

# 25 fun literacy tasks for ages 5–7



These 25 exciting challenges will kick-start your creativity ready for the BBC 500 Words competition!

**1 Reading den.**  
Build a den using things from around the house and cosy-up in there to read a book.



**2 Story hunt.**  
Collect items that give clues to a book then share them with someone. Can they guess the story?

**3 Reading places.**  
Where is the strangest place in your home or garden you can find to read? Remember to let an adult know!



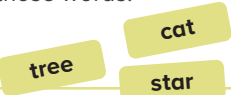
**4 Let's pretend.**  
Pretend to be your favourite book character. Can your friends or family guess which book it is?



**5 Read aloud.**  
Grab your favourite book and read to someone else: your family, a pet or even your toys!



**6 Word fun.**  
Think of a word and find other words that rhyme with it. Make up a short story that includes all those words.



**7 Character creations.**  
Draw a new character and label your picture with information about them. Who are they, what do they do, where do they live?

**8 Summer Reading Challenge.** Join in either at your local library or online!  
**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

**9 Alternative ending.** Choose your favourite book. Can you rewrite the ending so that something different happens?

**10 Fantasy land.**  
Draw a picture of a new land then tell a story about what happens there



**11 Silly sentences.**  
Write a sentence with these words:



Now think of your own silly words and write some more!

**12 Model maker.**  
Use anything you can find around the house to make a model of your favourite book character.



**13 CBBC inspiration.**  
Write a story about your favourite CBBC character. What will happen to them?



**14 Ping-pong storytelling.**  
Write the first sentence of a story, ask someone to write the next one. Then it's your turn again! Keep going until you have a full story.

**15 Reading picnic.**  
Pack a picnic lunch and go to your garden, a park or another outdoor location to read.



**16 Let's learn.**  
Read a book to gain a new skill. It could be a recipe book to get better at cooking, a magic trick or something else!



**17 Who am I?**  
Think of your favourite book character and write a short description of them. Read it out to someone to see if they can guess who it is.

**18 View from a window.**  
Imagine you look out of your window to see something surprising. Write down what is it and what happens next.



**19 Get creative.**  
Make your own bookmark to use when you read. How will you decorate it?

**20 Story stones.**  
Hunt out some flat stones and decorate them with characters and objects from your favourite story.



**21 Guess the character.** Think of a CBBC character and write it down so no one can see. Have others ask you questions to try and guess who it is.

**22 Story bag.** Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well-known story. If you can't find an item you could draw a picture to include.

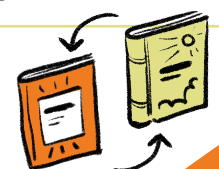
**23 Super senses.** Use your senses to write about a special place. What can you see, hear, smell, taste and feel?



**24 Letter hunt.** Ask a friend or family member to shout out a letter then run and find something beginning with that letter as quickly as you can!



**25 Book Swap.** Borrow a book from a friend or family member and lend them one of yours. Share what you liked about it with them after you've read it.



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