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Literature Project

Week 3



Welcome to week 3 of our literature project!

Dear students and parents / guardians,

We have had lots of fun over the past two weeks, but if you are just joining us, it's not too late to start.

As we have said, this project is something for our students to enjoy, and you shouldn't feel under pressure to complete everything – just do what you have time for, and what you find interesting.

Once again, our teachers have put together a series of fun online, offline and language practice activities for each of the four levels.

We would also love to welcome you to our weekly live events, wherever in the world you are!



Tell us about anything you would like to see in the live webcast

We also have a [new page](#) where you can send us pictures of your work, leave comments, and tell us about anything you would like to see in the live webcast.

Maybe it's your birthday this week... or maybe you tried the 'pen-in-the-mouth' challenge and want to share your picture. We'll feature the best and funniest in the show.



Click on your child's level below to
access this week's activities

**Every week, we
bring you the best of
children's literature
from around the web.**

Click below to see this
week's top events and
links:





This week's children's literature top events and links



Looking for something creative to do? How about a Ten Minute Challenge!

<https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/>

From the author of The Enormous Crocodile, a star-studded reading of James and the Giant Peach:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPPBUXEAvZNRtNXUJ4WHIKA>

Neil Gaiman (Coraline, The Graveyard Book) is one of our best-loved authors or fiction, fantasy and graphic novels for teens and adults.

His official site is fantastic <http://www.mousecircus.com/>, and this fan site has links to Neil reading all kinds of things, his own work and others'

<http://www.openculture.com/2019/02/hear-neil-gaiman-read-aloud-15-of-his-own-works.html>

Next Live Sessions

We would also love to welcome you to our weekly live events, wherever in the world you are! You can find links below, as well as recordings of the previous webcasts later in this newsletter.

P4 to LS4

Friday 29th | 18:00

LS5 to SC2

Saturday 30th | 16:00

Live
Reading

Quizzes and
features



Book
discussion



Harper Collins 'read alouds'

For younger kids, publishers Harper Collins are offering these fantastic 'read alouds' every week

<https://www.youtube.com/user/HarperKids>

while teens are likely to love their 'Epic Reads'

<https://www.youtube.com/user/EpicReads>.

There's even something for the mums and dads following the project: <https://www.harpercollins.com/childrens/remember->



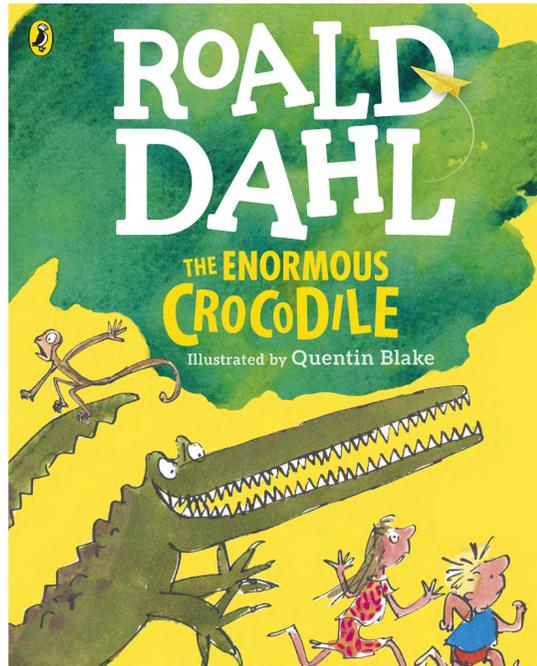
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The Enormous Crocodile P4 | LS1 | LS2

by Roald Dahl



You can buy online from the usual retailers, or read the ebook for free at

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL24335372M/The_Enormous_Crocodile (free account required)

Tasks

Your tasks for this week: Read up to p.30 (online version - page numbers in other editions might be different), where it says "That's not a seesaw! It's the Enormous Crocodile and he wants to eat you up!"

Live event



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Join us on Friday for more fun features, challenges and live reading by British Council teachers.

If you missed last week's event, you can watch again!



Activities

P4 | LS1 | LS2

Explore online:

Cultures all over the world have traditional stories about animals. It's interesting to think about how different people imagine different animals (clever, greedy, cruel, spiritual).

Why not start here: <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories/> watch the videos 'The Clever Monkey', 'The Greedy Hippo' and 'The Magic Fish', and do the downloadable activities. There's plenty more to see after that, from Boudica to Shakespeare!

Go behind the scenes at the UK's only crocodile zoo <https://www.crocodilesoftheworld.co.uk/latest-news/check-out-our-keeper-cams/>,

or watch Nat Geo crocodile cameramen filming underwater https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0gE1ca_hhg.

Brave, or crazy?!

Away from the computer

The enormous crocodile is always talking about his “secret plans and clever tricks”.

Learn these easy magic tricks, then get away from the screen and amaze your friends and family

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJ6D3LwjZ1s>

And if secret plans are your thing, try some spy activities! (remember Roald Dahl was a real-life spy too...)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0qLfkAl8g0>

If you take a fingerprint, make a spy periscope, or write in invisible ink, we want to see.

[Click here to send your pictures](#)

Language game

In this part of the book, the Enormous Crocodile goes to the fair. There are lots of things to see and do there.

Can you break up this ‘word crocodile’ into ten things the children can see at the fair?

SWINGSSLIDESSEESAWPOPCORNMERRY-GO-
ROUNDMERMAIDCOTTONCANDYDODGEM-CARSDRAGONSTIGERS



Answers to last week's animal acrostic puzzle:

Crunch, raspberries, soup, coconuts, gobble,
delicious, nibbling, lunch, stew



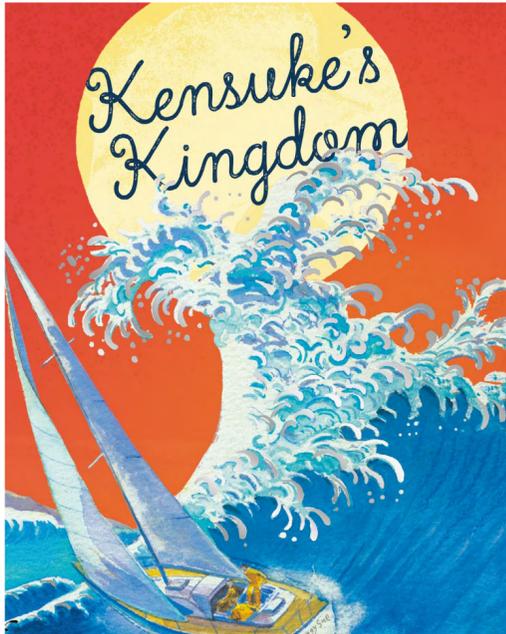
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Kensuke's Kingdom LS3 | LS4 | SA2

by Michael Morpurgo



You can buy online from the usual retailers, or read the ebook for free at

<https://archive.org/details/kensukeskingdom00morp> (free account required)

Week 3: Read chapters 5 and 6

Live event



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Activities

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Explore Online

Michael lands on a desert island after falling overboard during the storm at sea. How would you feel? What would you do to stay alive? Check here for ideas about surviving on a deserted island:

<http://www.survivenature.com/island.php>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com.au/nature/how-to-survive-on-a-deserted-island.aspx>

There are many noises coming from the jungle on the island. Michael wonders if the howling he can hear is the sound of gibbons.

Find our more here about gibbons from this sanctuary which protects them:

<https://www.ippl.org/gibbon/ippls-gibbon-sanctuary/>

<https://www.ippl.org/gibbon/ippls-gibbon-sanctuary/meet-our-gibbons/>

Away from the computer:

You can us send pictures of your maps and collages at

<http://bit.ly/literature-project>.

We'll show some of the

Read Michael's description of the Island again on page 53 and then draw and label it.



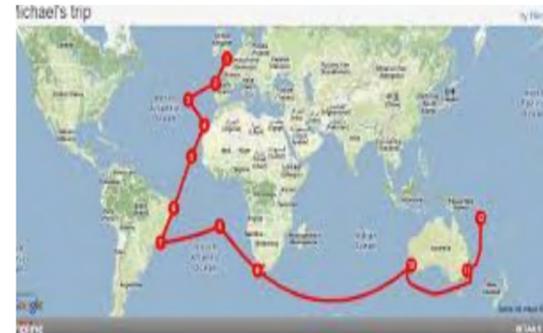
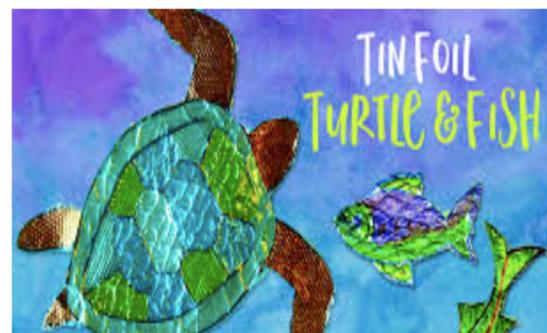
Start your own collage

You will need a big piece of paper or card, some pens and colours, glue, scissors and maybe Sellotape.

aluminium foil, bits of coloured plastic, old lipstick tubes and clothes pegs, string and maybe wire.

As you go along, try to find things around the house to add to your collage. For example,

You might want to make a collage of Michael's whole journey, the boat, a view of the island,



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Language Game

Watch a short video about desert island survival, practise vocabulary and do some activities on cleft sentences

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/video-zone/t4-shipwrecked-survival-guide>

p.69-70 has a fantastic description of Kensuke. Learn a bit more about writing descriptions of people:

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/writing/intermediate-b1-writing/someone-i-admire>

Here are some fun recipes, exotic apes to colour and wordsearches and puzzles to try

<https://www.ippl.org/gibbon/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Lemur-word-search.pdf>

Last week's answers:

Across: 2) wombat 3) gulls 5) latitude 8) longitude 9) kangaroo 11) possum 12) wave 13) turtles 14) navigation. Down: 1) porpoise 3) geography 4) mathematics 6) compass 7) Orang Utan 10) sextant





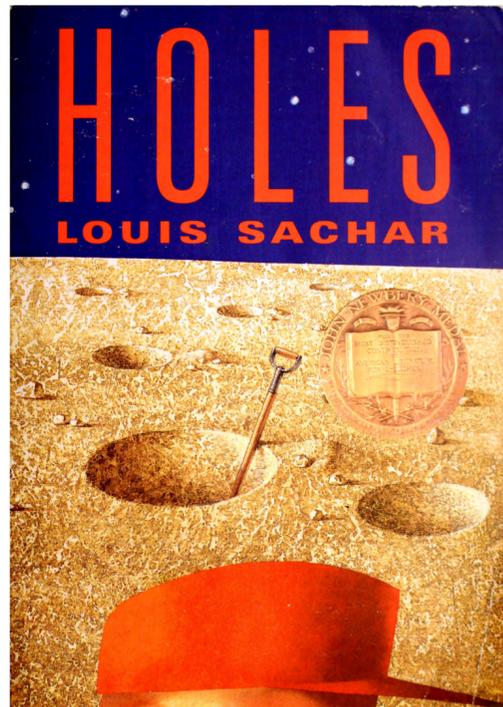
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Holes LS5 | SB1 | SB2

by Louis Sachar



You can buy online from the usual retailers, or read the ebook for free at

<https://openlibrary.org/works/OL116267W/Holes> (free account required)

Tasks

Your tasks for this week: read chapters 21-30 (they are very short!) and do the activity sheet.

Live event



Saturday | 30th May | 16:00

Don't forget to tune in for our live weekly webcast, featuring reading and discussion of Holes and Ready Player 1.

If you missed last week's event, click the button below to watch the recording of the session.



Activities

LS5 | SB1 | SB2

Away from the screen: Make your own jam.

This week we start to find out about the character of Kate Barlow. One thing we are told is that she was well-known for her delicious, peach jam, which she used to make in abundance due to the many peach trees that once grew around Green Lake.

Look at the simple recipe below for making strawberry jam and have a go yourself:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p93p312iu3I>

You could adapt the recipe to use any fruit. Maybe think about using some older, softer fruit to avoid waste, or support small businesses by visiting your local shop to see what fruit they have available.

Explore online: helping the environment!



Just like the lake at Camp Green Lake, unfortunately many of the world's rivers and lakes are drying up due to global warming and as is experienced by the campers, we are facing water shortages.

Watch the video below to learn more about this environmental crisis:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pk_Y3g5qJN4&t=355s

Do you ever think about how much water you use? Do you and your family take measures to try to save water? For example, do you leave the tap running when you brush your teeth? What do you do with leftover water from cooking? Do you ever collect shower or bath water?

Watch the video below for some water-saving tips:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tA3GnlaX18>

Commit to wasting less water at home and discuss some strategies with your family. Maybe you could make a chart to help you track your progress.



Quiz Time: Which Holes character are you most like?

You have now met most of the key characters in the book. Take this interactive personality quiz to find out which character you are most like:

<https://www.teachitenglish.co.uk/index.php?ct=choices&res=R36466>

(you need to create an account to access, but it's currently free due to COVID)

Were you surprised by the results or do you agree? Maybe you could compare your results with your classmates who are also reading the book.

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Ready Player One SC1 | SC2

by Ernest Cline



You can buy online from the usual retailers, or read the ebook for free at

<https://archive.org/stream/readyplayerone00clin> (free account required)

If you'd prefer a free audio book, here's a [link](#).

Live event



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Activities SC1 | SC2



Explore online:

This week, get your favourite vintage games into your Almanac. You'll find tons of free websites where you can check out and play the classics. Just google any that come up in the novel. Our game of the week is a great starting point.

While you're browsing, have a look at this short documentary on the history of games consoles.

<https://youtu.be/DdxH5rRFRbg>

Away from the computer

Host a game night! Get out the board games, the Jenga tiles, the Rubik's cube, and have some good ol' fashioned gaming fun with your family. Why not blast out the 80s songs from your Almanac while you play! And don't forget to keep a scoreboard. Let us know what you played... and send your photos!

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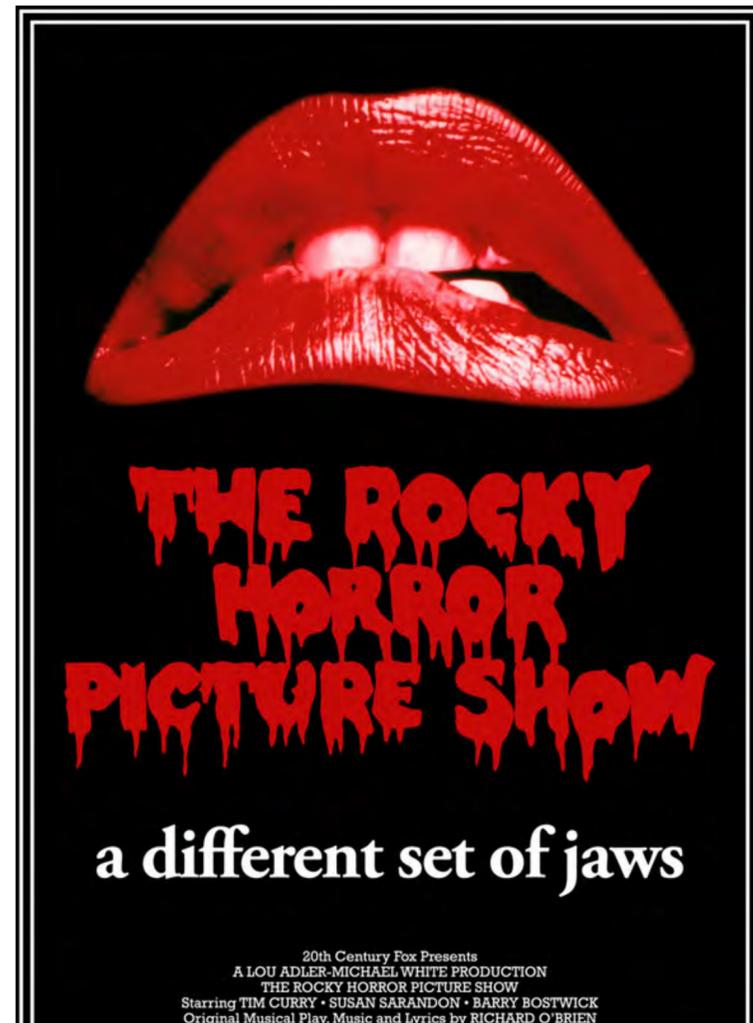
Language Practice

Your next Quizlet instalment is waiting for you. Your score isn't going to grow by itself!

<https://quizlet.com/pt/508905997/ready-player-one-part-6-chapters-0013-0014-0015-flash-cards/>

<https://quizlet.com/pt/509219573/ready-player-one-part-7-chapters-0016-0017-flash-cards/>

Activities SC1 | SC2



Film of the week:

The Rocky Horror Picture Show – (1975)

This musical comedy horror about a couple's mad adventure at an alien transvestite's castle has become a cult phenomenon as well as a beacon for the LGBT community.

A cultural icon of the 1970s, this movie remains one of the greatest (and outright weirdest) celebrations of all things alternative.

Song of the week:

New Order – Blue Monday – 1983

<https://youtu.be/9GMjH1nR0ds>

With its iconic riff and quintessentially synth-pop sound, this is another 80s British gem. Good luck getting it out of your head!

And don't forget your routine lyrics training!

<https://lyricstraining.com/en/play/new-order/blue-monday/>

Game of the week:

Released in 1978 by Taito, this Japanese shooting game is more than just iconic. It took video gaming from a novelty concept to a global industry. In short, there is no gaming conversation without it. Try it, urgently.

<http://www.free80sarcade.com/spaceinvaders.php>