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KIDS' LIT QUIZ™

SINGAPORE 2020



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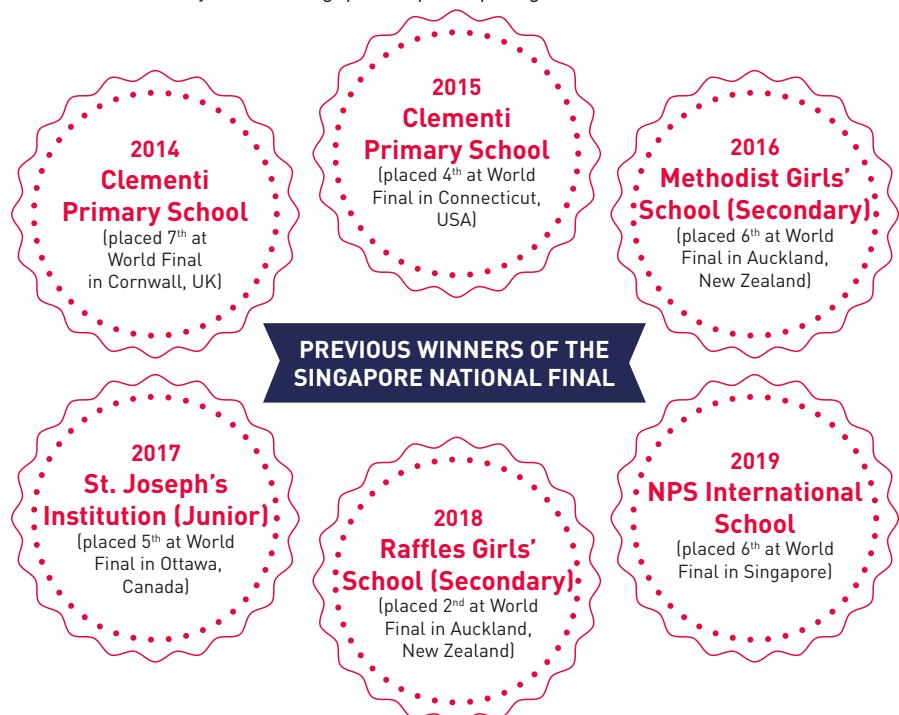
Introduction

Kids' Lit Quiz™ is an annual international literary competition for young people aged 10 to 13. Students pit their wits against one another to answer questions about children's literature, ranging from classics to comics.

Wayne Mills, the Quizmaster, started the Quiz in 1991.

National Finals are held in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Indonesia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA and Thailand. The winning team from each country will compete at the World Final!

This is the seventh year that Singapore is participating in Kids' Lit Quiz™.



In 2020, the winning team from the National Final will receive an all-expenses paid trip and the honour of representing Singapore at the Kids' Lit Quiz™ World Final in Hamilton, New Zealand, home of Kids' Lit Quiz™.



① Great teamwork shown all around!

② Celebrating after topping a category!

SURVIVAL TIP #1

Selecting Your Lit-savvy Students

Having trouble deciding who should make the team of four? Do not merely base it on their proficiency in the English language. Be on the lookout for students with these desirable attributes:



A voracious appetite for books of various genres like classics, nursery rhymes and mythology



An eye for detail to pick up things in stories that usually go unnoticed



An elephant's memory for quotable quotes and opening / closing lines



Ability to dig into books and research book trivia, including author and illustrator biographies, literary tropes, and publishing details



Quick-wittedness to confidently submit answers on time



Sportsmanship (because winning is not everything)



Here's some help to find such students! Print the following questions and test how many students can answer them correctly.

1

There are two crocodiles featured in Roald Dahl's *The Enormous Crocodile*. What is the name of the smaller crocodile?

2

"A last note from your narrator: I am haunted by humans." Which book is this quote from?

3

What is the name of the little cumulus cloud that wanted to do big and important things?



4

Name the classic where toys become real because the children loved them and believed it so.

Fill in the blank for this poem by Shel Silverstein that goes:

"Yes we'll walk with a walk that is measured and slow,
and we'll go where the chalk-white arrows go,
for the children, they mark, and the children, they know,
the place _____."

6

Name the heroine that is as beautiful as Aphrodite, as wise as Athena, swifter than Mercury and stronger than Hercules. She often goes by "Lieutenant Diana Prince" to conceal her identity.

7

In One-Punch Man, the main character, Saitama, undergoes rigorous exercise to train his body. How many push-ups does he do daily?

8

The old lady first swallowed a fly. What is the fourth creature she swallowed?

9

Who are the three ladies making up the 'Mrs Ws' in *A Wrinkle in Time*?

10

In *Ella Enchanted*, what animal does Lucinda transform herself into?

SURVIVAL TIP #2

The Kids' Lit Quiz™ World Final will be held in Hamilton, New Zealand! This is what the journey to the World Final looks like:



Planning Your Literary Conquest



JAN

27 JAN - 13 APR

Registration

Sign up for Literary Boot Camp, Communication Session for Teachers and POSB-NLB Kids' Lit Quiz™ Singapore 2020.

MAR

20 MAR

Literary Boot Camp

Register your students for the Literary Boot Camp! Each school is allowed to register a maximum of four students for the Literary Boot Camp.

Communication Session

Find out more about the competition and receive tips from our friendly librarians.

APR

POSB-NLB Kids' Lit Quiz™ Book Buzz and Book Display
Ask your Read@School librarian about our themed Book Buzz along with our Survival Kit materials.

4 APR

Battle Lit Quiz

Participate in the Battle Lit Quiz at your local library and answer literary questions to earn tokens, while stocks last.

Refer to Page 6 for more details.

MAY - JUN

30 May - 2 June

POSB-NLB Kids' Lit Quiz 2020 Heats and Final Quiz on! Teams will compete in heats according to MOE zones and progress to the National Final. The winning team will represent Singapore at the World Final.

JUL

Kids' Lit Quiz™ World Final 2020

Showcase your Singapore spirit while representing our nation at the World Final!



^Visit go.gov.sg/nlb-klq-2020 for the latest information.

Battle Lit Out!

Don't feel left out of the action! People from all walks of life and of all ages can try our game booths and answer fun book-related questions.

Quiz yourself at the public libraries below on 8 February, 14 March and 4 April to win attractive prizes, while stocks last.

8 February 2020

Bedok Public Library
Bishan Public Library
Bukit Batok Public Library
Clementi Public Library
Geylang Public Library
Joo Chawang Public Library
Serangoon Public Library

14 March 2020

Bukit Panjang Public Library
Central Public Library
Jurong West Public Library
Marine Parade Public Library
Pasir Ris Public Library
Queenstown Public Library
Woodlands Public Library

Cancelled^

4 April 2020

Ang Mo Kio Public Library
Cheng San Public Library
library@harbourfront
Sengkang Public Library
Tampines Regional Library
Toa Payoh Public Library
Yishun Public Library

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The

Literary Boot Camp



The Literary Boot Camp prepares your teams for the gruelling POSB-NLB Kids' Lit Quiz™ competition in April. Highlights include deep dives into children's literature, and exciting games with prizes up for grabs! Participants can test their reflexes during the buzzer round that will simulate the National Final.

Teachers are highly encouraged to attend the Communication Session to learn more about the competition format, and how they and their charges can prepare for the exciting month ahead.

Literary Boot Camp

20 March 2020, Friday

10am - 12pm

National Library Building

Communication Session

Cancelled^

20 March 2020, Friday

10am - 11.30am

Possibility Room, Level 5,
National Library Building



^Visit go.gov.sg/nlb-klq-2020 for the latest information.

SURVIVAL TIP #3

Preparing for (Literary) Battle



IMMERSE YOUR STUDENTS IN BOOKS

A key premise of the quiz is reading for pleasure. Hence, Mr. Wayne Mills does not provide a reading list or a set of “must-read” books or authors, to encourage the children to read what they like. Thus, we hope that students will explore books by themselves and read voraciously. Teams are also highly encouraged to read up on the author, illustrators, literary contexts, and background information behind each book. It is recommended that each team comprises specialists in different topics or research areas to maximise the team’s literary potential.

Here are some suggestions from Mr. Mills himself:

Book Clubs



Many schools operate book clubs either during or after school where groups of readers brainstorm categories to see how many books they can come up with, for example, rats. Your school librarian will be invaluable in this respect.

Book Awards



Look at the winners of the Carnegie, the Newberry, the Caldecott and the Kate Greenway Awards as these often get global attention. Check out each country’s national children’s book awards.



Stay updated with all the latest news about the POSB-NLB Kids’ Lit Quiz™ by visiting [discoverReads](#).



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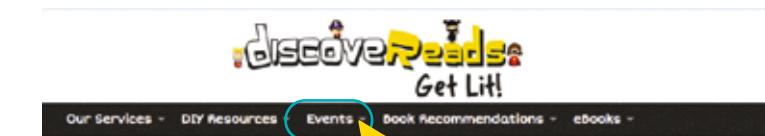
Go to

www.nlb.gov.sg/discovereads



STEP 2

Click on “Events”



STEP 3

Click on “POSB-NLB Kids’ Lit Quiz™ Singapore 2020”



discoverReads also has a curated selection of eBooks that you can use to prepare for the competition.



Simply follow these steps to access our wide range of eBooks.



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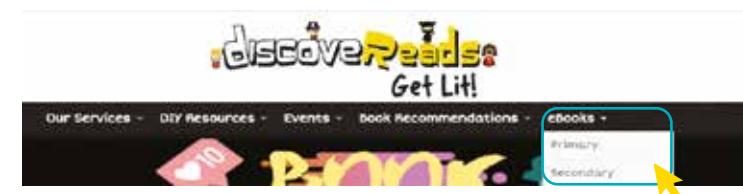
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STEP 2

Click on “eBooks” and select the level you are interested in





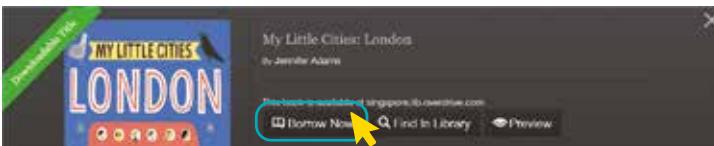
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Select the book you would like to borrow



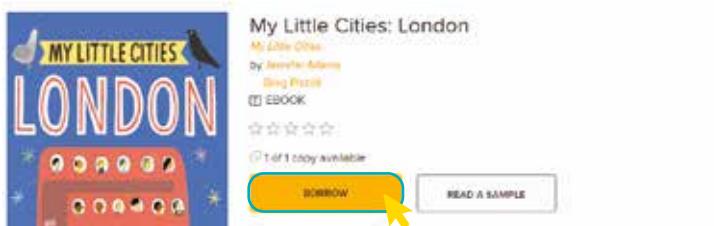
STEP 4

Select "Borrow Now"



STEP 5

You will be directed to the NLB OverDrive page whereby you can select "Borrow"



STEP 6

Log in using your myLibrary ID



STEP 7

Once you have logged in, you may proceed to borrow the eBook and select your preferred mode of reading



Past World Final Categories (2000-2019)

- ▶ Anthromorphised Animals
- ▶ Anti-heroes
- ▶ Arch-enemies
- ▶ Archetypes
- ▶ Authors
- ▶ Books to Disney
- ▶ Books to Movies
- ▶ Books within Books
- ▶ Characters
- ▶ Closure
- ▶ Comic Characters
- ▶ Ducks
- ▶ Dystopian
- ▶ Dr. Seuss
- ▶ Enemies
- ▶ Fabled Places
- ▶ Fables
- ▶ Fictional Machines
- ▶ Flying Creatures
- ▶ Folktales
- ▶ Gods & Goddesses
- ▶ Graphic Novels
- ▶ Grimm Stories
- ▶ Groups
- ▶ Hans Christian Andersen
- ▶ Historical Fiction
- ▶ Illustrators
- ▶ Lucky Characters
- ▶ Masked Characters
- ▶ Modern-day Classics
- ▶ Movie Clips
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Mythical Beasts
- ▶ Mythical Objects
- ▶ Mythology
- ▶ Non-Fiction
- ▶ Novel Openings
- ▶ Nursery Rhymes
- ▶ One and Only
- ▶ Picture Books
- ▶ Poetry
- ▶ Poets
- ▶ Pseudonyms
- ▶ Reference Books
- ▶ Series
- ▶ Settings
- ▶ Speculative Fiction
- ▶ Sophisticated Picture Books
- ▶ Steampunk
- ▶ Titles
- ▶ Toys from Books
- ▶ Unlucky Characters
- ▶ Villains



SURVIVAL TIP #4

Being a Good Sport - Keeping It Fair & Fun

As with every competition, POSB-NLB Kids' Lit Quiz™ values sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is about playing by the rules, being respectful and enjoying the journey more than the destination.

Here is a simple checklist that will encourage everyone to develop good sportsmanship and have fun:

Checklist ✓

- I abide by the rules of the game.
- I accept the calls that the officials make.
- I act courteously towards people around me before, during, and after the competition.
- If I make a mistake, I forgive myself and get right back into the competition.
- I encourage my teammates even when they make mistakes.
- I cheer on my teammates with positive statements and avoid criticising other teams.
- I acknowledge and applaud good plays, even when another team makes them.
- I respect the efforts of other teams.
- I am a gracious winner. I win without gloating or rubbing it in.
- I am a gracious loser. I lose without creating a fuss or making excuses.

SURVIVAL TIP #5

Knowing the Rules

Registration

1. All students must be between 10 and 13 years old as of July 2020 i.e. born between 2 July 2006 and 1 July 2010. In the event that a participant is found not to meet the age requirement, the organisers reserve the right to disqualify the participant from the competition.
2. Non-MOE-funded educational institutions will be required to pay a one-time registration fee of \$155 per team.
3. Each team can only have a maximum of four students, who must be from the same educational institution. The students from one team can be from different levels.
4. Each team is allowed two reserves. Once the National Heats begin on 30 May 2020, no further substitution of reserves will be allowed in the competition. The four students that participate in the National Heats must be the same four students that participate in the National

Final and World Final. Exceptions may be granted for special cases. The organisers' decision is final.

5. Each educational institution may send up to two teams.
6. If the winning team comes from a non-MOE-funded educational institution, said educational institution will have to bear the cost of travel expenses to and from the World Final. Failing which, representation at the World Final will go to the runner-up.
7. Students must show their MOE Smart Cards/birth certificates/passports (actual or scanned copy) for verification on the National Heats. If a participant fails to present the document on the day of the heat, the organisers reserve the right to disqualify the participant from the competition.
8. The registration deadline is 13 April 2020.

Rules and Regulations

1. All students must be National Library Board (NLB) members.
2. All educational institutions are strongly encouraged to sign up for a complimentary DIYREAD@Community account. This will facilitate the provision of a wide variety of NLB reading materials to help your students prepare for the competition. Up to 300 books can be borrowed for a loan period of up to 12 weeks.
3. Students are not allowed to use any books, reference materials or mobile devices in the Quiz arena. Mobile devices must be set to silent mode and kept in the students' bags.
4. The event will be filmed and made available as publicity material to promote and raise awareness of the Kids' Lit Quiz™. Photographs will be taken, and there may be media present to interview students.
6. Student finalists must represent the country adequately, including and not limited to the following:
 - a. Wearing the official Singapore finalists' apparel

b. Participating in media interviews or publicity events

c. Speaking or presenting at the World Final

d. Conducting themselves in a manner appropriate to the occasion, as befitting an ambassador of the nation

7. Only student finalists are eligible to use the travel vouchers. Accompanying guardians, including reserves, teachers, and parents, must procure their own air travel tickets, accommodation, and airport transfers.





Quiz On!

NATIONAL HEATS

- 1 The National Heats will be held on **30 May 2020***.
- 2 Teams have to answer 100 questions categorised into ten themes. Each question will only be asked twice by the Quizmaster and answers must be written on the printed sheets provided. Participating teams have to answer all questions within the time limit of each round (teams are allowed to guess an answer). After each round, the answers will be collected and marked by the judges.

- 3 The scoring system is as follows:

CORRECT ANSWER	INCORRECT ANSWER	NO ANSWER
1	0	0

- 4 The decision of the judges will be final.

*Exact timing and venue to be confirmed.

NATIONAL FINAL

- 1 The top 10 teams from the National Heats will qualify for the National Final. The number of teams per zone proceeding to the National Final is proportionate to the number of participating teams per zone. The National Final will be held on **2 June 2020***.
- 2 Teams have to answer questions categorised into five themes with 12-15 questions in each theme. All teams start with ten points each. The Quizmaster will read out each question. The first team to press the buzzer will get to answer the question. If they answer correctly, the team will be awarded two points. However, if the team answers the question wrongly, the team will lose one point and the Quizmaster will open the question for the other teams to answer. A team may push the buzzer at any time.

- 3 The scoring system is as follows:

CORRECT ANSWER	INCORRECT ANSWER	NO ANSWER
2	-1	0

- 4 The decision of the judges will be final.

*Exact timing and venue to be confirmed.

Other Things You Can Do

- 1 Students unfazed by the test questions in Survival Tip 1? Try out the activities in the following pages to sharpen their literary skills and take things up a notch!
- 2 Use our POSB-NLB Kids' Lit Quiz™ Survival Kit to identify potential students for the competition, and hone their skills with our Lit-Savvy Cards.
- 3 At your next Read@School Book Buzz assembly, ask your Read@School librarian to include a Kids' Lit Quiz™-style pop quiz to test your students.
- 4 Create a book display and put up a list of ten questions at your school library for students to answer. Give prizes to the first fifty students who can answer all questions correctly and invite them to join the POSB-NLB Kids' Lit Quiz™. A list of practice questions from previous Kids' Lit Quiz™ competitions can be found at www.kidslitquiz.com. You may also wish to use our questions provided on pages 2-3.
- 5 Borrow a wide variety of books using your school's complimentary DIYREAD@ Community* account. Expose your students to a wider variety of reading materials. Based on the books they have read, students can even create their own trivia questions to test their friends!

*This account allows organisations to borrow up to 300 books based on the topics featured in Kids' Lit Quiz™ and for up to 12 weeks.

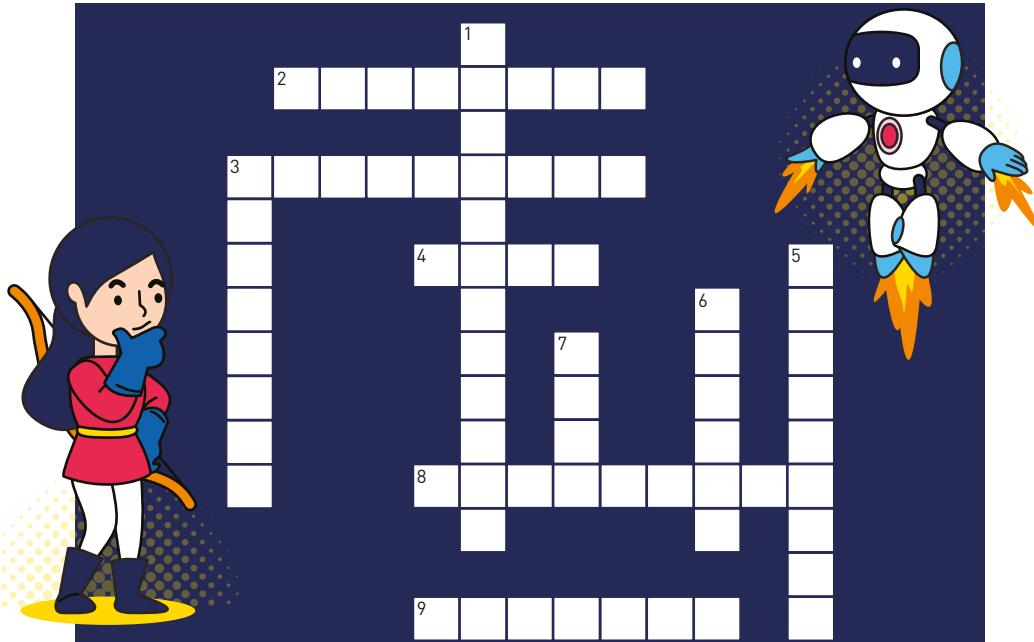
- 6 Encourage students to access discoverReads for essential POSB-NLB Kids' Lit Quiz™ resources.



ACTIVITY #1

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Fill in the crossword puzzle using the clues provided below. Take note that spaces between words take up a blank square!



Across

2. A spectacular submarine captained by Nemo in Jules Verne's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

3. The large and fierce-looking owl species owned by Draco Malfoy in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.

4. A dragon-like creature that Sohyon, Ake's head doctor, is responsible for in *The Beast Player* by Nahoko Uehashi.

8. One of two base types of magic in the Skulduggery Pleasant series by Derek Landy. The lesser practiced discipline, it manipulates fire, earth, water and air. Mevolent, one of the most powerful characters, wields it.

9. Puss-in-Boots tells everyone that his master is the Marquis of?

Down

1. A building which Ivan, a silverback gorilla, believes he has lived in captivity for 9,855 days. It also houses Ivan's friends Stella, an elephant, and Bob, a stray dog.

3. The first name of the stingy miser in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

5. Extremely poisonous berries which Peeta and Katniss threatened to consume, but won them the 74th annual Hunger Games instead.

6. An ingredient in a BLT which Harriet the Spy puts in her sandwiches.

7. People who consume the Devil Fruits in One Piece by Eiichiro Oda, cannot do this.

8. Elemental | 9. Carabobs

Answer Key: 1. Big Top Mall | 2. Nautilus | 3. Across, Eagle Owl | 4. Down, Ebenezer | 5. Nighthawk | 6. Tomato | 7. Swim |

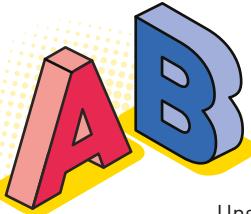
ACTIVITY #2

QUOTE UNQUOTE

Which books do these quotes come from? Fill in the blanks with the correct book titles.

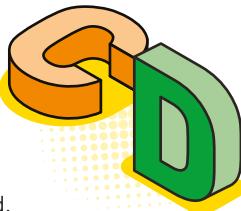
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|--|---|
| <p>1. "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."</p> <p>Ans:</p> | <p>6. "Happiness can be found even in the darkest times if one only remembers to turn on the light."</p> <p>Ans:</p> |
| <p>2. "Goodnight stars, goodnight air, goodnight noises everywhere."</p> <p>Ans:</p> | <p>7. "I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."</p> <p>Ans:</p> |
| <p>3. "The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it."</p> <p>Ans:</p> | <p>8. "You have been my friend. That in itself is a tremendous thing."</p> <p>Ans:</p> |
| <p>4. "It has been a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. My mom says some days are like that. Even in Australia."</p> <p>Ans:</p> | <p>9. "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun and 'snap', the job's a game."</p> <p>Ans:</p> |
| <p>5. "Here is my secret. It is very simple. It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."</p> <p>Ans:</p> | <p>10. "A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly...if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."</p> <p>Ans:</p> |

Answer Key: 1. The Lorax | 2. Goodnight Moon | 3. Peter Pan | 4. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day | 5. The Little Prince | 6. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone | 7. Little Women | 8. Charlotte's Web | 9. Mary Poppins | 10. The Twits



ACTIVITY #3

WORD UNSCRAMBLER



Unscramble the words below using the hints provided.

1 MBTARUNAS

Fruits which Nora and Adi find and carry home in Quek Hong Shin's *The Amazing Sarong*.

Ans:

6 ANSEDEHKKA

The King which Ali wants to catch using his mother's curtains in *The Ghost with Dirty Feet* by Sharon Ismail.

Ans:

2 ABOABB ETRES

Tall, strange-looking trees with huge, swollen trunks that Mei spots at the Flower Dome in Gardens by the Bay, in J.H. Low's *Night in the Gardens*.

Ans:

7 GISNJAHII

Nail transfigures into this monster with fangs, dark eye rings, ghastly blue skin and an ancient Chinese robe in Zed Yeo's *Half Ghost*.

Ans:

3 DHENO HENOD

A traditional rice cake covered in grated coconut which Hafiz shares a recipe of in *Hafiz and the Raya Recipes* by Debra Ann Francisco.

Ans:

8 LRMNEOI

A sea creature which saves Prince Nila and his men by causing the bad weather to disappear and blowing their boat safely to shore in a book by Edward Wong.

Ans:

4 STEANSO

Dr Goh Keng Swee was responsible for the development of three famous Singaporean attractions that feature in Darel Seow's *Where Are All the Birds?* Jurong Bird Park and the Singapore Zoo are two of them. Unscramble the third.

Ans:

9 MBTAOUB

Ben Wong uses this type of boat to get to Pulau Ubin from Singapore's mainland in *Lost in Singapore* by Matthew Cooper and Candice Phang.

Ans:

5 NTPISEMA

In Clare Merquita's *My First 7 Days in Singapore*, Tess and Jamie travel by cab to their school on Street 73 in this neighbourhood.

Ans:

9. Bumboat | 10. Congakak

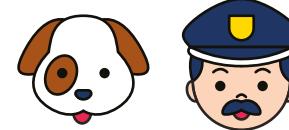
Answer Key | 1. Rambutans | 2. Baobab trees | 3. Odeneh Odeneh | 4. Sentosa | 5. Tamponies | 6. Snakehead | 7. Jiangshi | 8. Merlion |

ACTIVITY #4

TITLE EMOJIS

Name the book title by using the provided emoji clues.

EXAMPLE:
Dogman



1

Ans:



2

Ans:



3

Ans:



4

Ans:



5

Ans:

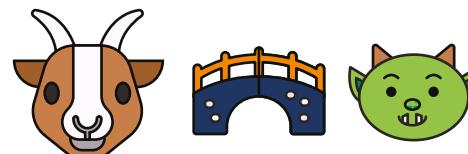




6 Ans:



7 Ans:



8 Ans:



9 Ans:



10 Ans:



Did you enjoy the activities? Here's an awesome fun fact: some of the questions were created by NLB's very own Team Reading Ambassadors! They are Leonny Ong, Scott Lim, Eileen Li, Ang Ben Wei, and Wong Yeh Siang. All of them have also taken part in KLQ before!

We hope this motivates you to keep on going. Keep up the good effort!

Answer Key: 6. Goldilocks and the Three Bears | 7. Three Billy Goats Gruff | 8. Peter Pan | 9. Snow White and the Seven Dwarves | 10. Robin Hood



POSB SMART BUDDY

Encourage healthy living with the Smart Buddy watch (heart rate tracker included).

POSB Smart Buddy is the world's first in-school savings and payments wearable programme which allows students tap to pay, check on balances, plus track fitness levels.

What's more, parents can instantly allocate allowances, monitor savings/spending, and set smart reminders to encourage their child to stay healthy and active with the Smart Buddy mobile app.



About Smart Buddy Payment Terminals

- ▶ Installation and maintenance fees are WAIVED.
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- ▶ Terms and conditions apply.

POSB PAssion Run for Kids 2020

Run for a good cause. Run for kids!

Join us at Singapore's largest charity kids run event!

POSB PAssion Run for Kids is organised annually by POSB and People's Association to raise fund and support children in our community. You can make a difference by running for a good cause and join us in giving back to the community. Look forward to exciting races and spending a fun-filled, meaningful day together with your friends and family.

Gather your friends, teachers and family to participate in the races, from competitive 10km, 5km, kids race categories to the leisure family walk, the event caters to participants of various stamina level. What's more, a myriad of engaging activities in carnival awaits you after the run!

To enjoy special rates for school sign-ups, simply email us at runforkids@dbs.com or visit www.posb.com.sg/runforkids for more details. Registration opens in April 2020, keep a lookout!

Hope to see you at POSB PAssion Run for Kids 2020!



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