SECONDARY SCHOOL GREAT READS

Discover new worlds and a curiosity of creatures in these book titles. Cross them off as you go!
Share your reviews of these titles online at www.summerreadingclub.org.au

- The Magic Pudding
  Norman Lindsay

- Black Cockatoo
  Carl Merrison
  Hakea Hustler

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  Philip Pullman

- Tales of the Peculiar
  Ransom Riggs

- Frogkisser
  Garth Nix

- Loyal Creatures
  Morris Gleitzman

- Pretty Monsters
  Kelly Link

- The Nothing to See Here
  Hotel
  Steven Butler

- Inkheart
  Cornelia Funke

- Neverwhere
  Neil Gaiman

- Animorphs Series
  K.A. Applegate

- Amulet Series
  Kazu Kibuishi

- The Midnight Zoo
  Sonya Hartnett

- In the Dark Spaces
  Cally Black

- Ballard for a Mad Girl
  Vikki Wakefield

- Gap Year in Ghost Town
  Michael Pryor

- The Secret Science of Magic
  Melissa Keil

- Downdrift
  Johanna Drucker
DISCOVER NEW WORLDS!

Welcome to the SRC Secondary Activity Booklet—created with curious creatures in mind. Completing the activities in this booklet is just one way to participate in the 2018 Summer Reading Club Curious Creatures program this year. Be sure to join in the SRC action at your library and online!

At your library

☐ Sign up for your own library membership card.
☐ Borrow books from the great reads list.
☐ Collect a reading log.
☐ Visit your library all summer long.
☐ Ask your librarian for more information about animals, creatures and things that inspire curiosity.
☐ Participate in the SRC activities at your library to receive SRC themed incentives and prizes.*

* Note: Programs, activities and incentives delivered locally are provided at your library’s discretion. Check with your librarian or library’s ‘What’s On’ to find out what is on offer for you at your library this summer!

Summer Reading Club online
www.summerreadingclub.org.au/theclub

Please note:
Online activities are independent to the programs, activities and incentives that may be offered locally at your public library. Registration in the online program or logging books through the SRC website does not enter your child into library in-house competitions. Please visit with your librarian for participation guidelines for local library activities. For questions relating to online participation visit the SRC Website or contact the SRC Team at summerreadingclub@slq.qld.gov.au

FIGURE IT OUT?

Using only numbers 1 through 9, complete the equations so that the puzzle is true. Each number is only used once.

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DOUBLE PUZZLE

Unscramble each of the clue words. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to the other cells with the same number in the grid below to discover the hidden message. The clue words are all curious creatures.

RODCELCOI

BYABY

COADOBTIN

RAWSCAYSO

BONGOG HOMT

HUSLUPR CEDSERT TOCKOCOA

GTREA HITWE KARHS

DECIHNA

LYGNIF OXF

NAAGNO

AROOGNAK

RUABAKKOOR

RELDIBYR

MUBTAN

FERLIDL DENKEC RADZIL

GONDUG

MAELE LOFW

CUCUSS

BINROWA TLREKEOI

LYBIB

TINMANSAA LIVDE
COMPLETE THE PICTURE

Use the completed image as a guide to finish the picture below.
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE
Something is a little curious around here. One of these Lorikeets is not like the other. Can you spot the one that is different?
WORD SEARCH

Find all 46 of the hidden words. Words in the grid can be diagonal, forward, backward, up, and down.

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Adventure
Anthropomorphic
Avenue
Awesome
Bizarre
Blinky Bill
Botanical
Burrow
Bush
Camouflage
Creatures
Cuddlepie
Curiosities
Den
Detective
Discovery
Dreamtime
Exploration
Explore
Fantastic
Fantastic Beasts
Flora
Foliage
Forest
Generations
Geology
Hunch
Instinct
Investigate
Investigation
Journey
Landscape
Legend
Megafauna
Microscopic
Mythical
Mythical
Nest
Ocean
Paranormal
Snugglepott
Soundscape
Strange
Suspicion
Unusual
Weird
Zoological
CROSSWORD

Use the clues and titles from the Secondary Great Reads list to solve the crossword puzzle. The list is available for download from the Summer Reading Club website.


Across

2. The rescue of her totem animal leads to the discovery of personal inner strength.

4. This Australian classic details the adventures of one cheeky koala.

6. This featured title is authored by the Australian Children’s Laureate for 2018-19.

9. Ransom Riggs continues to perpetuate intrigue with this new collection of original stories and peculiar tales.

12. Set in inner-city Melbourne this ghost-hunting tale is filled with curiosity and adventure.

13. In this eco-tale animals mutate, taking on human characteristics and behaviours.

14. In this series, five children inherit incredible powers enabling them to transform into the animals they touch.

15. The discovery of an abandoned zoo leads to a curious adventure.

Down

1. A classic Australian tale about the ultimate ‘all you can eat’ dessert.

3. In this series mobile cities engage in curious combat for survival in a post-apocalyptic future.

5. This curious tale is filled with talking dogs, mischievous wizards, an evil stepfather and loads and loads of toads.


8. After checking into this book, you won’t want to check out!

10. This story within a story tells the tale of a book of the same name owned by one Mortimer Folchest.

11. This story of discovery involves a star freighter, space alien kidnappers and an impossible choice. Curious?
A-MAZE-ING ADVENTURES
Help our Curious Creature find its way out of the maze.
**FILL IN A WORD**

Are you up for a challenge? Fit all the *Fantastical Beasts* from the list below into the grid!

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Erumpents
Puffskein
Wampuscat
Hidebehind
Runnespoor
Acromantula
Bowtruckles
Snallygaster
Swoopingevil
Hornedserpent

Visit Pottermore online to learn more about these curious creatures.
Got to: **https://www.pottermore.com/collection/creatures-fantastic-beasts**
READY, SET, REBUS!

Can you solve these visual word puzzles? It will require thinking outside the box.
Use the clues below to guide your sleuthing.

CRACKING THE CODE
Rebus pictures are often made with letters, numbers or images, to cryptically represent a word, phrase or saying.

The following clues are the main ways a Rebus puzzle might be encrypted:
1. **Position** – how are the words sitting
2. **Highlighting** – an arrow, underlining or bolded text may suggest where to look for a clue.
3. **Direction** – when a word is spelt in a particular direction other than left-to-right it is usually a clue.
4. **Size** – large words or small words are often used to suggest concepts like big, small, skinny, etc.
5. **Numbers** – numbers or frequency of words can be a clue for their word equivalent, e.g. 2 = too
6. **Colours** – sometimes a Rebus might have words or symbols in colour. Expect the colour to be a clue to solving the puzzle.
7. **Style** – the style of the font is sometimes relevant. It might represent words such as tall, slanted, bold, etc.
8. **Sound** – sometimes a Rebus will have to do with sound. Though the sound might not be exact, it will be close enough to recognize, e.g. 2222 DAY = (2s, day) or Tuesday.
9. **Image** – if a puzzle has an image it will definitely form part or most of the clue.

These clues have been surmised from Rebuses.co. For more help visit https://www.rebuses.co/how-to-solve-a-rebus-puzzle/
**CURIOUS QUESTIONS**
Grab some friends and give these ‘Would you rather’ curious questions a go! Two cards have been left empty for you to create your own questions.

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<td><strong>Have hands that kept growing as you got older</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>feet that began to shrink as you got older?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Know the history of every object you touched</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>be able to talk to animals?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Aliens making first contact with earth be robotic</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>organic?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Own a flying carpet</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>a car that can drive underwater?</strong></td>
<td><strong>There was an ongoing water balloon fight in your city</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>an ongoing food fight?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Wake up to find a random animal appendage has replaced your non-dominant arm</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>permanently replace your bottom half with an animal bottom of your choice?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Have edible spaghetti hair that regrows each morning</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>sweat maple syrup?</strong></td>
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TRUE OR FALSE?

Can you separate fact from fiction? Give this quiz a go, created by Mark Molloy, and then flip the page for the facts. This quiz is also available online at https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/22/the-ultimate-true-or-false-quiz-scientific-fact-or-fiction/

1. Eating chocolate causes acne?

2. If a piece of paper was folded 45 times, it would reach the moon?

3. Black holes aren’t black?

4. The country of Russia has a larger surface area than the planet Pluto?

5. Oxford University is older than the Aztec Empire?

6. Pirates wore eye patches so they could see better in the dark?

7. The Great Wall of China can be seen with the unaided eye from space?

8. Mammoths still roamed the Earth when the Great Pyramid was built?

9. There are more stars in space than grains of sand on every beach in the world?

10. There are more fake flamingos in the world than real ones?

11. Cracking your knuckles too much will give you arthritis?

12. Going out with wet hair increases your chances of catching a cold?

13. Chewing gum takes seven years for a person to digest?

14. An octopus has three hearts?

15. Carrots help you see in the dark?

16. It rains diamonds on Saturn and Jupiter?

17. Shaving makes hair grow back faster?

18. Bananas grow on trees?

19. For every human on Earth there are 1.6 million ants?

20. Sugar makes children hyper?
SOLUTIONS

Figure it Out p1

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Double Puzzle p2

Crocodile
Yabby
Bandicoot
Cassowary
Bogong Moth
Sulphur Crested Cockatoo
Great White Shark
Echidna
Flying Fox
Goanna
Kangaroo
Kookaburra
Lyrebird
Numbat
Frilled Necked Lizard
Dugong
Malee Wolf
Cuscus
Rainbow Lorikeet
Bilby
Tasmanian Devil

Solution: Curious Creatures all around!

Spot the Difference p4

The circled Lorikeet has no right foot!

Crossword p6

Across

2. Black Cockatoo
3. Mortal Engines
5. Frog Kisser
7. Pretty Monsters
8. The Nothing There Hotel
10. Inkheart
11. In the Dark Spaces

Down

1. The Magic Pudding
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15. The Midnight Zoo

A-maze-ing Adventures p7

Wordsearch p5

Fill in a Word p8

Ready, Set, Rebus! p9

1. A bundle of nerves
2. Small potatoes
3. Pinching pennies
4. Back on one’s feet
5. The birds and the bees
6. A ginger in the pie
7. One in a million
8. Grey matter
9. Too funny for words
10. Not worth a red cent
11. Adding insult to injury
12. A bit under the weather
13. The ball is in your court
14. Let the cat out of the bag
15. Beat around the bush
16. No one to blame
17. Yellow belly
18. Take from the rich, give to the poor
19. Three blind mice
20. A green eyed monster
21. Red in the face
22. Green eggs and ham
23. Backrub
24. All thumbs
25. Two left feet
26. Black sheep of the family
27. Big fish in a little pond
28. Tennis shoes
29. Long time, no see
30. All in a day’s work.

True or False p11

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. False
8. True
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10. True
11. False
12. False
13. False
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15. False
I can’t stop raving about:

Book title: 

Author: 

Illustrator: 

This book was about:

I loved:

Who should read this book?

Now I’m reading:

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