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# SUMMER READING CLUB

## Secondary Activity Book

The Summer Reading Club is led by State Library of Queensland in partnership with the Australian Library and Information Association and Australian Public Library Alliance.

# 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](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)



**The Magic Pudding**  
Norman Lindsay



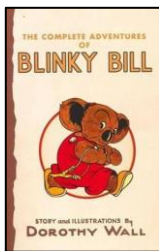
**Black Cockatoo**  
Carl Merrison  
Hakea Hustler



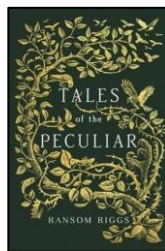
**The Book of Dust**  
Philip Pullman



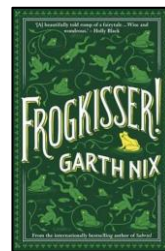
**Mortal Engines**  
Philip Reeve



**Blinky Bill**  
Dorothy Wall



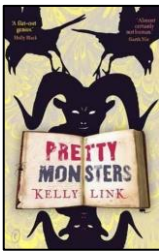
**Tales of the Peculiar**  
Ransom Riggs



**Frogkisser**  
Garth Nix



**Loyal Creatures**  
Morris Gleitzman



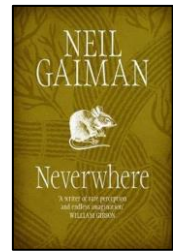
**Pretty Monsters**  
Kelly Link



**The Nothing to See Here Hotel**  
Steven Butler



**Inkheart**  
Cornelia Funke



**Neverwhere**  
Neil Gaiman



**Animorphs Series**  
K.A. Applegate



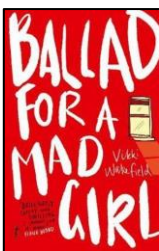
**Amulet Series**  
Kazu Kibuishi



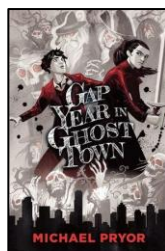
**The Midnight Zoo**  
Sonya Hartnett



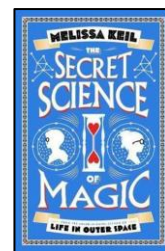
**In the Dark Spaces**  
Cally Black



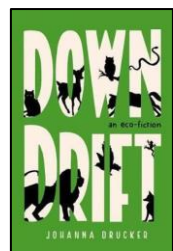
**Ballad for a Mad Girl**  
Vikki Wakefield



**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](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/theclub)



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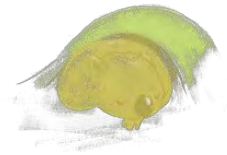
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### Please note:

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](mailto: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.

A

	X		/		12
-		+		X	
	+		+		15
X		-		+	
	+		X		17
8		2		7	

B

	-		+		6
X		-		-	
	X		/		10
-		+		+	
	X		+		61
26		7		6	

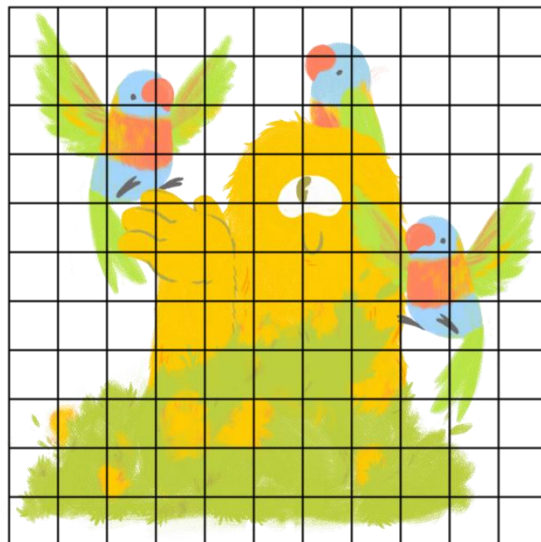
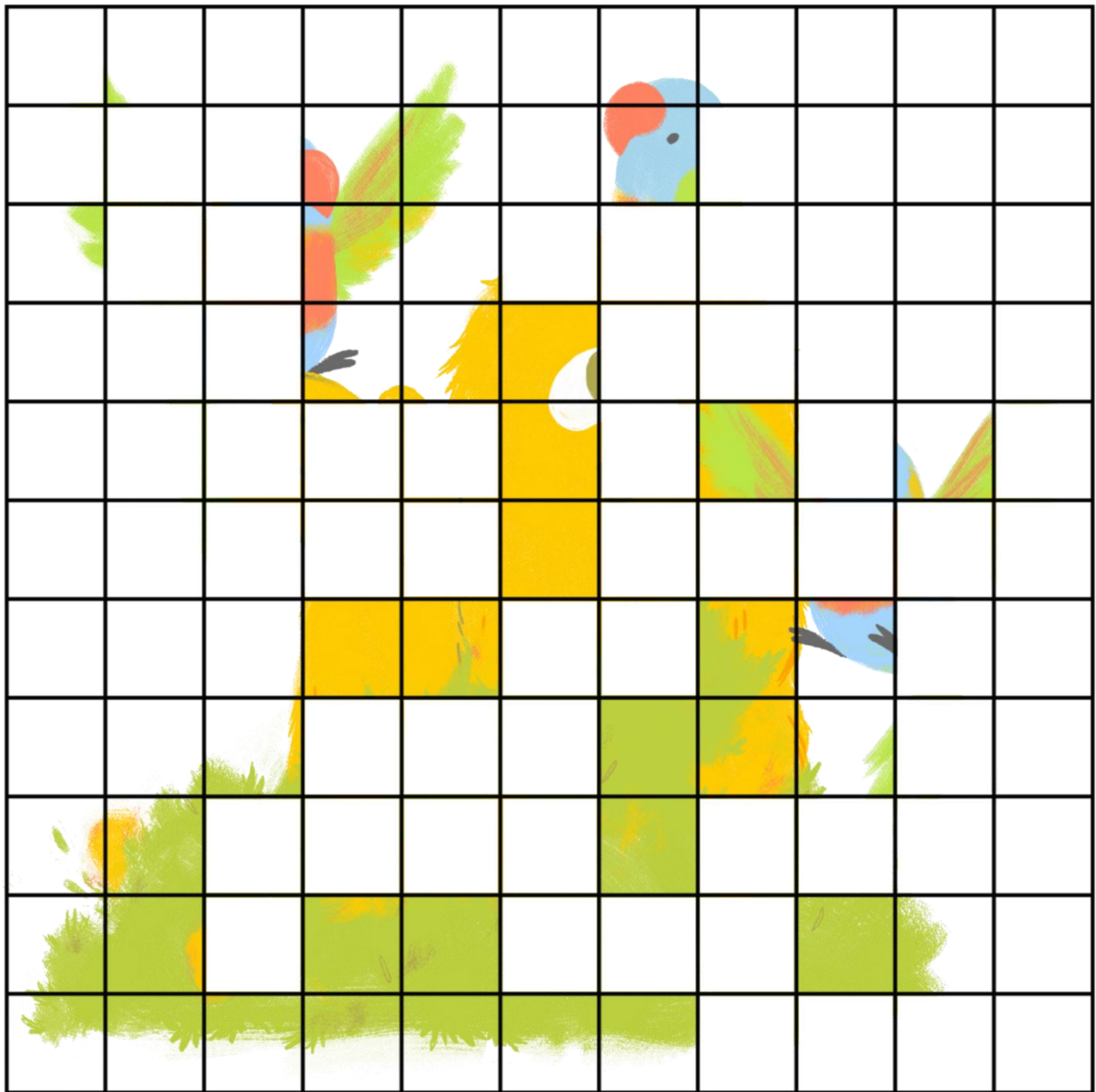
C

	+		-		4
+		+		X	
	/		+		17
-		-		-	
	-		+		3
6		4		52	



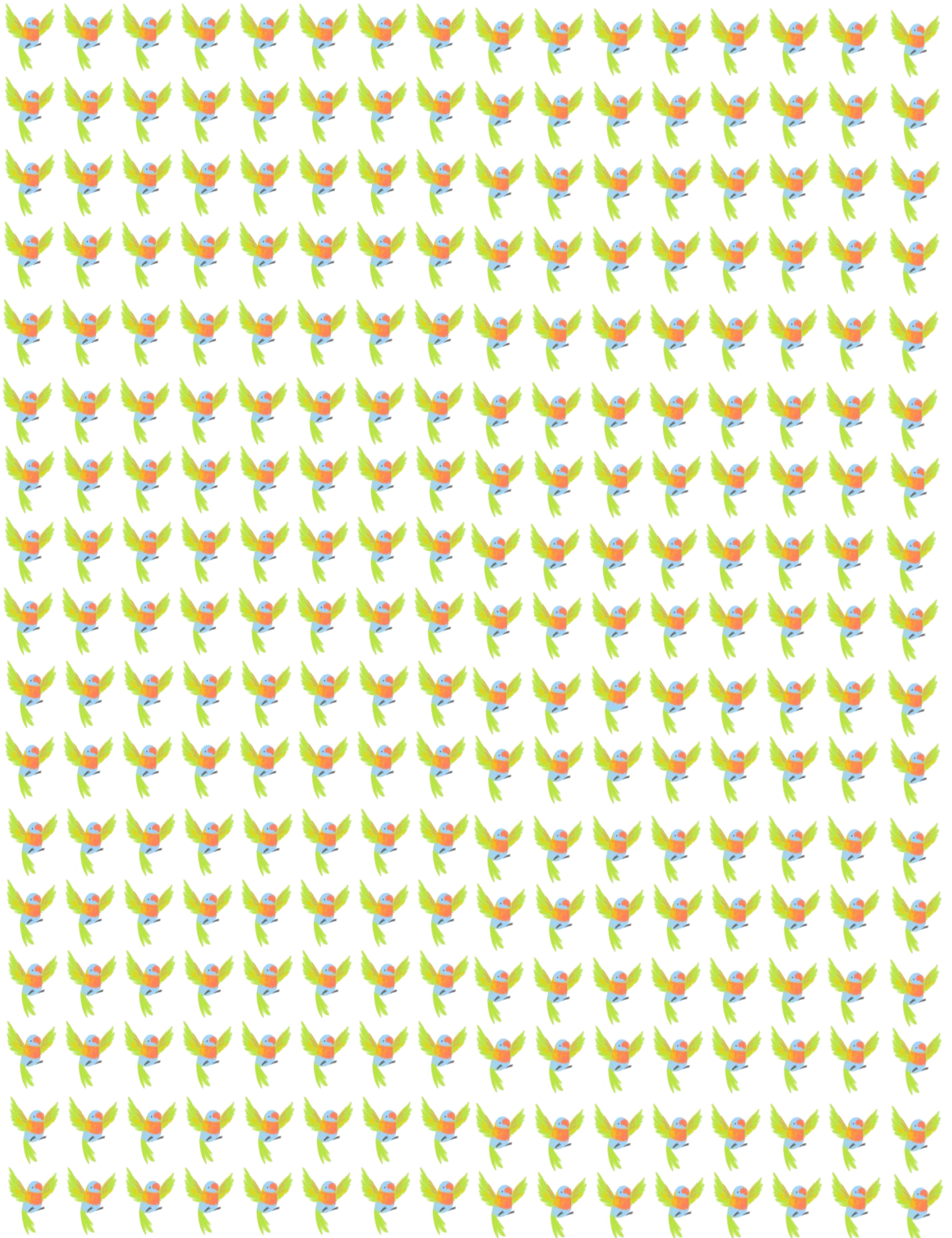
# COMPLETE THE PICTURE

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.

F A W O J B T U M S T D D Q E H K X G S N Z U L C K X Z G K  
 U K W K L X G G E P Y E M V X J G O A R B A Y O E C M X T H  
 Y L D E L K D K E F P K W I P C S U S P I C I O N H I D V K  
 M Y E J S B B I E Q E T F G L U X I Y V R X L S J V I W I F  
 I P N I O O J D P J O L O M O D E I I D P A R A N O R M A L  
 C G J I H Z M G O X R X S Y R D Z X I N V E S T I G A T E I  
 R L D T R B O E T F P D M T E L B G A A G D B A H M J D S I  
 O A T G O J C D W O A H K H G E J A B M E J J N H B T L R N  
 S N M G C H X A O U S N Z I U P B V Y I P K B C R X O A T S  
 C D O G E A K W T G T A T C W I B O M W Z L D N Z N M N P T  
 O X J K A N K E B H E C V A S E N V T J B A E W W C X D K I  
 P N A O N T U I U U Y G L L S T R Y M A Q U R M T U S S Z N  
 I F Z A U H A R R N O Z I V W T R H L D N A S R T R T C Q C  
 C U Z V X R D D R C U F G R W X I C A D B I H H E I R A S T  
 M G B E Z O N A O H R R O A A C R C T R D N C P H O A P I R  
 F C E N B P O E W Y L I F L T F Y V B B L T W A Y S N E C L  
 L Z H U N O K D Y I I W U M I V F V C E Z D K G L I G L A E  
 O O G E I M M W F N S B E E F A N E G U A A F Z B T E E M G  
 R O U D B O E K A V T D L Z T O G N A F P S J F I I G C O E  
 A L W R X R G H N E O W I W C Z R E T D N U T A I E A W U N  
 D O Z E N P A O T S F E S S Q R A E S Z V E K S V S L C F D  
 E G Q A Y H F D A T W W O X C O O P S H C E T I I M R Q L M  
 T I A M R I A N S I O D U F R O G C M T J L N X H F W O A R  
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 C A P I P I N Z I A D Q D X R D N E E U N T H E U C O X E V  
 T L R M D X A W C T S V S S F K X E R C I Z R I Z R K W L L  
 I Y M E S T S D V I H J C D O V R G S Y S N U G G L E P O T  
 V H U N U S U A L O E H A Z W C R E A T U R E S N D G A E K  
 E A X H H G A O R N R P P B W Y D A B L I N K Y B I L L J I  
 Y T H G E O L O G Y E R E D F V I D E X P L O R A T I O N V

Adventure  
 Anthropomorphic  
 Avenue  
 Awesome  
 Bizarre  
 Blinky Bill  
 Botanical  
 Burrow  
 Bush  
 Camouflage

Creatures  
 Cuddlepie  
 Curiosities  
 Den  
 Detective  
 Discovery  
 Dreamtime  
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 Geology  
 Hunch  
 Instinct

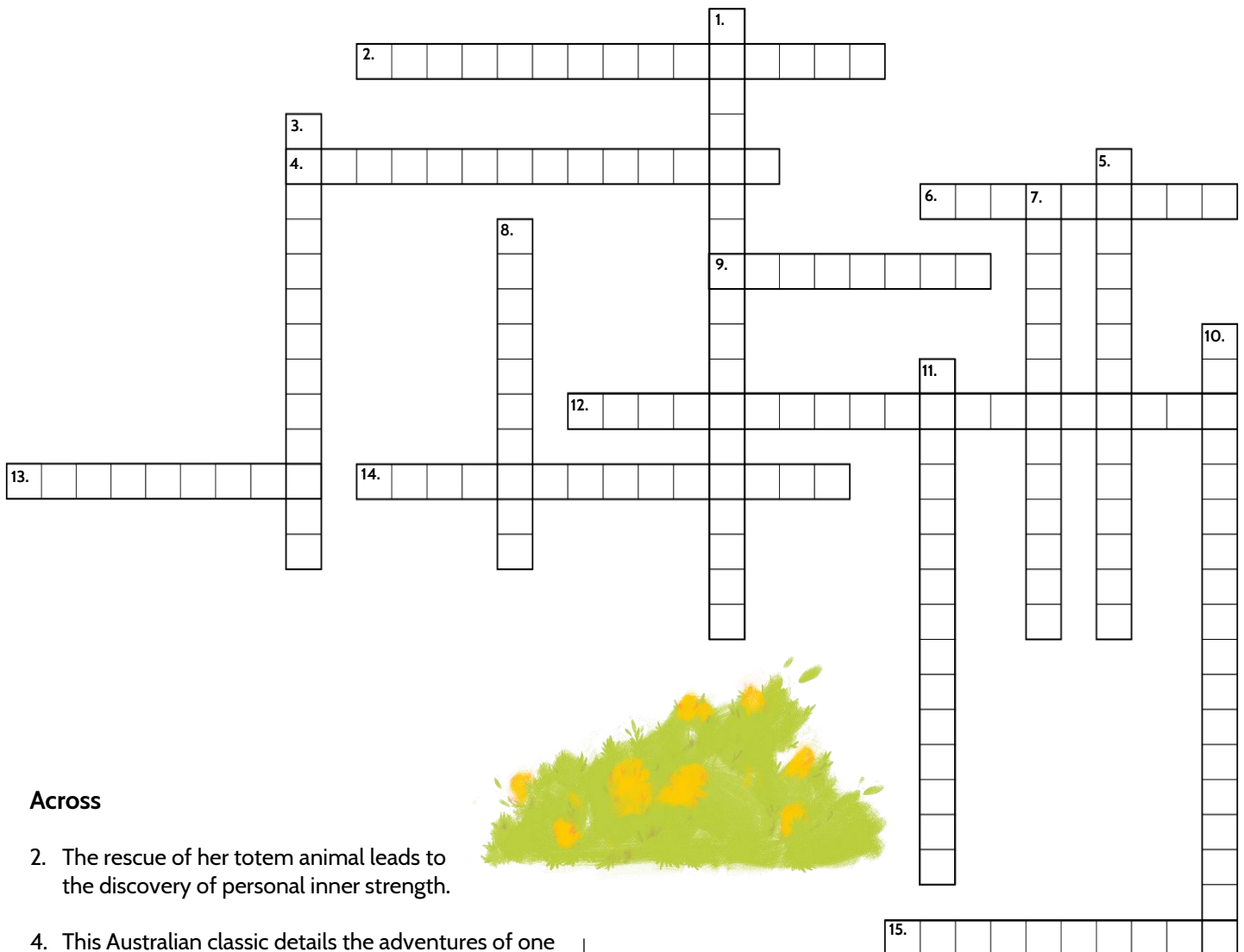
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 Legend  
 Megafauna  
 Microscopic  
 Mythical  
 Nest

Ocean  
 Paranormal  
 Snugglepot  
 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.

Go to: <http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/thelub/secondary/great-reads/>



## 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.

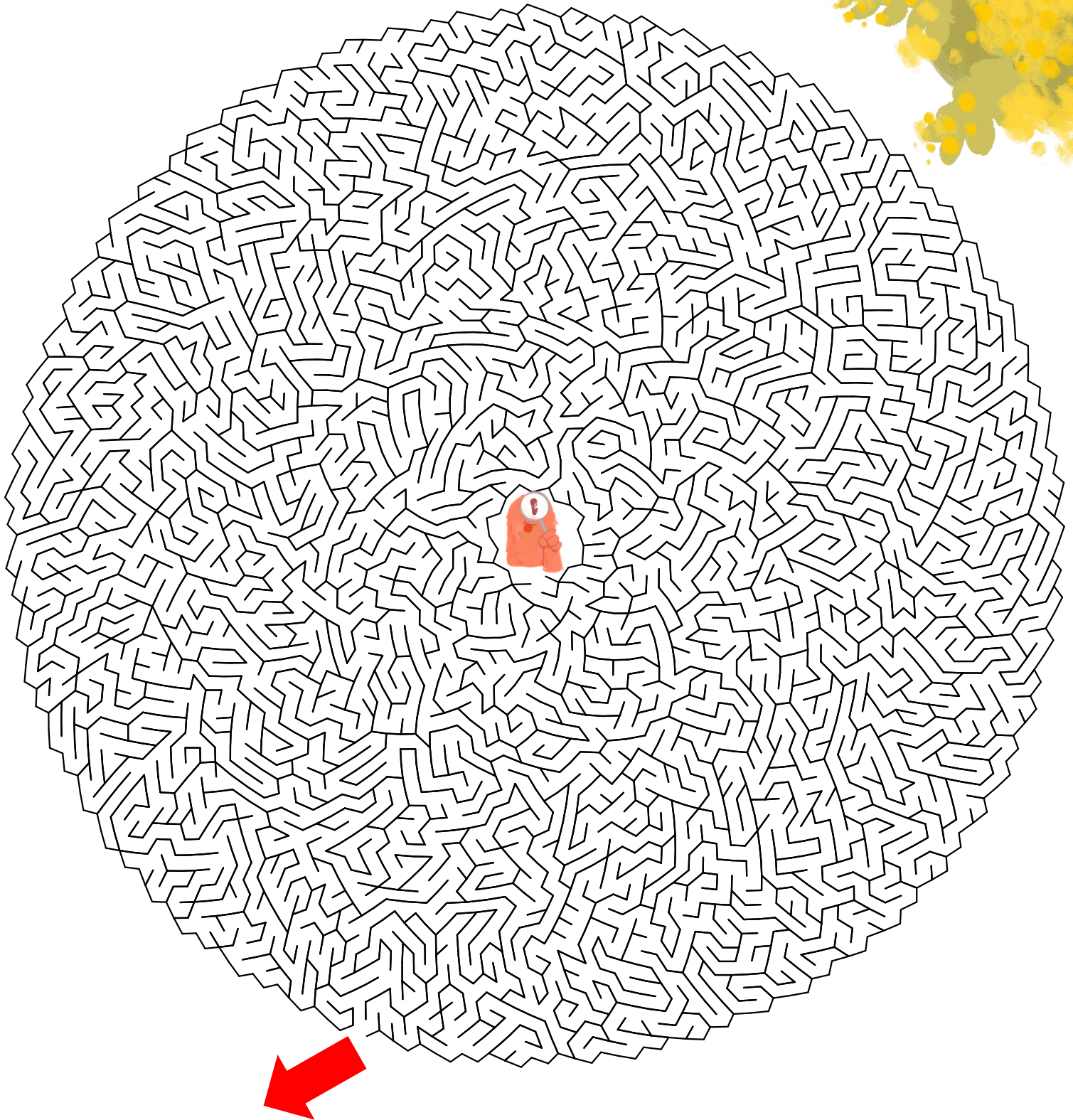
## Down

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.
7. A collection of short stories filled with a wonder of curiosities and monsters.
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 kidnapers and an impossible choice. Curious?



# A-MAZE-ING ADVENTURES

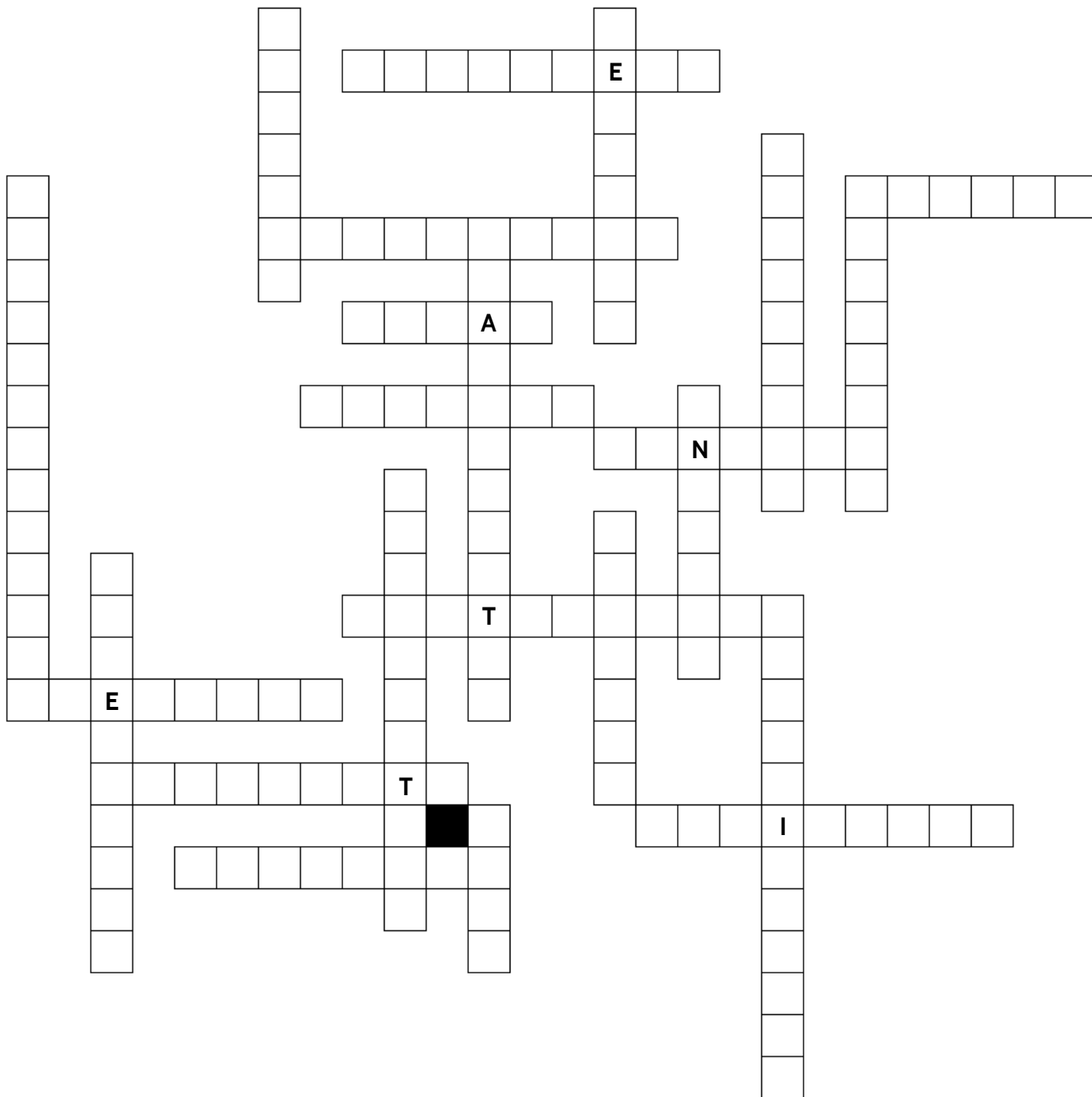
Help our Curious Creature find its way out of the maze.



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# FILL IN A WORD

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



Crup  
Hodag  
Nundus  
Centaur  
Kneazle  
Murtlap

Occamys  
Unicorn  
Nifflers  
Streeler  
Thestral  
Werewolf

Demiguise  
Erumpents  
Puffskein  
Wampuscat  
Hidebehind  
Runespoor

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:

- Position** – how are the words sitting
- Highlighting** – an arrow, underlining or bolded text may suggest where to look for a clue.
- Direction** – when a word is spelt in a particular direction other than left-to-right it is usually a clue.
- Size** – large words or small words are often used to suggest concepts like big, small, skinny, etc.
- Numbers** – numbers or frequency of words can be a clue for their word equivalent, e.g. 2 = too
- Colour** – sometimes a Rebus might have words or symbols in colour. Expect the colour to be a clue to solving the puzzle.
- Style** – the style of the font is sometimes relevant. It might represent words such as tall, slanted, bold, etc.
- 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.
- Image** – if a puzzle has an image it will definitely form part or most of the clue.

These clues have been surmised from Rebus.co. For more help visit <https://www.rebuses.co/how-to-solve-a-rebus-puzzle/>

11	Injury + Insult	16	Weather Bit
12	yourballcourt	17	B Cat 2 aa
13	T B Bush A E	18	1. 2. Blame 3. Blame
14	belly	19	ri poorch
15	mce mce mce	20	<b>MONSTER!</b>

1	nerve nerve nerve nerve nerve nerve	6	potato potato potato potato potato potato	21	FACE	EGG EGG HAM	
2	PENNIES	7	back ↓ ↓	22	BUR	THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS...	
3	b bird b bird bird b b b b b	8	Finger PIE	23	TEEF FEET TEEF	28	FAMILY SHEEP
4	MILONELION	9	Matter	24	poFISHnd	29	ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE
5	funny funny word word word word	10	Not = Cent		TIME a b d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z	10.	DAYSALLWORK

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# 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.



**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Always be ten minutes late  
**OR**  
always be twenty minutes early?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Be able to see one year into your  
own future **OR**  
one year into the future of  
anyone but yourself

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Be able to teleport anywhere  
**OR**  
be able to read peoples minds?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Be able to control fire  
**OR**  
control water?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Have hands that kept growing as  
you got older **OR**  
feet that began to shrink as you  
got older?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Know the history of every object  
you touched  
**OR**  
be able to talk to animals?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Aliens making first contact with  
earth be robotic  
**OR**  
organic?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Own a flying carpet  
**OR**  
a car that can drive underwater?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
There was an ongoing water  
balloon fight in your city  
**OR**  
an ongoing food fight?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Wake up to find a random animal  
appendage has replaced your  
non-dominant arm **OR**  
permanently replace your bottom half  
with an animal bottom of your choice?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Have edible spaghetti hair that  
regrows each morning  
**OR**  
sweat maple syrup?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Live in a giant desert  
**OR**  
a giant dessert?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Be covered in fur  
**OR**  
covered in scales?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Be able to fly  
**OR**  
be invisible?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Have to always enter rooms  
backwards **OR**  
have to always exit rooms by  
somersault?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**  
Have a unicorn horn  
**OR**  
a platypus bill?

**WOULD YOU RATHER**

**WOULD YOU RATHER**

# 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?

1. Eating chocolate on its own does not cause acne although other research suggests that diet can determine how bad your acne can be. 2. <https://youtu.be/AmFMjC45tR0> 3. They're very dark but they aren't black. They glow, slightly, giving off light across the whole spectrum, including visible light. 4. According to data analysed from NASA's New Horizon mission this is true. 5. Oxford University (1249) is older than the Aztec Empire (1325), according to Smithsonian. 6. Pirates didn't wear patches to cover a missing eye; they actually wore one to keep one eye adjusted to darkness when going below deck. 7. Nasa say it's very unlikely with just the unaided eye. 8. A tiny population survived on the isolated Wangal Island until 1650 BCE. 9. It's true! Fraser Cain from Universe Today has done the maths. Check it out <https://www.universetoday.com/106725/are-there-more-grains-of-sand-than-stars/> 10. There are an estimated 950,000 flamingos in existence compared to millions of plastic ones. 11. The sound of knuckles cracking is caused by a small bubble building up in the fluid of the fingers then 'popping', scientists believe, and it could actually be beneficial to health. 12. Colds are caused by viruses not by being cold. 13. "Nothing would reside that long, unless it was so large it couldn't get out of the stomach or it was trapped in the intestine," an expert on these matters told the Scientific American. <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/fact-or-fiction-chewing-gum-takes-seven-years-to-digest/> 14. Two of the hearts pump blood beyond the animal's gills, while the third pumps blood through the body. 15. Carrots do contain carotene, a natural compound that is needed to construct the light-receiving apparatus in the retina, but they won't help you see in the dark. 16. It's true, according to scientists in the United States <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-24477667> 17. This is a myth, according to researchers, who say the thickening is simply an optical illusion, created because the hairs grow back blunt-ended without the fine tapered ends of unshaven hair. 18. Bananas do not grow on trees. They grow from a root structure that produces an above ground stem. 19. True again! That's a lot of ants. 20. Professor David Benton professor of psychology at Swansea University in the UK says it's a myth that sugary food and drinks make children hyperactive (not sure if you'll be able to convince your parents!)

# SOLUTIONS

## Figure it Out p1

**A**

6	X	4	/	2	12
-	■	+	■	X	
5	+	7	+	3	15
X	■	-	■	+	
8	+	9	X	1	17
8	2			7	

**B**

8	-	3	+	1	6
X	■	-	■	-	
4	X	5	/	2	10
-	■	+	■	+	
6	X	9	+	7	61
26		7		6	

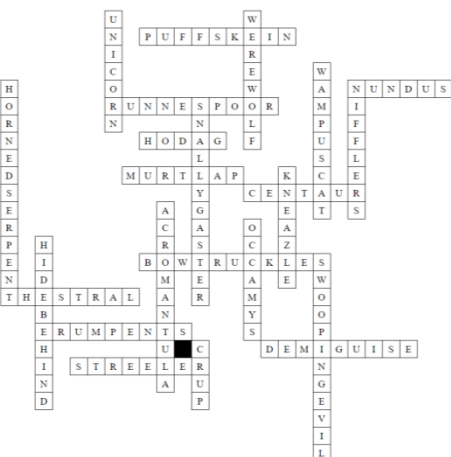
**C**

3	+	7	-	6	4
■	■	+	■	X	
8	/	1	+	9	17
-	■	-	■	-	
5	-	4	+	2	3
6		4		52	

## Wordsearch p5



## Fill in a Word p8



## 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!

## Crossword p6

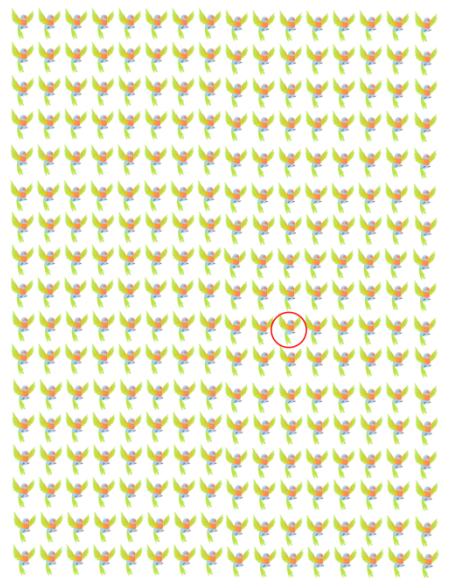
- Across**
2. Black Cockatoo
  3. Mortal Engines
  5. Frog Kisser
  7. Pretty Monsters
  8. The Nothing There Hotel
  10. Inkheart
  11. In the Dark Spaces
- Down**
1. The Magic Pudding
  4. Blinky Bill
  6. Loyal Creatures
  9. Tales of the Peculiar
  12. Gap Year in Ghost Town
  13. Downdrift
  14. Animorphs
  15. The Midnight Zoo

## Ready, Set, Rebus! p9

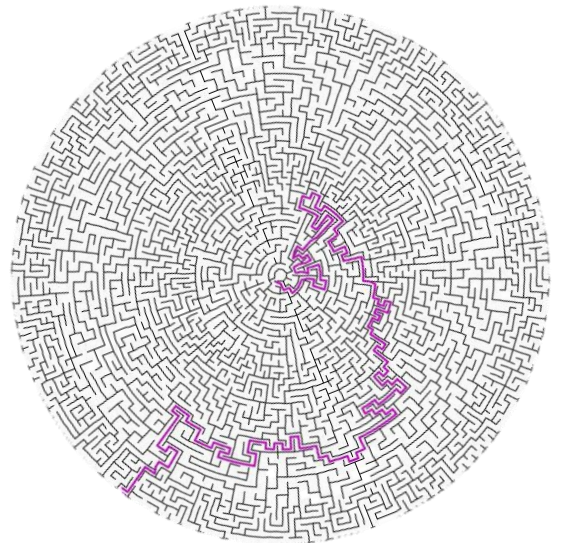
1. A bundle of nerves
2. Small potatoes
3. Pinching pennies
4. Back on one's feet
5. The birds and the bees
6. A ginger in the pie
7. One in a million
8. Grey matter
9. Too funny for words
10. Not worth a red cent
11. Adding insult to injury
12. A bit under the weather
13. The ball is in your court
14. 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.

## Spot the Difference p4

The circled Lorikeet has no right foot!



## A-maze-ing Adventures p7



## True or False p11

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1. False  | 16. True  |
| 2. True   | 17. False |
| 3. True   | 18. False |
| 4. True   | 19. True  |
| 5. True   | 20. False |
| 6. True   |           |
| 7. False  |           |
| 8. True   |           |
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