



**Short Activity**  
**Ages 9–12**  
**5–35 minutes**

## **Puzzle and Challenge Printables**

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### **Description**

A series of puzzles and challenges, including a word search, crossword puzzle, silly story, silhouette guessing game, tongue twisters and colouring sheet

### **Space Considerations**

Any type of space where participants can be seated to do a worksheet

### **Competencies**

- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Following directions
- Written communication skills

### **Materials**

- Printouts of the puzzle and challenge worksheets
- Pencils or pens
- Crayons, pencil crayons or markers

### **Implementation**

These worksheets can be included as part of a scheduled program or be used as a passive activity in which you leave the printouts out for kids to complete at any time. You can also post these printable worksheets on your library's social media platforms for parents and caregivers to download, or you can distribute them with grab-and-go bags.

Print the desired number of worksheets:

- [Mythical Creatures Word Search](#)

**Instructions:** Participants search for and circle the mythical creatures in the jumble of letters. The words may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally or backwards.

- [Fairy Tale Crossword Puzzle](#)

**Instructions:** Participants read the numbered clues and write the answer in the spot marked by that number in the crossword puzzle. Clues are marked as either across or down.

- [Silly Story](#)

**Instructions:** This worksheet should be printed double-sided. Participants fill in words based on the prompts on the first side of the sheet. Next, they flip the page over and write their word choices in the corresponding boxes and then read the story. This activity can be done individually or in pairs.

- [Storytime Silhouettes](#)

**Instructions:** Try to guess the silhouettes of the book characters. The answers are provided upside-down at the bottom of the worksheet.

- [Tongue Twisters](#)

**Instructions:** Kids try to say these tongue twisters, and the faster they try to say them, the harder it gets! The tongue twisters can be read aloud by one person for another person to try.

- [Colouring Activity](#)

**Instructions:** Colour the images on the worksheet.

## Accessibility Considerations

- Our worksheets contain large font wherever possible
- We have included a variety of worksheet options so staff and participants can pick whatever is most appealing and/or suitable for them
- Kids can be encouraged to work in teams if desired; for example, while working on the crossword puzzle, it is not necessary for all participants to write, but everyone can contribute guesses to the clues
- Consider using the tongue twisters as an alternative for children who may have difficulty with completing pencil-and-paper worksheets; the tongue

twisters can be read aloud a single time slowly by one person, for another person to try multiple times quickly

## **Book Suggestions**

*Brothers Grimm: The Most Beloved Fairy Tales* by Jacob Grimm, Wilhelm Grimm and Manuela Adreani

*Myths and Legends of the World* by Alli Brydon and Julia Iredale

*The Book of Mythical Beasts and Magical Creatures* by Stephen Krensky and Pham Quang Phuc

*The Fabled Life of Aesop* by Ian Lendler and Pamela Zagarenski

*The Singing Rock & Other Brand-New Fairy Tales* by Nathaniel Lachenmeyer and Simini Blocker

## **Download Links**

[Mythical Creatures Word Search](#)

[Fairy Tale Crossword Puzzle](#)

[Silly Story](#)

[Storytime Silhouettes](#)

[Tongue Twisters](#)

[Colouring Activity](#)