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## BOOK ADVENTURE: BRAIN TEASERS & PUZZLING ACTIVITIES

**Make a word search.** Write down a list of words. Make a grid of squares on lined paper or graph paper (or on a computer). Put the words in your grid going across, up, down, backwards and diagonally. Then fill the rest of the squares with random letters to hide your words, and give it to a friend or family member. See how fast they can find all your words!

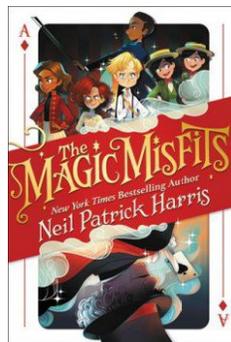
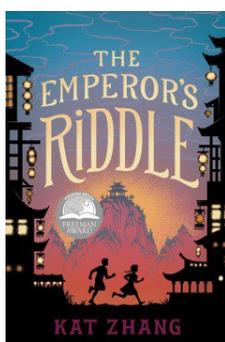
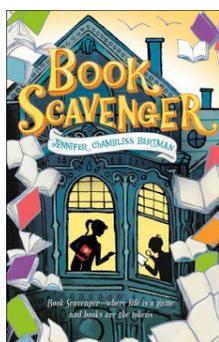
**Write a secret message.** First, write the alphabet. Then, right underneath it, write the alphabet backwards. This is your key. Write out the message you want to send, but replace each letter with the one that is under it in your key. Give your secret message to someone to decipher.

**Find some anagrams.** If you can scramble the letters of a word and get a new word or phrase, that's an anagram! LISTEN and SILENT are anagrams. So are ASTRONOMER and MOON STARER. Can you anagram MELON to get a different fruit? What anagram pairs can you find on your own?

**Create a trivia quiz.** Think of an interesting subject. Learn some fun facts about it, and turn them into questions. (Be sure to check a trustworthy source!) If you know that flamingoes eat shrimp, one of your questions can be "What is something flamingoes eat?" Then comes the fun part: make up three wrong answers for each question, mix them up with the right one and label them A, B, C and D. Make sure the right answer isn't always in the same place. Get a group of friends or family members together, and test their knowledge with your quiz.

**Invent some riddles.** Start with the answer. It helps if you think of a word with more than one meaning. Use your imagination to come up with some ways to describe it without using that exact word. Your riddle doesn't have to rhyme, but it can if you like! End by saying "What am I?"

**Draw a maze.** Sketch the outline of the shape you want. Mark the "Beginning" and "End" points, and trace a path in pencil, with lots of twists and turns. (Draw lightly so you can erase parts of it.) Then add lots of fake paths and dead-ends!



*Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman | Print | CD Audio | Playaway | Libby Book, Audio | Hoopla Audio

*The Emperor's Riddle* by Kat Zhang | Print | Libby Book

*The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris, illustrated by Lissy Marlin and Kyle Hinton | Print | CD Audio | Playaway | Libby Book, Audio

*Super Puzzletastic Mysteries: Short Stories for Young Sleuths from Mystery Writers of America* edited by Chris Grabenstein | Print | Libby Book

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