



# READING JOURNAL ACTIVITIES

## YEARS 5 AND 6

- Use your weekly reading book or free choice book to complete the activities.
- Choose one activity per week, but try to choose a different activity each week.
- Use a writing pencil or pen to write with and coloured pencils to draw (not felt pens).

### ACTIVITY 1

Pick a **WOW word** from the text.  
Write down **five synonyms and antonyms** for that word. You may use a thesaurus to help you.

### ACTIVITY 2

Choose a descriptive passage and make a list of **examples of vivid imagery** (similes, metaphors, alliteration, noun phrases etc).

### ACTIVITY 3

Re-write a chapter as a **playscript**.

### ACTIVITY 4

**Draw** and label a **character or setting** from a description in the book.

### ACTIVITY 5

Which **character** in the book are you most like? Explain your answer.

### ACTIVITY 6

Write a **letter** to someone telling them about the book and your **opinion** of the book.

### ACTIVITY 7

Construct a **timeline** to fit the story. Include all the main events.

### ACTIVITY 8

Write a **diary extract** written by a character about an incident in the story.

### ACTIVITY 9

Write a **summary** of the story in fewer than 100 words.

### ACTIVITY 10

Write a **description** of the main character.

### ACTIVITY 11

Choose a **key moment** in the book and change the event.  
**Re-write the chapter** that follows.

### ACTIVITY 12

Make a **cartoon strip** outlining the main points in the story.