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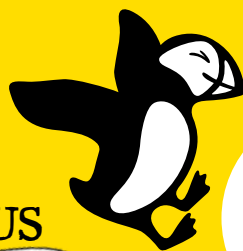
for kids

QUIZ:

find your book buddy

ATTICUS VAN TASTICUS
sneak peek

PUZZLES!



Who's who
in the
League of
Llamas



FIND your Book Buddy

Find your next great read with this easy quiz. Simply answer the questions below and we'll match you with a character from a book. Then all you have to do is read the book to meet them!

1 Who would you rather battle?

- a) An evil supervillain
- b) A gross alien
- c) No one really, I'd rather make friends
- d) A sneaky spy

2 What do you find funny?

- a) Goo monsters
- b) Brussel sprouts (okay they're more weird than funny)
- c) Wearing underpants on your head
- d) People throwing-up on fun rides

3 What is your LEAST favourite thing in the list below:

- a) Tidying your room
- b) Eating all your vegetables
- c) Having to focus and NOT being allowed to daydream
- d) Adults treating you like a little kid

4 Where would you most like to go on holiday?

- a) Anywhere your friends can come too
- b) A dog-friendly caravan park
- c) A hotel that is a bit wonky but full of character
- d) New York, London, Rome and Paris. Thanks!

5 At a dress-up party, you'd most likely go as:

- a) A super-hero character
- b) Someone from Star Wars
- c) An artist wearing a beret
- d) A ninja

6 Which of these things are you best at:

- a) Playing in a team
- b) Talking your friends into sharing their food
- c) Coming up with crazy ideas
- d) Solving maths problems

7 How many pictures would you like on each page of your ideal book?

- a) Heaps - I prefer books that are like comics
- b) Lots, at least every few pages
- c) Every so often, they can add to the fun
- d) I don't really need illustrations. I like to picture it all happening in my mind



SCORES IF YOU ANSWERED:

Mainly As

You're like the characters from *Super Sidekicks*, especially **JJ** and **Fly Girl**. You make a loyal friend and love action. Your best read would be *Super Sidekicks* by Gavin Aung Than.

Mainly Bs

You have a lot in common with **Nelson**. You have untapped powers, we suggest you focus them a little by reading *Nelson: Pumpkins and Aliens* by Andrew Levins.

Mainly Cs

You like things that are a little ridiculous and are fun to be around, just like **Chegwin Toffie**. Feed your imagination by reading *Toffie Towers* by Tim Harris.

Mainly Ds

You're smart and observant and would probably make a great spy, just like **Kensy** and **Max**. You'll love solving mysterious cases by reading *Kensy and Max* by Jacqueline Harvey.

Meet the LEAGUE OF LLAMAS

a.k.a LOL

These llamas are on a mission to save the world. Read all about them – and the evil General Bottomburb – in the League of Llamas series by Aleesah Darlison. The first two books are out now! But first – here's who you're dealing with . . .



Phillipe Llama Agent 0011

As the League of Llama's top-ranking secret agent, Phillipe is an expert in martial arts, a great leader and only a little bit clumsy on his hooves. He also has the thickest, most luxurious fringe of them all which makes the lady llamas swoon!

Skills: Confidence, amazing hair

Faults: Forgetful, easily distracted



Lloyd Llananator Agent 0013

Lloyd is Phillipe's sidekick who is a little too relaxed to be reliable! Not the sharpest tool in the shed, Lloyd is often found daydreaming about grass or accidentally foiling the whole save-the-day plan.

Skills: Remains calm under pressure

Faults: Eats everything in sight

Mama Llama The Big Boss

Short with white wool, Mama Llama is super smart, previously a kick-boxing champion and now reigns as the League of Llamas boss. She has dedicated her whole life to this agency and works tirelessly to keep her clumsy agents Phillipe and Lloyd in line.

Skills: Being super intimidating

Faults: Giving Phillipe the keys to the Ilamaborghini



General Ignatius Bottomburb Villain

Badgers are every llama's sworn enemy, and General Bottomburb is the worst of them all! He likes to make trouble for the Llamas for fun in his spare time and often puts other animals of the world in danger with his antics.

Skills: Stinking out a whole room

Faults: Troublemaker, liar and thief of the highest order



Elloise Llamaresky Mysterious Llama in Red

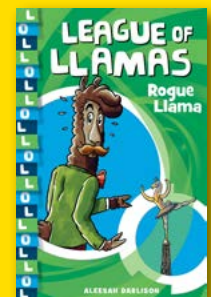
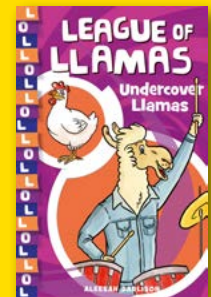
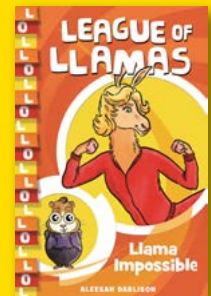
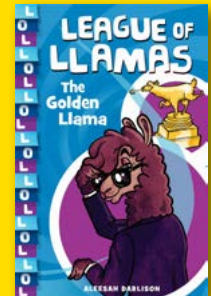
Elloise is a stunning, long-lashed beauty of a llama who looks amazing in the colour red. She always seems to be present at the scene of the crime, but who's side is she really on?

Skills: Kick-boxing and biting, distracts opponents with her beauty

Faults: Sneaking around and switching sides



Join the League of Llamas





Atticus Van Tasticus

Sneak
Peek
Extract

Chapter 2

Beware the Viking Raiders



While most of the crew on the deck started running in circles and screaming, Atticus took a long look at what was coming for them. That ship was built for battle, no question. There was just one huge sail, and the horned head painted on it was definitely frightening. Coloured shields were lined up along the side of the ship and oars pumped in perfect unison. It was like watching a dance.



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A dance of death, thought Atticus. We're really going to cop it now.

'Stop screeeeeeaming!'

screamed First Mate. 'Everyone stop. It's not helping and it's really, really annoying!'

Amazingly, everyone stopped.

Everyone except Wrong Way Warren, who kept running in tight little circles with his hands in the air. Muscles tackled him and held him down. 'Warren. Stop. It's going to be okay, Captain Atticus will think of something. He always does.'

And with that, all eyes looked towards the crow's nest. First Mate, Princess, Fishface, Lightning Rod, Magic Harry, Muscles, Two Times, Mullet, Silent Type and Stinkeye.



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Only Wrong Way Warren didn't look up. He was staring at Muscles in the funniest way.

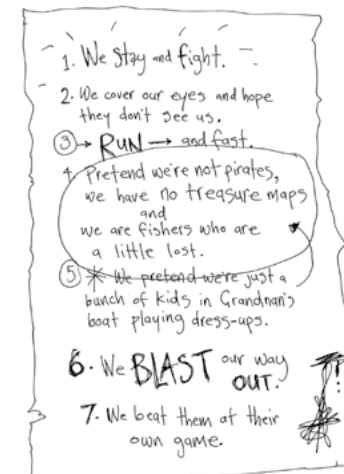
'Oh, Captain, our Captain,' said First Mate. 'Any thoughts on a plan?'

Atticus looked to the crew below and his heart swelled. *My crew*, he thought. *My very own, fantastic crew.*

He looked back to the Viking ship, which really was approaching quite quickly – it seemed twice as big as it had been only moments ago. It was the rowing that did it, since there was barely enough wind to fill the sail.



As fast as he could, Atticus went through all the options he could think of.



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'Get the oars,' said Atticus. 'We're going to outrun them, and we're going to go that way.' He pointed towards the back of the boat, to the direction they'd just come from. 'Spin this bad boy around!'

'That's the wrong way,' said Warren. 'Even I know that. That'll put us straight into the hands of Pirate Peg and Pegasus.'

'Pirate Peg,' scoffed First Mate. 'Bah! She put the spyglass to her eye and looked towards the sea behind the ship. A small *Doh!* escaped her throat. 'She's coming. Peg's actually coming! How does she always do that?'

The entire crew looked to the west, and, sure enough, on the wrong side of the horizon were the three masts of Pegasus.

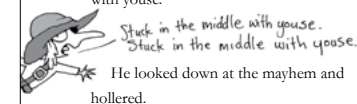
This was enough to get the entire crew running in circles and screaming again.

Had Atticus been on deck, he probably would have joined in. He wasn't sure what



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else he could do. 'Pirate Peg to the left of me, Vikings to the right,' he kind of sang to himself. 'And here I am, stuck in the middle with youse.'



'Stop. Please, everyone stop.'

Hearing their captain yell like that was enough to calm the mayhem.

'Magic Harry, get to the wheel and turn us to the north. We're going that way.'

We are going to outrun them and we are going to do it NOW.



Grab a copy
of Atticus Van
Tasticus: The Map
of Half Maps to find
out what happens.

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How to draw

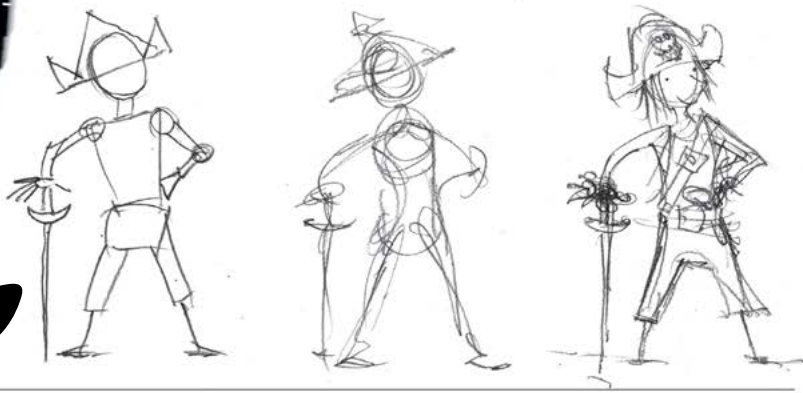
Atticus Van Tasticus



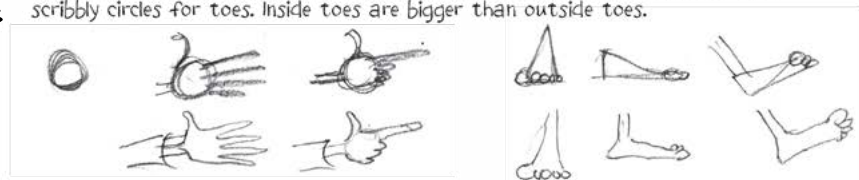
WHAT YOU NEED

- ✂ 2b (or similar) pencil.
- ✂ Black (felt tip) pen.
- ✂ A scribbly mind.

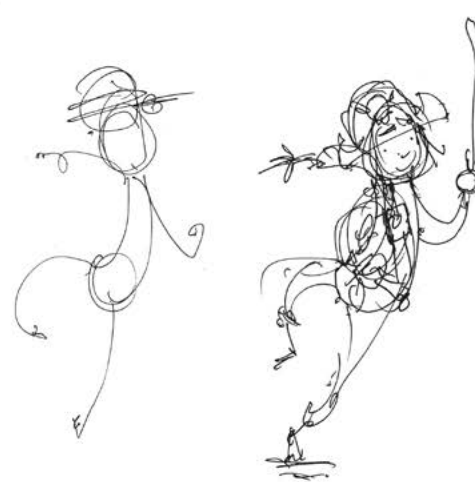
Use your pencil to begin.
Think of Atticus as being made from a bunch of shapes: circles, ovals, triangle and lines.
As you improve, be more scribbly and free.
He's an action character, so the faster you draw the more energy he'll have.



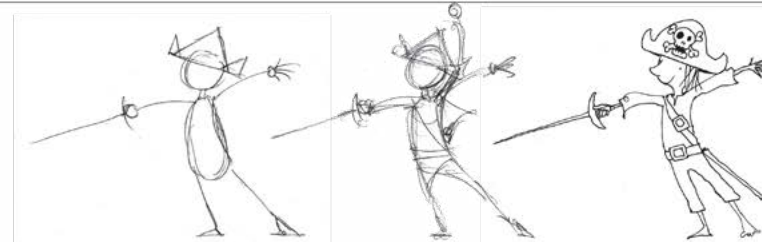
Details like hands can also be easy if thought of as simple shapes: a circle for a fist or the palm. If you need fingers, draw sausages. Feet are triangles with scribbly circles for toes. Inside toes are bigger than outside toes.



This is a quick two stage, scribbly rough.



A pirate parrot is the letter "B" tilted with a curved triangle shape, plus added details.



Think of Atticus's hat like it's made from folded paper. Simply add some curves later.
The skull and crossed bones is an oval with two rectangles. Draw a scribbly "X" over the top to make sure the bones line up on the opposite side.



TO FINISH

- ✂ Place a new piece of paper over your scribbly drawing.
- ✂ Trace through using your black pen for a clean, finished and ready for action...



Aaaaaarrrr!
Whichever way Atticus is looking, his hat always faces forward.



Atticus Van Tasticus



Have you ever wondered if sometimes, when authors say they've made-up a character in a book they might only be telling part of the truth? Perhaps that character, just coincidentally, seems to be very like them? We think that's the case for **Adrian Beck**, the author of ***Derek Dool Supercool***. Read the below then check out his book, then you can be the judge.



ADRIAN BECK

Illustrated by
Scott Edgar

DEREK DOOL

SUPERCOOL

BUST A MOVE

1. He invented a game called 'eat the onion'. Then he ate the onion. (So surprising that this game didn't take off.)
2. He wore fairy lights in his hair to the school disco. (That's one way to get attention.)
3. He invented a sport called 'no rules football' and played it at school. Strangely, it was banned after one lunch time.
4. He tried dyeing his hair blonde with lemons in the school toilets. Result: It did not work. On the plus side – the toilets smelled better than ever.
5. He decided to take up rowing. But he fell in the river at the jetty BEFORE getting in the boat. Then he quit for good without ever having rowed.

Read the book. At the very least you'll enjoy the bad dad jokes like these two:

BAD DAD JOKE

What's the best way to cope with a bad haircut?

Let it grow on you!



BAD DAD JOKE

How do you make a hanky dance?
Put a little boogie in it!



Can YOU CRACK the code?

Would you make a good spy? Test your skills by helping us decode this secret message. We've started it, see if you can work out the rest.

WARNING: This puzzle is challenging!

If you can solve it, you definitely should be reading the Kensy and Max books. The latest one is set in New York (maybe that's a clue).

This is the original secret code:

[illegible]

We've filled in some of the blanks, can you fill in the rest? You might have to experiment with a letter or two to solve it.

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W _ _ _ _ Y U _ H L P.

HINT: Once you work out which symbol is which in the alphabet, write them below, you might not need them all to work out the two sentences. We've filled in 4 for you.

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Answer: A DANGEROUS CRIMINAL IS ON THE LOOSE IN NEW YORK. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Best of THE BESTIES

The Besties live next door and have been best friends since forever. Meet Ruby, a fun-loving girl with a passion for music, and Oliver, a creative boy who loves comic books and drawing. The Besties is the best series because:

- The Besties love jokes**
What do you call a sleeping dinosaur? A dino-snore!
- Pictures on every page**
Every chapter is easy to read with loads of sweet drawings of The Besties on their adventures.
- Stories about awesome friends**
Together the besties rescue a baby bird, hang out at school and learn to make rude noises with their armpits.
- Funny comics**
Oliver loves drawing and creates comics of his own, based on his adventures with Ruby.
- Sing along with Ruby's songs**
Ruby has written the ukulele chords and lyrics of her songs so you can join in too!



Check out the books at your local bookstore and share them with your bestie too.

Aussie Kids

8 characters, 8 stories, 8 authors and illustrators from all 8 states and territories!

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Find all the words from the word list in the grid. Words may be found going up, down, forwards, backwards or diagonally. Ask an adult for help if needed!

Australia
Outback
Lighthouse
Zoo
Beach

Mangrove
Creek
Jetty
Farm
Festival

Travel
Nullarbor
Adventure
Aussie

