



Reading Journal Activities

What you choose to write about in your reading journal is entirely up to you and will depend on the book you're reading. If you're stuck for ideas, use the suggestions below to help you. Feel free to add illustrations!

1. Write a short summary of the chapter you read, including the main events and any new characters.	2. Based on what you have read so far, what do you think will happen next and why?	3. Write a diary entry as if you are one of the characters. How are they feeling? What happened to them?	4. Draw a picture of a character in the story then write a description of who they are and what they are like.
5. Draw a picture of a setting in the story then write a description of where it is and what happened there.	6. Write about a memory or experience of your own that is similar to something that happened in the book.	7. Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story and describe what you have drawn.	8. Write a list of 5 questions you would like to ask the author or a character from the story.
9. Which parts of the plot have been the most exciting, emotional, funny or terrifying?	10. Which character in the story would you most like to be? Explain your answer with 4 reasons.	11. Write a quiz about your book with questions to find out if someone has read this book carefully.	12. Draw a picture of a character or setting from the book and label it with words and phrases from the book.
13. Draw a map of where the story takes place and label key locations.	14. Write a postcard from one character to another describing an event.	15. Compare two characters - how are they similar? How are they different?	16. Rewrite an event in your book from the point of view of a different character.
17. Create a timeline showing the main events of a chapter or a story in order.	18. Write a character profile for the main character in your book.	19. Draw a cartoon strip of one the main events in the story you have read.	20. Write a new blurb for your book.
21. Design a new eye-catching front cover for the book.	22. Draw a diagram of something mentioned in your book and label it.	23. Write down 10 interesting facts you have found out in your reading.	24. Find out 5 facts about the author.

Grammar and vocabulary activities:

1. Use a dictionary to look up the definition of 5 words you do not know the meaning of. Write them in sentences.
2. Find 5 **expanded noun phrases** in your book and write them down.
3. Find 5 **fronted adverbials** in your book and write them down.
4. Pick a page and write down all the **conjunctions** that are used.
5. Choose a page and write down all the **verbs** on that page.
6. Pick 5 **adjectives** from your book, write them down and explain why you think the author used them.
7. Choose a descriptive word from the text. Using a thesaurus, write down 5 **synonyms** and 5 **antonyms** for that word.
8. Choose a descriptive part of your book and make a list of similes, metaphors and alliteration used.

Possible sentence starters:

I enjoy... I didn't enjoy... I wonder... I think... I'm not sure about... A question I have is... My favourite part was... My least favourite part was... The most interesting part was... This book is similar to... This book is different from...