

KS2 School Resource Pack

Call Me LION

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Activity 1: The Cover

You've probably heard people use the phrase 'don't judge a book by its cover', when they mean that you shouldn't judge something or someone by their appearance.

However, a book cover can give us lots of clues about the story it holds.

Take a look at the cover of *Call Me Lion* and then answer the following questions:



How does the cover make you feel?

What time of year do you think it is set?

What do you think the story might be about?

If you were writing the opening line, what would it be?



Read the opening of *Call Me Lion* and see if you can give examples of how the chapter uses these devices to set up the story.



Activity 3: **Picture This**

When we're reading we all imagine characters differently. Were the illustrations of Leo, Richa and Patch in the book how you imagined them?

Pick one and draw your interpretation of them in the space below.

Here are some descriptions from the book to help you:

Richa: grinning face; long, black hair; long, thin arms that waggle about and are streaked with sun cream; bare feet.

Leo: aged ten; hair that puffs up high like a dandelion clock; hair like a lion's mane; good at dancing.

Patch: waggy tail; brown and white with a big black patch over his right eye and ear; dog- pirate; hairy.



There are other characters in the book that are not illustrated. Read how Leo describes his siblings, Brianne and Ryan, and **have a go at drawing what you think they would look like:**

I have a big brother called Ryan who is seventeen and sprays stuff all over his body that makes the back of my throat do dry. Brianne is my sister: she is sixteen and wears floaty skirts and scarves and wants to be a physicist. Brianne and Ryan argue all the time.



Activity 5: Feelings Map

Call Me Lion is written in the first person, which means it's told from the point of view of the main character. This means we get to read how Leo is feeling throughout the story.

We know that Leo worries when his letter is delivered to Richa, but what about the other emotions he experiences throughout the story? Take a look at the table below and try to match the feelings Leo experiences to the events that happen in the book.

Emotion	Event in the Book
Fear	In chapter three when Leo's sister Brienne makes different suggestions of games they can play. <i>Clue: Feeling my face heat up, I look at Patch who is sitting on Richa's feet having his ear tickled.</i>
Joy	In chapter three when Leo remembers the conversation he overheard between Scarlett and Tiffany. <i>Clue: I couldn't stop listening even though it was causing me actual, physical pain.</i>
Embarrassment	In chapter seven when Richa chooses to stick with Leo instead of dancing with the girls. <i>Clue: I don't know why she does, or how she has landed here, but I am totally grateful for her.</i>
Gratitude	In chapter thirteen when Richa wants Leo to perform the dress-rehearsal of their dance routine. <i>Clue: I want to run in the opposite direction but I can't move.</i>
Shame	In chapter seventeen when Richa is waiting on the front doorstep for Leo to get home. <i>Clue: I'm so happy she's there I almost rush over towards her.</i>

Extension Activity:

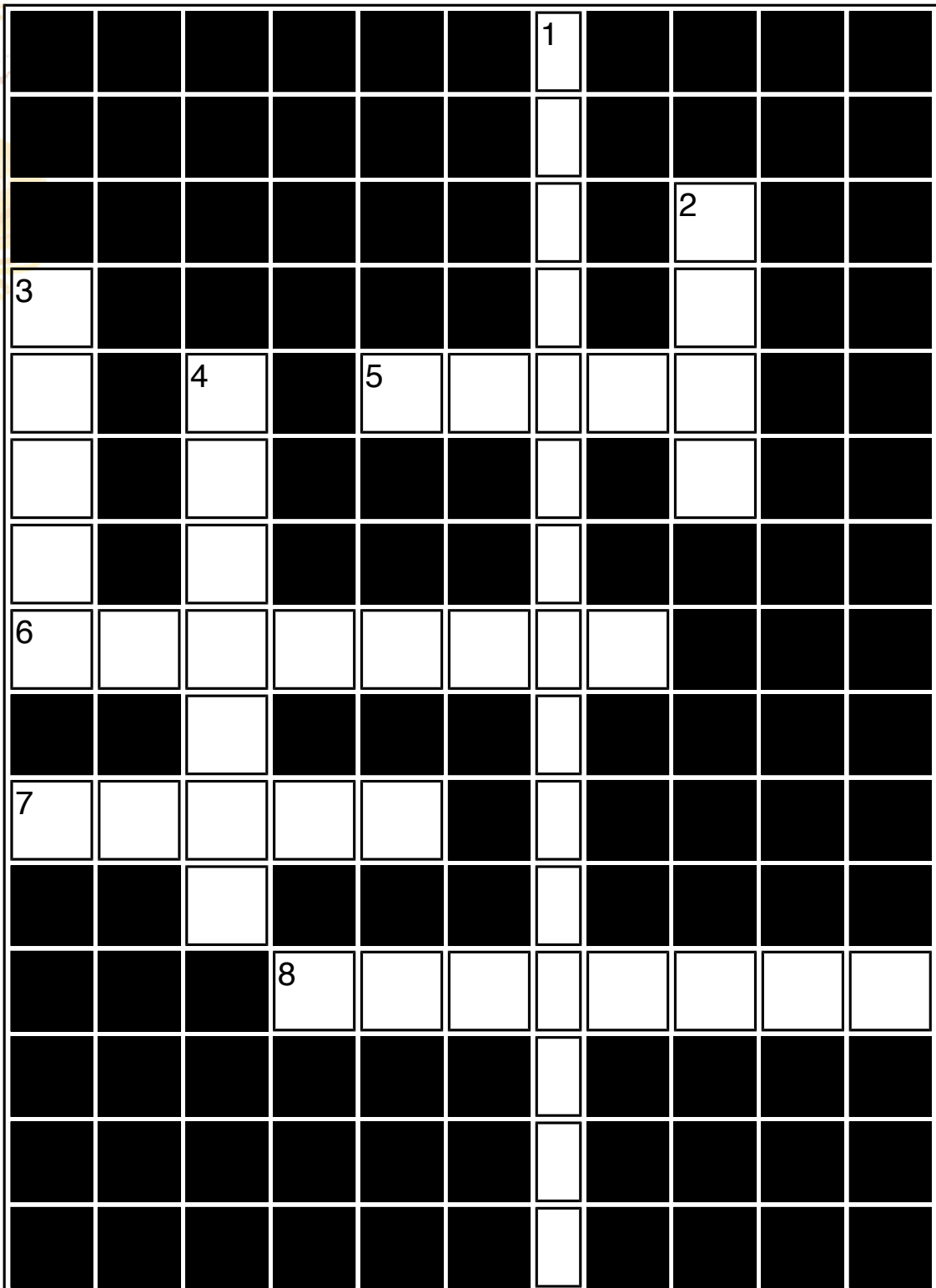
Can you find any other emotions in the story? Make a list of them and describe what Leo is doing or thinking when he experiences them.



Activity 7: Crossword

"Call Me Lion Crossword"

Created using the crossword generator at www.classtools.net



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5. What is the name of the girl who moves in next door? (5)
6. What kind of weather is it throughout the story? (8)
7. What does Leo love to do? (5)
8. What is the summer dance school called? (4,4)

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1. What has Leo been diagnosed with? (9,6)
2. Who is Leo's older brother? (4)
3. What's the name of Leo's dog? (5)
4. What is the name of Leo's sister? (7)

For the interactive version, use this link: <https://www.classtools.net/crossword/202203-GXe6eK>



Activity 8: Word Search

Call Me Lion Word Search

F	M	E	N	I	L	O	P	M	A	R	T	G	T
A	U	G	P	L	N	R	E	A	D	I	N	G	A
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I	G	M	C	G	N	I	C	N	U	O	B	M	T
M	C	G	N	I	M	R	O	F	R	E	P	T	I

LION
DANCING
MUSIC
BRONCO
BOILING
SUMMER
PERFORMING
FRIENDSHIP
DOG
READING
FAMILY
BROTHER
SISTER
TALKING
TRAMPOLINE
ROASTING
BOUNCING
DISCO
WRITING
BOOKS

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3421896/>

Activity 9: **Favourite Character**

Do you have a favourite character? Maybe you like Richa best because she is chatty, kind and fun? Or maybe you prefer Mum because she can get free chips!

Tell us all about who your favourite character is and what it is about them that you like.

Which character in the book do you think is most like you?

Bonus Activity: Dance Routine

Richa and Leo create a dance routine to a disco track. Pick a piece of music that you like and create your own routine. You can do this on your own, like Anton, or with a friend, like Richa and Leo.

Why not practise it and perform it to your friends or even, if you're really brave, to an audience of people you don't know?

