

# 25 fun literacy tasks for ages 5–7



These 25 exciting challenges will kick-start your creativity ready for the BBC 500 Words competition!

## 1 Reading den.

Build a den using things from around the house and cosy-up in there to read a book.



## 2 Story hunt.

Collect items that give clues to a book then share them with someone. Can they guess the story?



## 3 Reading places.

Where is the strangest place in your home or garden you can find to read? Remember to let an adult know!



## 4 Nature Explorer.

Go on a nature walk and write about the different animals and plants you see. Draw pictures of them too.



## 5 Read aloud.

Grab your favourite book and read to someone else: your family, a pet or even your toys!



## 6 Word fun.

Think of a word and find other words that rhyme with it. Make up a short story that includes all those words.



## 7 Character creations.

Draw a new character and label your picture with information about them. Who are they, what do they do, where do they live?

8 Challenge yourself. Take part in The Summer Reading Challenge. You can join in either at your local library or online!



9 Alternative ending. Choose your favourite book. Can you rewrite the ending so that something different happens?

## 10 Fantasy land.

Draw a picture of a new land then tell a story about what happens there



## 11 Silly sentences.

Write a sentence with these words:



Now think of your own silly words and write some more!

## 12 Model maker.

Use anything you can find around the house to make a model of your favourite book character.



## 13 CBBC inspiration.

Write a story about your favourite CBBC character. What will happen to them?



## 14 Ping-pong storytelling.

Write the first sentence of a story, ask someone to write the next one. Then it's your turn again! Keep going until you have a full story.

## 15 Reading picnic.

Pack a picnic lunch and go to your garden, a park or another outdoor location to read.



## 16 Let's learn.

Read a book to gain a new skill. It could be a recipe book to get better at cooking, a magic trick or something else!



## 17 Who am I?

Think of your favourite book character and write a short description of them. Read it out to someone to see if they can guess who it is.

## 18 View from a window.

Imagine you look out of your window to see something surprising. Write down what is it and what happens next.



## 19 Get creative.

Make your own bookmark to use when you read. How will you decorate it?

## 20 Story stones.

Hunt out some flat stones and decorate them with characters and objects from your favourite story.



## 21 Toy Tales.

Write a short story about a day in the life of your favourite toy. What adventures do they go on?

## 22 Story bag.

Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well-known story. If you can't find an item you could draw a picture to include.

## 23 Super senses.

Use your senses to write about a special place. What can you see, hear, smell, taste and feel?



## 24 Letter hunt.

Ask a friend or family member to shout out a letter then run and find something beginning with that letter as quickly as you can!



## 25 Book Swap.

Borrow a book from a friend or family member and lend them one of yours. Share what you liked about it with them after you've read it.



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