
me not one red play two
see down where we up make

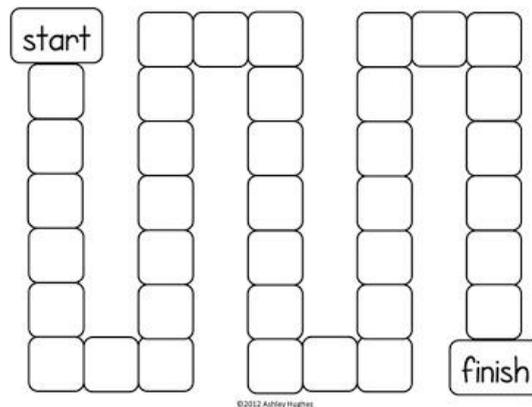


Find all the Sight Words!

Another game is to open this page on your tablet or write these words out on a big page or piece of card board and call out the words so you can find them all. Point to them or cover them with blocks or animals or pieces of pasta! See how fast you can get them all!

Sight Words Board Game: Getting Ready

For this game we will make a board game and then play it! First, take a page and draw a board game with lots of spaces like this, only much bigger:



Write a Sight Word into every box.

Next you will need some pieces of paper and a bag or small box to make a Lucky Dip!

On the pieces of paper write:

Say the beginning sound or letter in the word	Think of a real or silly word that rhymes	Think of a word that starts with the same sound or letter
Spell the word backwards	Say the end sound in the word	Say the Word Fast 5 Times

Fold the pieces of paper and put them into the bag or small box.

Sight Words Board Game: Let's Play

Use a dice and counters to play the board game.

Every time you land on a new word take a Lucky Dip also! Practice the words using the Lucky Dip instructions.





Library Word Scramble! (Easy)

Can you help Lisa the Librarian unscramble these words using the hints!

dRea

This is what we do in the library

rmoCupte

These are in the library so we can look up stuff on the internet

cleWoem

What Lisa the Librarian wants you to feel when you come to the Library

sdWro

These are in every book we read

rooBrw

We do this when we take a book home and bring it back

okoBs

You can always find lots of these in a library!

ryraLib daCr

Without this, you can't take a book out of the library

kDse

The librari

Computer Read Welcome Borrow Library Card Desk Books Words

Answers

Library Word Scramble! (Tricky)



Can you help Lisa the Librarian unscramble these words using the hints!

noLa

This means to let someone use something and then they will give it back (Like a book from the Library!)

uArtho

This person writes the book

surtalltorI

This person draws the pictures in books

vocDiser

This means to find something new

wesroB

This means to look around to see if you can find something you like

sherPibul

This is the person who decides to make the book and organises for the book to be made and sold

ibLainrar

This is the person who works in the library that you can ask for help

eTIti

This means the name of the book

Author Discover Silence Title

Loan Reference Browse Librarian

Answers!

Library Laughs!

Who is the
biggest liar in
school?

The Lie-brarian.



What did the
librarian say to the
astronaut?
Find space for a
book.

What do you
call a book
that's about
the brain? A
mind reader.

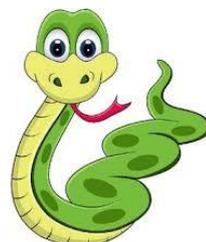
Why did the book
join the police? He
wanted to go
undercover!



What's the longest word
in the dictionary? Smiles.
Because there is a mile
between each s.

What has a
spine but, no
bones? A book

What kind of berry
wants a colouring
book?
A crayon-berry.



What section of
the library can
you get bitten by
a snake?
Hissssssstory.

Different Types of Books



Lift the Flap Books: These books have words and pictures hidden behind the flaps!

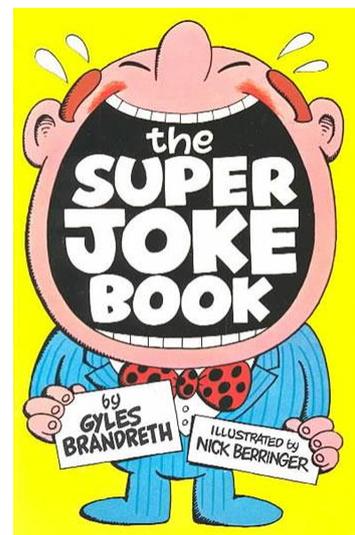
Comics: These books tell their story through pictures and words together. Lots of Superhero Stories are comics.



Picture Only Books: These books only have pictures and have NO words! That means you have to use your imagination!

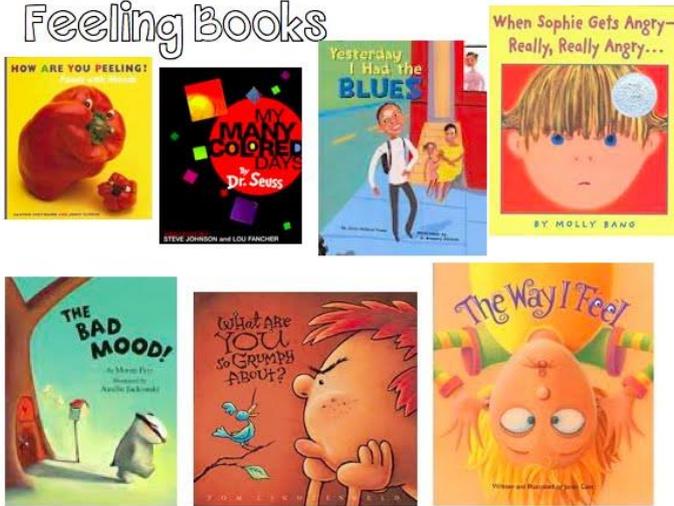


Joke Books: These books have lots of funny jokes!



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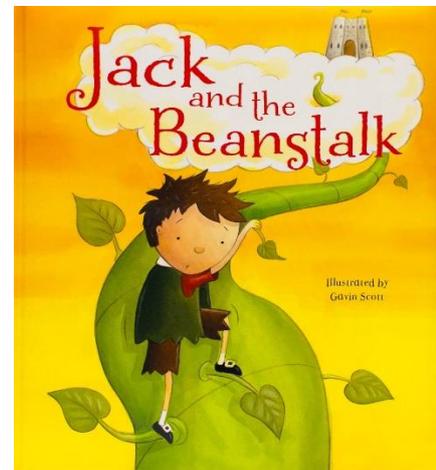
Feeling Books



Feeling Books: These books make you think about the different feelings that you have using pictures and words.



Fairy Tales: These stories have magic in them and have been told for years by older people!
 Ask your grown ups...
 What's your favourite Fairy Tale?



Novels: These stories have lots of writing in them and can be short or long! They sometimes have pictures but not always!

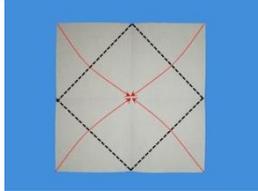
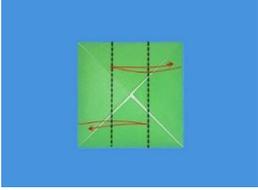
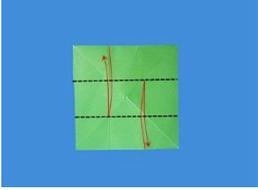
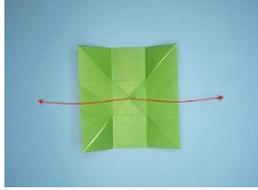
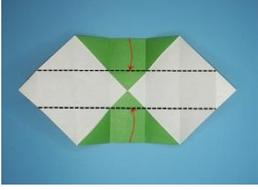
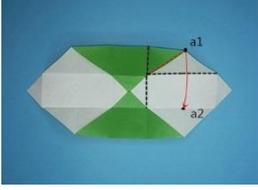
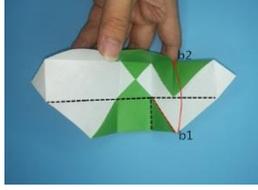
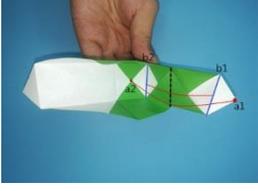
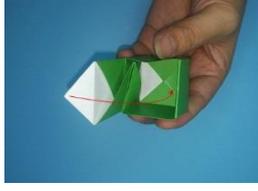


Roll & Chat About Different Type of Books!

We're going to play a game using a dice. If you don't have one you can learn to make one here:

How to Make a Dice

You can make an Origami Dice

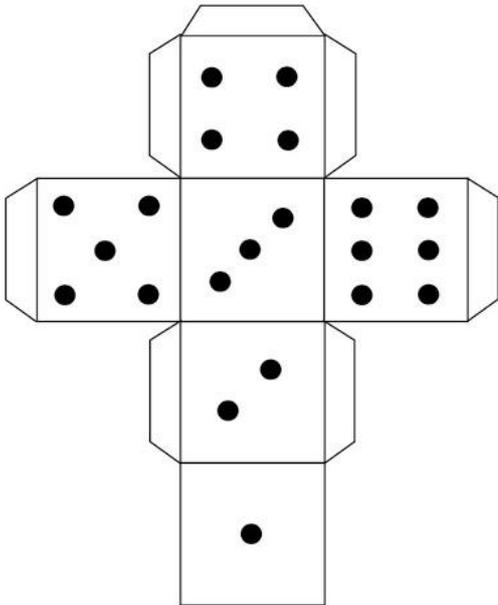
		
		
		
		
	<p>Put a number (1 - 6) on each side.</p>	

Check out these great instructions online:

<https://www.origami-tutorial.com/origami-gift-box.html>

How to Make a Dice

You can also make a dice by cutting out a template like this and taping or gluing it together.



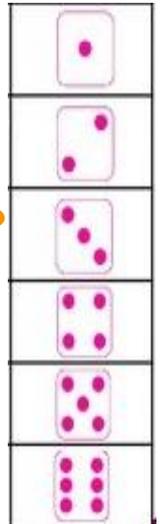
For the next game we will use a number dice but you can turn a dice into a story dice by putting different parts of a story on each side. One dice for the characters, one dice for things that happened, and one dice for where these things happened. These story dice might help you get started on a story. Maybe one day one of your stories will be a book in the library!



Roll & Chat About Different Type of Books!

Take turns rolling the dice and talking about the topic that you rolled! (If you have no dice-pick a number between 1-6 out of a hat). If you land on:

- 1: What is your favourite type of Book and why?
- 2: What is your least favourite type of Book and why?
- 3: Can you name a book in each of the different types above?
4. Can you name another type of book?
5. Try and guess everyone's favourite type of Books!
6. Can you name 5 Fairytales?



Roll & Chat About Your Favourite Book!

Take turns rolling the dice and talking about the topic that you rolled! (If you have no dice-pick a number between 1-6 out of a hat). If you land on:

- 1: Who is your favourite character and why?
- 2: Who are the main characters in the story?
- 3: What is the main idea/story of the book?
4. Name something you have in common with a character in the book?
5. Would you recommend the book and why!
6. Change the ending to the story!



You can also do this activity for:

- The Last Book you read
- The Funniest Book you ever read
- The Saddest Book you ever read
- Your Favourite Fairytale

Library Facts: Did you know?

There's a
Magician's
Library in New
York!

There is a
Library of
Smells in
France!

There are more Public
Libraries than McDonald's
in the USA!

The 17th and 18th centuries were called
"The Golden Age of Libraries" when
national libraries were being created all
over Europe.

There is a library with a
Karaoke Room in Finland!
What's Karaoke? Look it up!

One of the most overdue
library books in the world
was returned after 122
years! Imagine if they
had late fees!

Librarians used to have their
own style of handwriting called
"Library Hand"!

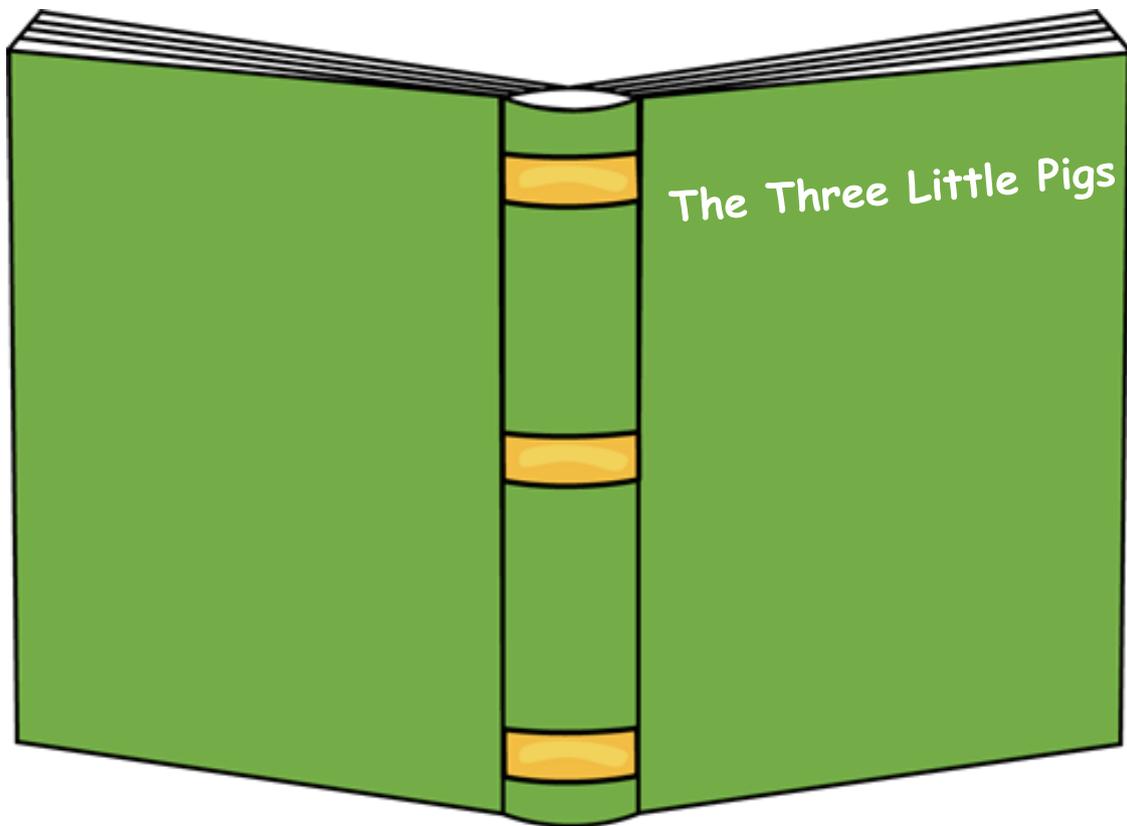


The Parts of a Book: Let's Get Started!

There are lots of different parts that make up a book! Hold a book in your hand while you do this.

Can you find all these things in your book?

Can you name them using the help words below?



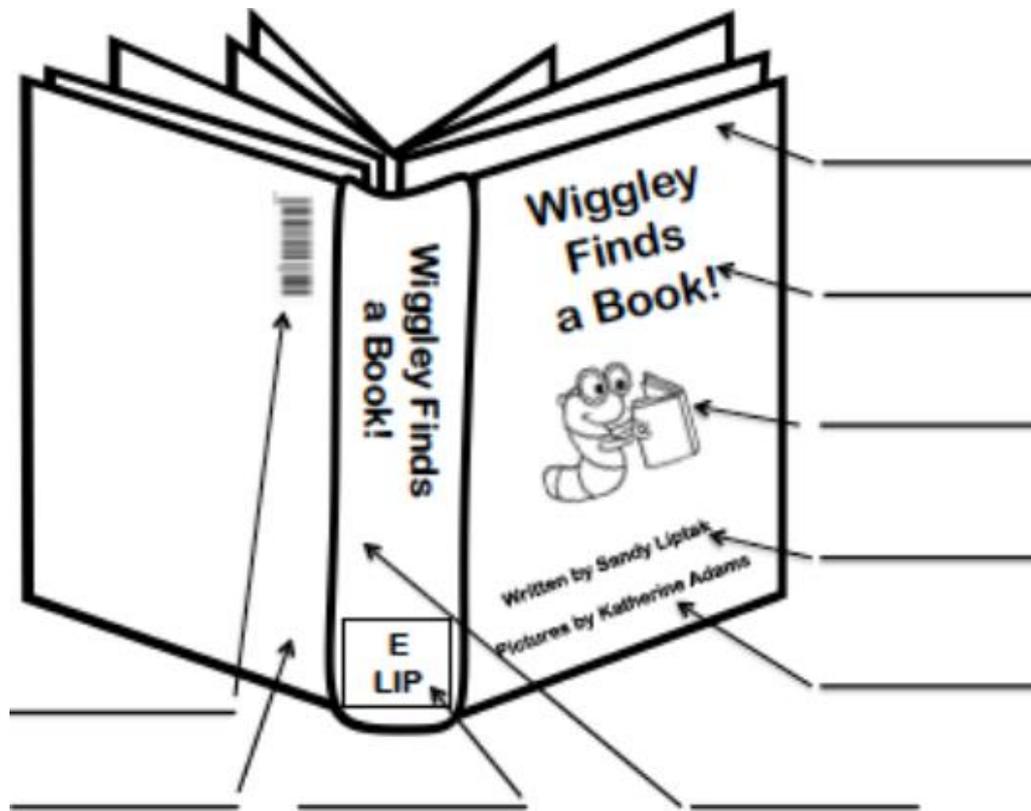
Title
Spine

Back Cover
Front Cover

Pages
Page Numbers

Parts of a Book: More!

There are lots more different parts that make up a book! Again, hold a book in your hand while you do this. Can you find all these things in your book? Can you name them using the help words below?



Front Cover

Title
Author

Back Cover

Illustrator
Illustration

Spine

Barcode
Call Number

What's a 'Call Number'? Let's see...

More About the Library!

What is a Call Number?

All Print Books in the library are given a Call Number, usually found on the book spine. The Call Number shows what the book is about and acts like the book's address on the library's shelves or the Library Stacks.

What are Print Books?

Print Books are books that are printed on paper. They are books you can hold and feel and even smell! Lots of books now are not Print Books, they are Digital Books!

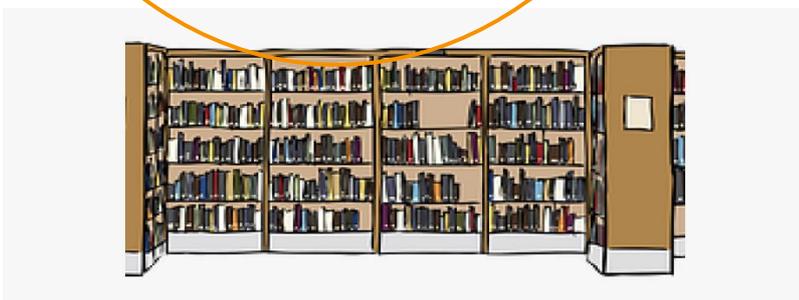


What are the Library Stacks?

The Library Stacks are a storage area for books and not a reading area. Sometimes in a library you can see rows and rows of shelves and shelves of books: these are the stacks. Some of the stacks are hidden and in back rooms of the library and you might have to make a request for a book from the stacks!

What are Digital Books?

Lots of books now are also available digitally e.g. on your phone, tablet, computer! If you join the Library you can access digital and audio books online through the Borrow Box App on your phone or tablet!



Meet the People Who Make Books!

When a book is being made, lots of different people work at different stages before we see it in the library!

Let's meet these people!

Author: The Author is the person who writes the words of a book making the story. They can also be called a writer.



Illustrator: The Illustrator is the person who draws the pictures for the books that help to tell the story.



Editor: The Editor checks the book to make sure there are no mistakes. They check facts, spelling and other parts to make sure it is correct. They move the parts of the book around until they get the best fit for all the part.



Some more People!

Publisher: The publisher pays for books to be made and then earns money when the book sells. They are usually the one who pays the author and the printer. The editor often works for the Publisher. The Publisher gets the book ready to be made and sends it to be printer.



Printer: The Printer prints copies of the book for shops and libraries. They stick all the pages together and put on the book cover. They put the books in boxes to send them out to book shops and warehouses.



Book Shop Owner: The Book Shop Owner works in the book shop to sell the book. Sometimes they invite the Author to come and read from their book in the book shop so people can meet them.



Librarian: The Librarian works in the library checking out books, organising bookshelves and helping people search for information.



True or False!



Using what we now know about people who make books,
try this True or False quiz with a twist!

If you think an answer is TRUE, start jumping up and
down. If you think an answer is FALSE, you must STOP
jumping! So, listen carefully! 3...2...1...

1. A Shopkeeper works in a library. True or False?
2. The Illustrator draws the pictures for the book. True or False?
3. The Author gets a book ready for printing. True or False?
4. The Editor makes sure there are no mistakes in the book. True or False?
5. The Printer prints the books for the shops. True or False?
6. The Publisher is the person who draws the pictures. True or False?
7. The Author can also be called the Writer. True or False?
8. The Editor comes after the Printer. True or False?
9. The Illustrator comes before the Publisher. True or False?

BONUS QUESTION. Eyes Closed!

10. The Librarian is busy helping people find books and sorting out shelves. True or False?

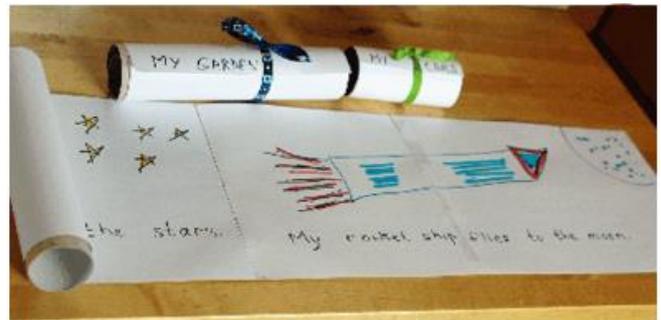
Answers: 1)F 2)T 3)F 4)T 5)T 6)F 7)T 8)F 9)T 10)T

Make a Story Roll

In this game we are making a Story Roll. A Story Roll is drawn and written on a roll of paper, like a scroll. To tell the story, unroll the Story Roll bit by bit! Let's get busy!

You will need:

- Empty rolls from toilet paper or kitchen paper.
- Sheets of white paper
- Crayons/Markers
- Tape or glue
- Ribbon, string or wool



What to do:

1. Using the empty toilet or kitchen paper roll cut 4-6 sheets of paper to fit the size (height) of the roll.
2. Tape/glue the pages together to form one long sheet of paper
3. Tape/glue the end of the long sheet to the paper roll
4. Roll it up and tie it closed with ribbon/yarn/string
5. Pick a story e.g. 'My Rocket Ship', 'My Trip to the Zoo', 'The Monkey's Shoes', 'The Giraffe's Scarf', 'My Trip to the Dentist', 'My Covid Diary', 'My Family', 'A Letter for my Grandad'

Don't forget: for good stories you need:

Good Characters and SOMETHING has to happen!!!

6. Unroll the paper and start writing your story using your imagination!
7. Once your story is finished, you can start illustrating (drawing pictures) on the story roll!
8. Roll back up the story and tie it up.
9. Don't forget: on the roll write the title of the story, the names of the author and illustrator. Now, it's your own story!

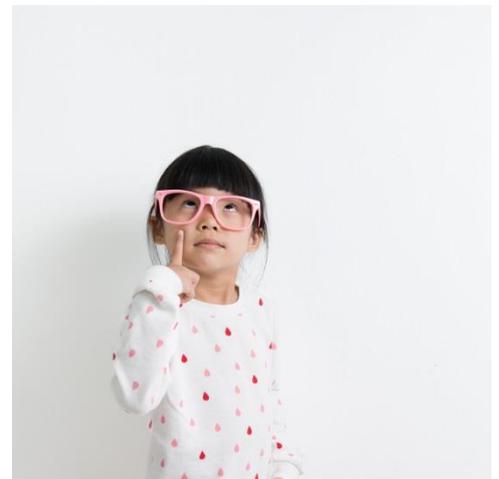
Mind the Gap & Stop the Bus!

Mind the Gap!

1. One person starts saying the alphabet in their head. Another person says 'Stop the Bus!' when they want and whatever letter the first person is on in their head is the letter for the first turn at the game, for example 'B'.



2. Go around in a circle and everyone must think of as many things that are in a library beginning with the letter 'B' eg. Blue pen, Books, Bookshelf etc. But, mind the gap! If you cannot think of a word you're out!



3. Remember: No repeating words!

Other Letters for Things in the Library that you could use:

- G: Globe, Glasses, Green Plants...
- S: Stories, Sad Books...
- F: Fairy tales, Feeling Books

You can also do this activity with:

- Things that are in my school or classroom beginning with ...
- Things that are in my kitchen beginning with...
- Things that are in my living room beginning with....
- Things that are in the garden beginning with...
- Animals beginning with the letter...
- Books beginning with the letter...

Mind the Gap & Stop the Bus!

Stop the Bus!

1. Write these titles on a page:

Boy's Name	Girl's Name	Place	Food	Book or Author
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2. One person starts saying the alphabet in their head. Another person says 'Stop the Bus!' when they want and whatever letter the first person is on in their head is the letter for the first turn at the game, for example 'B'.
3. Everyone has to write a word starting with that letter under the title. The person who finished first shouts 'Stop the Bus!' and everybody must put down their pencil or pen.
4. A point for every original word that starts with the letter and fits the title. No points for repeats!

Other Titles you can use:

Plant or Tree or Flower	Animal
Sport or Sporting Equipment	Character from a Book
Furniture or Household Items	Song or Music or Band or Instrument



Another Thinking Activity!

How many books can you find to fill the A-Z bookshelf beginning with each missing letter to help the Librarian?

A: _____ N: _____

B: _____ O: _____

C: _____ P: _____

D: _____ Q: Quiet Night

E: _____ R: _____

F: _____ S: _____

G: _____ T: _____

H: _____ U: Ugly Duckling

I: _____ V: _____

J: _____ W: What's the Time, Mr Wolf?

K: _____ X: A Xylophone for the X-ray Fish

L: _____ Y: _____

M: _____ Z: Zero to Hero

(Some tricky letters have been done for you)

Crossword (Easy)

A R C G T C A R D P L R K K
L T Y V B N A M K T T E V B
I R Q F R C D D F S A A F O
B R N A Q I V C R E W D S R
R Y V N B N N R W C X I C R
A T Y T R W C V V P I N N O
R Y Y A T B O O K S B G V W
I Z C S P O U N H L J J N B
A T R Y W Q T L V B N N V P
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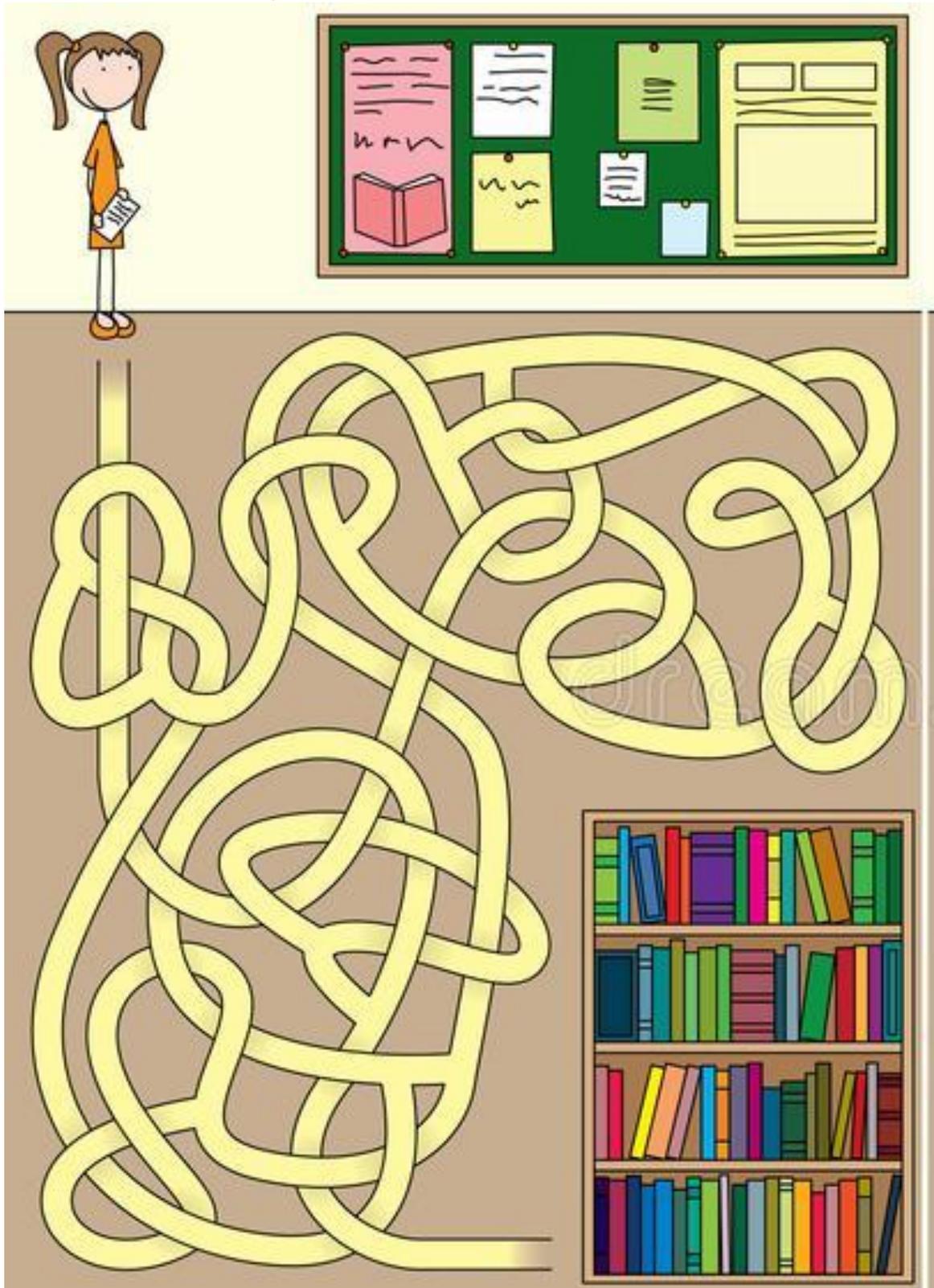
Crossword (Tricky)

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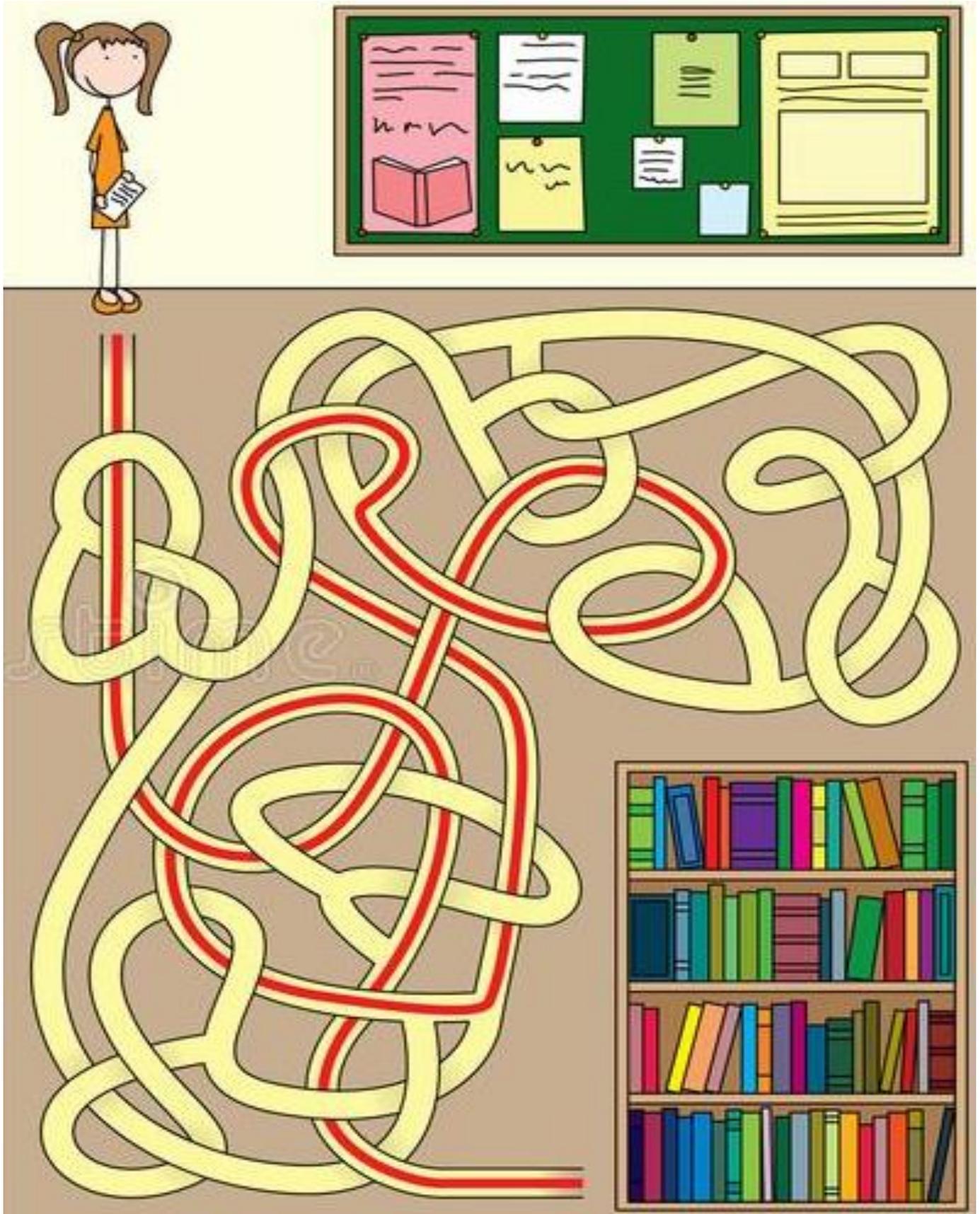
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Help the Librarian put the book back on the bookshelf! Trace your finger along the line until you get to the shelf.



Answer Page:



Quiz Time!

- 1) Where is the Library of Smells?
 - a) Ireland
 - b) America
 - c) France
- 2) The "Golden Age of Libraries" was in what centuries?
 - a) 16th and 17th Century
 - b) 17th and 18th Century
 - c) 15th and 16th Century
- 3) True/False: There is less libraries in the USA than McDonalds.
- 4) True/False: All libraries require silence.
- 5) In New York, they have a _____ Library.
 - a) Magician's
 - b) Baking
 - c) Smelly
- 6) The oldest overdue library book was _____ years overdue!
 - a) 120 years
 - b) 122 years
 - c) 130 years
- 7) What was the Librarian's style of handwriting called?
 - a) Librarian's Hand
 - b) Hand of the Librarian
 - c) Library Hand

Quiz Answers:

Reading Calendar!

Reading is lots of fun! Try and read when you can by using the boxes in this reading calendar!

Take your time because reading is a calming and relaxing activity!

Read a book about your favorite TV character.	Read on a Saturday.	Read before breakfast.	Read a book you checked out of the library.	Read to a stuffed animal.
Read to someone on the phone.	Read with a cup of hot cocoa.	Read while snuggling.	Swap a book with a friend.	Read twice in one day.
Read a book in bed.	Read for longer than usual.	FREE!	Read to a pet.	Read to a sibling or friend.
Read without being asked.	Read outside.	Read to a family member.	Draw a picture of what you read.	Read in a funny voice.
Read your favorite book again.	Read a book someone else picks.	Read a book inspired by a movie or TV show.	Read in the car.	Read a book and then act out a scene from it.

Newspaper Art

This is a fun, creative way to get painting while using old, torn bits of newspaper, magazines, envelopes or cardboard!

What you need:

- Old bits of newspaper
- Paint/Markers/Crayons
- Paintbrushes
- Container for paint
- Pot of water for cleaning brushes
- Apron (so your child's clothes don't get dirty!)

What to do:

1. Start by tearing your newspaper into different shapes.
2. Get your child thinking of what they want to paint.
3. It can be related to something from their favourite book (like a favourite character/favourite place).
4. Get your paint/markers in different colours.
5. Hang the artwork to dry somewhere if you used paint and you can hang it up on the walls/fridge when dry!

