

Reading Journal Activities

1. Make up three questions you would use to check if someone has read the book carefully.	2. Design a poster advertising the book. Remember to write on the poster why people should read it.	3. Pick three descriptive words from the text, write them down and explain why you think the writer used them.
4. Find words you don't understand in the story and write down their meanings from a dictionary.	5. Write your own blurb for the back of the book.	6. Write an alternative end to the story.
7. Write a list of five questions you would like to ask the author.	8. Write a short play based on the story.	9. Which character in your reading book would you like to be? Why?
10. In your reading book, which character are you most alike, and why?	11. Who else should read this book? Why? Who shouldn't read it? Why?	12. Find a story set in the past. Find at least five clues that tell you it is in the past.
13. Finish the sentence: "I like the way the author..." Then, explain why.	14. Write a diary extract for one of the characters.	15. Write the main events from a story as a story mountain.
16. Predict what might happen in a sequence of the story. Write down what happens to each character.	17. Write down where and when the story took place. Explain why you would (or wouldn't) like to have a holiday there.	18. Using pictures, explain the order of events in your guided reading book. Label each picture.
19. Make a poster to advertise your guided reading book. It should encourage people to read it.	20. Write a description of the main character in your guided reading book. Include their appearance and likes or dislikes.	21. Write a new problem and a new solution for your story. How does the ending change?
22. Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story. Write 1 or 2 sentences to explain it.	23. Write a letter from one character to another. Send it and reply.	24. Write about a memory or experience of your own that is similar to something you have read in this book.
25. Using speech bubbles, draw a conversation between two characters from the story and create a caption to describe the situation.	26. List the 5 most important objects in the story and explain why they are so important.	27. Write the main events from a story as a story mountain. Remember to include the opening, build-up, dilemma and resolution.
28. Draw a map of the book's settings and label each part.	29. Create a glossary of key words from your book, use images or symbols to illustrate the definition.	30. Choose a character in your book and write an acrostic poem about them. Read it to someone.

