

# Keeping in touch

Guidance for adults: these activities can be adjusted for the age of the child. For example you could do the exercises verbally, you could give the grandparent or other person working with them the activities so they can set the task and assist.

## Five literacy challenges to do with your grandparents

It is important to keep in touch with your grandparents or other people who you cannot see all the time at the moment. Here are five challenges to do with them. We challenge you to do one a day!

### Challenge one

You are a detective. This means you have to ask lots of questions and use clues to find things out.

Your detective mission is to phone your grandparent and find out about their experience of the world of work.



### Detective questions:

- How many different jobs have you had?
- What has been the best job you have ever worked in? Why?
- Did you have to wear special clothing or use special equipment?
- When you were my age, what did you want to do as a grown up?

### Can you think of more questions?

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Challenge two

Think about what job you want to do when you grow up. Write a letter telling your grandparent about the job and why you want to do it.

You could draw a picture of you doing that job to enclose in the envelope.

You could also ask for a response so you can find out about their dream job.



Dear \_\_\_\_\_

When I grow up I want to be a \_\_\_\_\_

I want to do this job because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I think I need to be good at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to do this job.

For work I will need to wear \_\_\_\_\_.

I think I will like doing \_\_\_\_\_.

What is your dream job and why?

Love from,

\_\_\_\_\_

### Challenge three

Choose your favourite book or a book you can read really well. Call your grandparents and read the story to them.

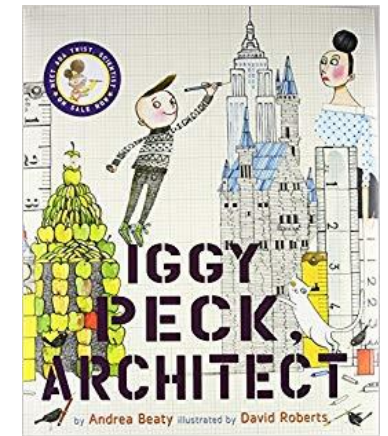
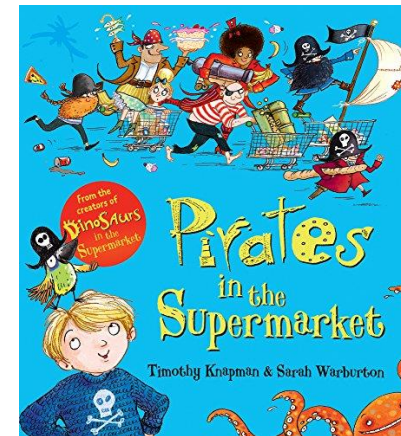
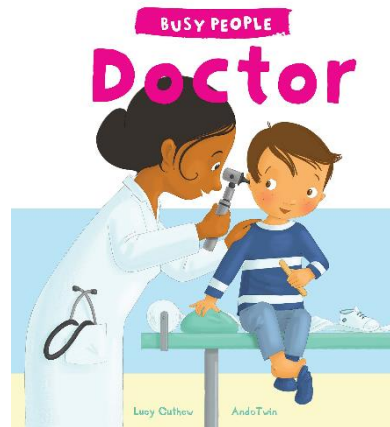
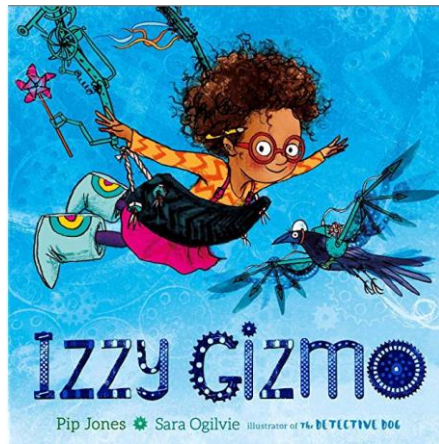
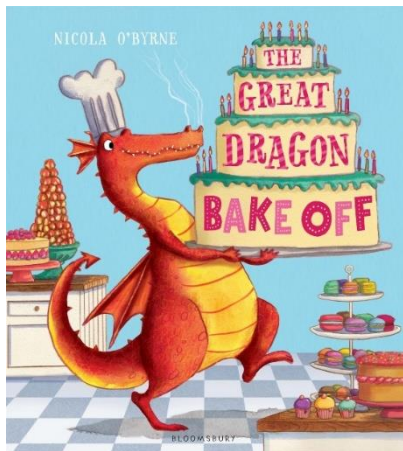
Remember, they won't be able to see the pictures in the book so make sure you describe every page so they can imagine it.

Audible has lots of free audiobooks to use for inspiration

<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

### Top tips

- Take your time, read slowly to make sure you don't miss words
- Talk loud and clear so they hear every word you say
- Ask questions about the book to make sure they are listening!
- After finishing, ask them if they liked the book and what they liked about it
- Ask them about their favourite book when they were younger



**Things to share:**

- What time do you wake up?
- What do you have for breakfast?
- Do you still do PE?
- What lessons are you enjoying?
- What time do you go to bed?

**Can you think of more things to share?**

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Challenge four**

Share your daily routine. Describe what you do from when you wake up to when you go to sleep.

Don't forget to ask lots of questions about what your grandparents' routine looks like as well.



### Challenge five

Write a story to read aloud to your grandparents. Once you have written the story give them a call and share.

The story can be true or something you make up. Be as creative as you can, remember to use descriptive words so your grandparents can see the images you are describing.



### **A story about...**

- A chef cooking an amazing meal
- An adventurer in the Arctic
- An astronaut
- A dog discovering something unusual
- A builder building the biggest building in the world
- A scientist who creates a magic potion

### **When writing a story remember to:**

- Introduce the main character(s)
- Use descriptive words
- Include a problem that needs to be solved (something is lost or broken, someone needs to escape, someone needs help)
- Try to include a beginning, a middle and an ending