

First Minister's Reading Challenge



Reading Dare Examples

- Sneak up to someone while they are reading a book and try and read a whole page without them noticing!
- Recommend your favourite book to a teacher.
- In the library, keeping your eyes closed (or with a blindfold!) ask a friend to spin you round and pick a book without looking. This is the next book you will read!
- Find a poem that makes you laugh.
- Write a note to an anonymous reader, put it in a book and leave the book somewhere for a person to find.
- Pretend to be a famous book character for a day and see if anyone guesses what you're doing.
- Read the book your favourite film is based on or watch a film based on a book.
- Share a book recommendation at assembly.
- Read the first page of five different books and read the one you like best.
- Put together or make a collection of objects which could belong to a character from a book. See if your friends can guess the character!
- Read a spooky story at night time.
- Bake fairy cakes and decorate them with book titles, quotes or pictures.
- Take a book out of the library and start reading it straight away – finish this evening!
- Find a kind, funny or inspiring quote in a book you like, write it in your best handwriting and put in a place where you will see it daily. Every day you will look at this and be reminded of something good.
- Dare your parent or guardian to read your favourite book, and read one they suggest.
- Draw a picture of how you imagine your favourite character from a book to look.
- Use a quote from your favourite book in everyday conversation and see if anyone notices!
- Guerilla poetry - hide poems or quotes around your school for people to find!
- Walk around your school playing a game of I Spy, but the only items you can spy have to be from a book you know. For example, if you see a teacup (like in Alice in Wonderland), or toy/picture of a fairy (like in Peter Pan).
- Read instead of watching TV for a week!
- Call your teacher, a member of your family or a friend the name of a favourite book character for a day.
- Write all your texts in rhyme for a week!
- Recommend a book to a relative of another generation.

- Don't say no to your younger sibling's request of read-aloud stories all week.
- Volunteer to read out a page from your book to the rest of the class.
- Volunteer to tidy your class or school library.
- Put a sign on your desk saying what you're reading right now.
- Read a book set in a country you would like to go to.
- Have a book group at school and share your favourites.
- Read a book featuring your favourite sport or activity.
- Read a book recommended by a family member (maybe your grandad or grandma).
- Do a book swap with a friend.
- Write a deleted scene for your favourite film.
- Read an illustrated book.
- Include a quote from a book in class and see if your teacher notices!
- Re-enact your favourite scene from a book.
- Re-write your favourite scene from a TV show and get friends to read it or act it out.
- Write an article about the top five computer games with great storylines.
- Write a comic based on your favourite computer game or film.
- Find a book you liked when you were younger and read it again.
- Borrow a book for one of your friends.
- Find a wordless picture book and share it with someone younger than you.
- Spend 15 minutes every day reading for a week.
- Read a comic book then have a go at writing your own comic strip featuring the same characters.
- Read a newspaper article.
- Write to an author whose work you enjoy.
- Make and wear a T-shirt celebrating your favourite book.
- Bury a time capsule with your favourite book in it, write a note to the person who'll dig it up one day saying why you love it.
- Perform a poem to your class.
- Design an alternative book cover for one of your favourites.
- Make a poster to advertise your favourite book.
- Read a book that helps you to learn a new skill.
- Make up a joke about a favourite book or character and tell it to a friend.
- Make your own reading den either at home or at school and take a photo of it.
- Write a piece of fanfiction based on your favourite book.
- Read first thing in the morning for a whole week.
- Write a letter to your favourite character.
- Visit the library and ask for a recommendation.
- Read a comic or graphic novel.
- Write a song about your favourite character or book.