

**Driver Youth Trust's** 

# At-home activity pack

# 18 literacy activities:

- Develop writing skills
- Boost vocabulary
- Guide comprehension & inference



# My favourite part

#### **Instructions:**

Think of your favourite book, and write about your favourite part of the story. What happens, and why do you like it? Think about the different characters and the different words used to describe the storyline.

You could start your book review like this: "My favourite book is by, and the best part for me was when	
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# Write a song or rap about your book

#### **Instructions:**

Write a song or rap about your favourite book. Your song can either be about the whole story, or just your favourite chapter or character. Make sure each line has a similar number of syllables and that your song has a rhyming pattern.

# Draw a comic strip

#### Instructions:

Choose 8 key events from your book and create a comic strip about them. Remember to use speech bubbles to show what's happening.

Remember, the pictures are the important part. Don't use too many words!

# Draw a comic strip

# Write an acrostic poem

#### Instructions:

Write an acrostic poem about your favourite book or character. An acrostic poem is a poem where the first letter of each line spells out a word.

# **Key words**

#### **Instructions:**

Write down 8 key words that are important about your book. What do the words mean, and why do you think they are significant or important to the story?

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# **Holiday destination**

#### **Instructions:**

Imagine you are telling someone to go on holiday to the place where your book it set. Write a paragraph describing where your book takes place, and what makes it a good holiday destination. Get in as much descriptive language as you can!

Things to think about: What language do the characters speak? Is the book set in a hot or cold place? City or countryside? What food might you eat if you visited?

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### What next?

#### Instructions:

Think about your favourite book. Summarise what has happened in the story so far, and write about what you think might happen in a sequel to the story.

# **Character profile**

#### Instructions:

Write a description of the main character in your book. What do they look like? What is their personality like? What do you like or dislike about them?

# Write a letter

#### **Instructions:**

Write a letter to one of the characters in your book. What would you like to ask them?

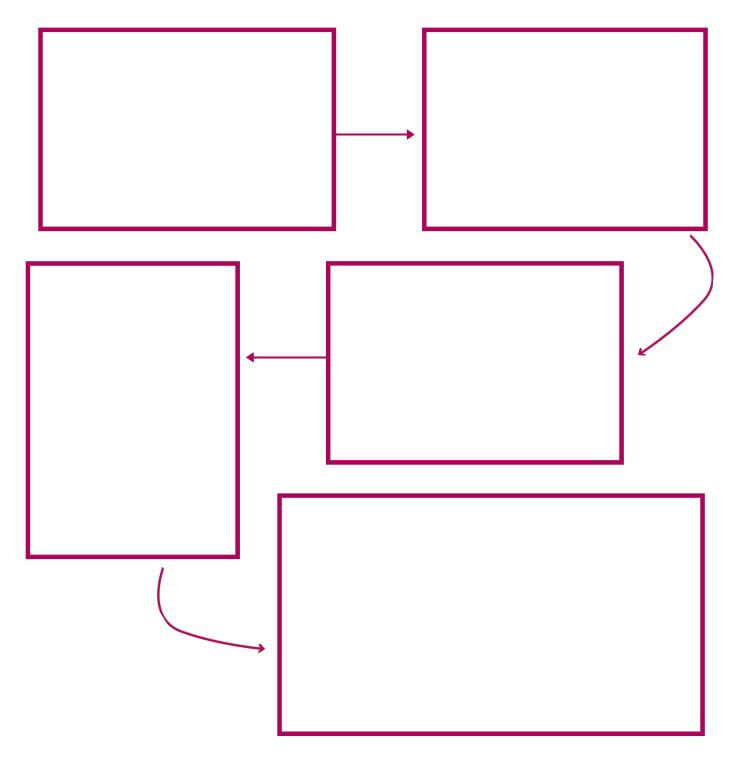
Date  Which address are you writing from?  Make up their address!	rite your tter



# **Timeline**

#### Instructions:

Using pictures, explain the book's storyline in order of events.





# Alternate ending

#### Instructions:

Write a different ending to your book. What else could have happened? How would this have affected the characters?

# Good and bad!

#### Instructions:

Write down three good things and three bad things about the main character in your book.

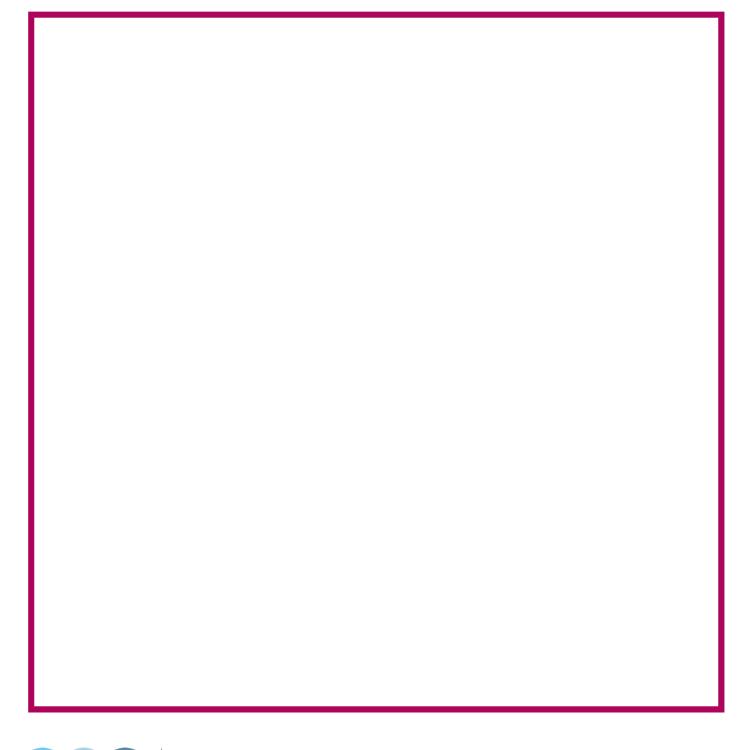
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Bad:		
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# Wanted poster

#### **Instructions:**

Draw a 'wanted poster' for the enemy (or your least favourite character) in your book. Make sure you tell us what they are wanted for, and what the reward for turning them in is!



# Beginning, middle, end

#### **Instructions:**

Summarise what happens in the beginning, middle and end of your book. You should end up with a full outline of the storyline.

Beginning:
Middle:
End:



# Write a play

#### Instructions:

Adapt your favourite book into a play! You can either do the whole story (for shorter books), or one of the chapters (for longer books).

Characters in this scene:		
The setting is		
Character name	What is said	



# **Book review**

#### Instructions:

Write a book review for the last book you finished. What did you like and dislike about it, and who would you recommend it to?

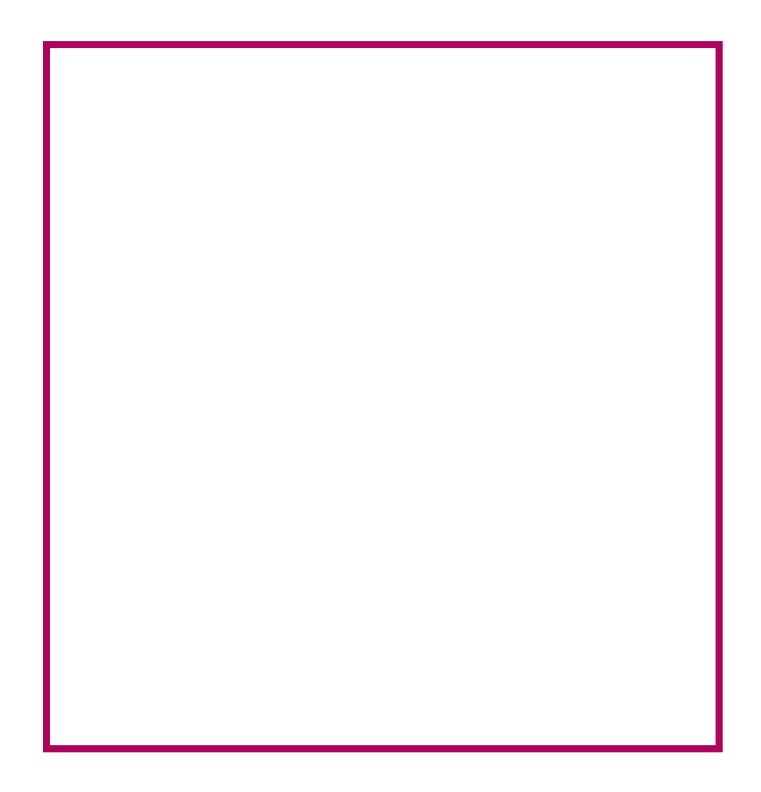
The book starts with
Then
In the end
Some of the characters are
I would recommend this book to



# My favourite character

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Draw a picture of your fo	vourite character,	and label	important
features in the drawing.			



# Alphabet adventure!

#### **Instructions:**

Think of a key word from your book beginning with each letter of the alphabet - for example, if you're reading The Magic Key, you could write:

A - Adventure

B - Biff

C - Chip

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С	Р
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