



What will you read next?





What is the First Minister's Reading Challenge?

The First Minister's Reading Challenge is a chance for you to...



read whatever you like



find new reading recommendations and share your thoughts



get creative and tell us about your year of reading

To inspire you to try something new and explore different types of reading have a look at our challenge grids and choose one to get you started.

Or if you'd like to pick one at random, use one of our interactive grids...







Go Digital

Film a short video review of a book that you love	Write a deleted scene from your favourite film or TV programme, and if you're brave enough, act it out and film it	Watch an Authors Live event
Watch a spoken word poet on YouTube	Write a comic book based on your favourite computer game or film	Create a book trailer
Find a song that you can imagine as the soundtrack to a book. You could even make a playlist to track different moods and themes	Write a review of a book that's only 1 tweet long (280 characters) and tweet it if you like	Write an article about the top five computer games with great storylines
Share a book-face selfie	Tweet an author to let them know that you enjoyed their book	Watch a film based on a book
Post a picture of what you're currently reading on social media	Watch a book vlogger or booktuber for a recommendation	Make a podcast of your class' top reads





Change It Up

Read a book set in a country you would like to go to	Try reading a graphic novel or a comic book	Read a biography of someone who interests you – maybe a sportsperson, a comedian or an actor
Dare to read a scary story	Read an article from a newspaper or magazine	Visit the library in your school or local community and ask the librarian or someone else for a recommendation
Ask a friend or family member to recommend a book they have enjoyed	Share a book with someone younger than you	Read a book set in Scotland or written in Scots
Read the first page of 5 different books and read the one you like best	Read a book alongside a friend and discuss it as you go	Do a book swap with a friend
Read the book that your favourite film or TV programme is based on	Find a book that makes you laugh and share it with a friend	Read a book set in the future





Respond to a Book

Create a list of books that you have enjoyed	Write a better blurb to a great book that would make sure everyone wanted to read it	Choose a scene from a book you have read and adapt it into a comic strip
Write a deleted scene from your favourite book	Design an alternative book cover for a book you have enjoyed	Keep a note of a quote that you like from a book
Who would you cast in the film version of a book you enjoyed? Make a casting list and see if anyone else who has read it agrees	Write an alternative ending that you prefer	Draw your own illustration for a key moment in the book
Think about who would enjoy a book you've recently read and text them to let them know why they should read it	Create a poster to advertise a book that you enjoyed	Imagine that your book has a sequel – what should happen? Note down your ideas, and if the book does have a sequel, read it and compare it to your ideas
Write a song about your favourite character/book	Start/join a book group at school	Write a note to an anonymous reader, put it in a book and leave the book somewhere for someone to find



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Dare to read a scary story...



Ask a friend or family member to recommend a book they have enjoyed



Try reading a graphic novel or a comic book



Read an article from a newspaper or magazine



Share a book with someone younger than you



Read a book alongside a friend and discuss it as you go



Read a biography of someone who interests you – maybe a sportsperson, a comedian or an actor



Visit the library in your school or local community and ask the librarian or someone else for a recommendation



Read a book set in Scotland or written in Scots



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Design an alternative book cover for a book you have enjoyed



Write an alternative ending that you prefer



Create a poster to advertise a book that you enjoyed



Start/join a book group at school



Choose a scene from a book you have read and adapt it into a comic strip



Keep a note of a quote that you like from a book



Draw your own illustration for a key moment in the book



Imagine that your book has a sequel – what should happen? Note down your ideas, and if the book does have a sequel, read it to find out if any of your ideas are in there



Write a note to an anonymous reader, put it in a book and leave the book somewhere for someone to find

