

# Book Bingo Task Explanations

## **FICTION (chapter books and maximum of 10 picture books)**

### **Write the blurb**

The blurb is a short paragraph found on the back of a book. It's purpose is to 'hook' the reader in. Think of your own blurb (a maximum of 40 words) that will entice someone to want to read the book.

### **Draw the opening scene**

Your drawing should be based on descriptions found in the book's beginning.

### **Write a letter from one character to another**

*'How to write a letter' help sheets are available from Mrs Baker in the library.*

### **Draw your favourite character**

Use descriptions from the book and as much detail as possible.

### **Ask the main character 3 questions**

Write down three questions linked to the plot, actions or events in the story.

### **Write a Haiku**

The Haiku must be based on a book you have read. A Haiku is a poem with just three lines. The first and last lines of a Haiku have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7 syllables. The lines do not have to rhyme. For example,

***Sand scatters the beach***

***Waves crash on the sandy shore***

***Blue water shimmers***

### **Ask the author 3 questions**

Questions can be about the book you have read or about the author.

### **Draw an illustration for a page**

The illustration must be based on descriptions or actions from a page in the book.

### **Write a newspaper report**

Include factual information about the characters, plot and events in the book.

### **Write a character profile**

Include your character's age, physical description, distinguishing features, descriptions of the character's personality and character activities.

### **Explain the main events of the story to someone else**

This is a verbal task - parent / helper can sign the Book Bingo log to confirm that this has been completed.

### **Draw a cartoon strip of your favourite part**

Cartoon strips should be mostly pictures with a few well chosen words and thoughts in speech and thought bubbles. *Cartoon strip templates are available from Mrs Baker in the library.*

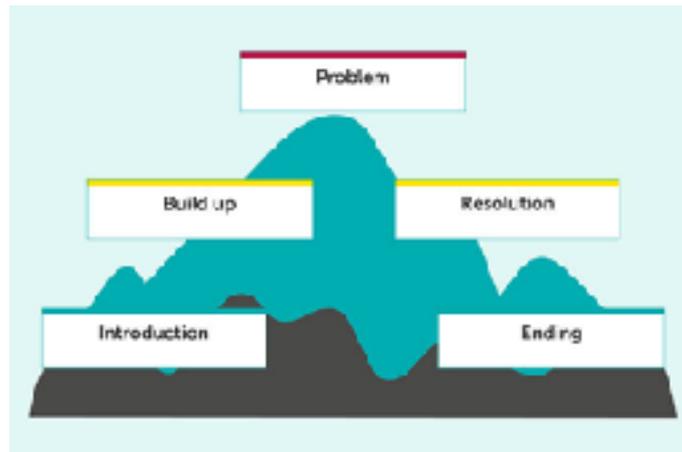
### **Create a Venn diagram creature**

A 'Venn diagram creature' is a creature (or person) drawn from descriptions of two characters. E.g. Below shows a Venn diagram creature of a ladybug and bird! The 'new' animal is shown in the middle circle! A 'ladybird'! It can be as weird and wacky as you like!



### **Draw a story mountain**

Write a sentence explaining what happens at the beginning / introduction of the story, another sentence to describe the build up, one for the climax / problem (the most exciting part of the story), one for resolution and a final sentence for the ending.



### **Create a 'wanted' poster for a character**

The poster should have a drawing of the character based on descriptions and evidence from the book. The text underneath the picture should include details of the character. E.g. WANTED! Charlie Bucket. Looks small and pale. Suspected of being a thoroughly decent young man with good manners and a keen sense of right and wrong. Last seen entering Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory with his grandfather.

### **Write a diary entry for one of the characters**

Include the features of a diary – date, 1st person and write in informal language. Choose to write the entry about an interesting or exciting event in the story.

### **Write a diary entry for one of the characters**

Include thoughts and feelings. Make sure you include evidence from the book.

### **Write a book review**

What is the title of your book? Who is the author? What do you like / dislike about the book? Would you recommend the book? Give reasons for or against.

### **Create a collage**

This must be based on the book. A collage is a piece of art made by sticking various different materials such as photographs, paper or other textiles onto a backing.

### **Design a bookmark**

Draw a bookmark for the book you have read. Include images or phrases from the book.

### **In your book, who would be your friend and why?**

Write a paragraph explaining why a character has the qualities you value in a friend.

### **Write a 'Tweet' style book review**

This must be 140 characters / letters or less.

### **Find 5 facts about the author**

Research the author of your book. What interesting information can you find about them?

### **Write a postcard**

Draw a postcard in your book. Write it from the viewpoint of a character in the book, writing to another character. Keep it short! Include an address that would 'fit' the book.

### **Draw a map of the book's setting**

Where is the story based? What places are there? Where do the characters live / visit?

### **'Pitch'-a-movie**

Imagine you are asking a film producer to make a movie version of your book. Why do you think it would make a great film? Persuade them why people would want to watch it.

### **Create a movie poster for your book**

Your book is being turned into a film. Design the poster that will advertise it.

### **Create a timeline of events**

From start to finish, write down on a line all the events / happenings in your book.

### **Write an alternative ending**

Imagine the book has a different ending. What would you change? Write it!

### **Design a new book jacket**

Have a good look at your book. Change the front cover, the spine and the back cover.

### **Research the time period of your book**

When is your story set? Are there clues in the book that tell you if the story is set in the present day, the past or the future? If in the future, what type of future does the book show?

### **Judge a book by it's cover!**

Pick a Book Bingo book. Don't read it! Describe what you THINK the book is about. Could it be a funny story or a sad story? What clues does the book jacket / cover / illustrations give you?

### **Create a travel brochure for the setting of the story**

Would the setting of your book make a great holiday destination? Imagine you are a travel agent selling a holiday based on the places in your book.

### **What is your favourite Book Bingo book?**

Describe why you like it. Is it the first time you've ever read a book from that author?

### **Draw the final scene**

Use descriptions from the book.

### **Write an alternative opening to the story**

Can you write a completely different story beginning? What would you change?

### **Surf the net**

Print out a book review of one of the books on the Book Bingo list. Do you agree with it?

### **Write a biography for an interesting character**

Use information given in the book. Be as detailed as possible.

### **Compose a song or rhyme**

Write the lyrics (words) to a song based on themes, feelings or characters in your book.

### **Create a front page newspaper headline**

Make sure the headline is linked to a plot development in your book. You can draw the headline or use real newspaper lettering to create this.

### **What happened next?**

What do you think happened to the characters after the final chapter / end?

### **Design a stamp**

Draw a large scale version of a postage stamp based on an image from your book.

### **Summarise the plot**

Write a short paragraph explaining what the book is about.

## **POETRY (maximum of 3 poetry books)**

### **Write a review of a poetry book**

Did you like the collection of poems? Was there a theme? Would you recommend it?

### **Find 10 facts about the poet**

Using the internet, research a poet from one of the poetry books on the list.

### **Write out and illustrate your favourite poem**

Make sure your drawing matches the topic / theme of your poem.

## **NON - FICTION (maximum of two books)**

### **Create a fact file about a non-fiction book**

What is your book about? Is the book informative? What facts has the book given you?

### **Review a non-fiction book**

Did the book give you all the information you needed to know? Were there photos / illustrations? Did you find the book interesting? Would you recommend it?





