

Teacher's Notes



Real Pigeons (series)

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

RECOMMENDED FOR

Primary aged readers (ages 6+, grades 2+)

KEY CURRICULUM AREAS

- Learning areas: English
- General capabilities:
 - Understanding different types of texts (ACELA1463)
 - Understanding the language of texts (ACELA1464)

- Identifying visual representations in narratives (ACELA1469)
- Identifying aspects of different types of texts (ACELT1590)
- Discuss the characters and settings of different texts (ACELT1591)
- Innovating on familiar texts (ACELT1833)
- frequency sight words and known words (ACELA1758)

THEMES

- Teamwork
- Courage
- Problem solving
- Friendship
- Finding your strengths
- Puzzles and mysteries

SYNOPSIS

Have you ever looked closely at a pigeon? Or wondered why they act so weird? It's because they're out there chasing the bad guys and saving your butts!

The Real Pigeons are an elite squad of crime-fighters. With Grandpouter Pigeon leading them, Rock, Frillback, Tumbler and Homey are keeping the streets clear of crime. But they're going to need all of their Pigeon Powers to outsmart the cast of baddies determined to bring chaos to the city. Villainous crows, fame-hungry bats, and deranged ostriches are just some of the nefarious characters the Real Pigeons have to face.



Together the Real Pigeons have saved an endangered bird from becoming dinner, tracked down a mysterious water-thief, and eaten a bunch of breadcrumbs – yum!

With a quarter of a million books in print and an animated movie and TV series in development with Nickelodeon (produced by James Corden and Ben Winston), the Real Pigeons series is perfect for fans of *Bad Guys* and *Dog Man*. Every book contains three hilarious, silly and engrossing mysteries, illustrated with lively cartoon illustrations.

The *Real Pigeons* series has been shortlisted for the 2019 Readings Children's Book Prize and the 2019 and 2020 ABIA Book of the Year for Younger Children.

- 1 *Real Pigeons Fight Crime***
- 2 *Real Pigeons Eat Danger***
- 3 *Real Pigeons Nest Hard***
- 4 *Real Pigeons Splash Back***
- 5 *Real Pigeons Peck Punches***
- 6 *Real Pigeons Get Bready***
- 7 *Real Pigeons Flex Feathers***

These notes contain series notes and individual title notes.

THE SUPER COO CLUB

Andrew and Ben don't just make books together – they make videos too! In the Super Coo Club YouTube series, these two pigeon creators deliver the news and coos, answer fan questions, and show you how to draw the Real Pigeons – among other things!

These videos are inspiring and entertaining, and will have kids reading, writing, drawing and cooing contentedly for hours. Each video comes with drawing and activity sheets available to

download as PDFs – some are included in these notes, and you can find more with the videos at RealPigeons.com/the-super-coo-club

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andrew McDonald is the author of the bestselling *Real Pigeons* junior fiction series. He loves writing stories that make kids laugh, wonder and leap in the air with surprise. His books have been shortlisted for the Readings Children's Book Prize and the Australian Book Industry Awards.

Andrew is a regular presenter on the schools circuit, where he conducts writing workshops, talks about his life as an author and inspires kids to read, write, draw and be creative. Andrew lives in Melbourne, Australia.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Ben Wood is the illustrator of the bestselling *Real Pigeons* junior fiction series. Drawn to stories with humour and heart, Ben has illustrated over 30 books for children. His lively illustrations reflect his love for graphic novels and animation, and really pack a (pigeon) punch in the *Real Pigeons* series.

Ben's books have been included on the Children's Book Council of Australia's 'Notables' lists, and shortlisted for the Readings Children's Book Prize and the Australian Book Industry Awards. When not in the studio, Ben speaks in schools and runs workshops about illustration. He lives in Victoria, Australia.



SERIES NOTES

SERIES COMPREHENSION AND ACTIVITIES

Writing Silly Stories

In small groups, come up with some silly stories of your own. Who can come up with the silliest explanation for each of the following (ask your classmates to vote on the silliest stories!)

- How does the pip get inside a peach?
- Why do dogs bark?
- Why are fridges cold?
- Who invented shoes?
- What is toothpaste made of?

Why do we like silly stories? What is the silliest scene in Real Pigeons? What makes it so silly? Why does it make you laugh?

The Real Pigeons might find themselves in silly situations, but the books are also about friendship, teamwork, courage and doing the right thing. What does the book make you feel about each of these themes?

Watch [Episode 2 of the Super Coo Club](#) to see Andrew and Ben play a SILLY STORYTELLING GAME.

Write your own silly story using the **Ideas for Silly Stories** worksheet, included at the end of this PDF or here: <https://realpigeons.com/activities/>.

It's a Mystery

Mystery stories are complicated – there are so many questions! But if you can identify the parts of a good mystery, you'll be halfway to writing your own. All of the Real Pigeons stories has the following elements:

- **A problem.** Every mystery needs a nice juicy puzzle to solve. Stumped for ideas? Make a list of the normal parts of your day. What would happen if something disappeared? What if you found something unexpected? Is someone keeping a BIG SECRET? Once you've decided on your crime, you can make a breadcrumb trail of questions that will help you write the rest of the story.
- **Pigeon Power!** How are our heroes going to solve the crime? Which Pigeon Power will be most useful to solve the problem you've created?
- **Clues.** What clues lead our heroes to solve the mystery?
- **A bad baddie.** Who's behind the crime. What do they want? How do the Real Pigeons defeat them.
- **A cliff-hanger.** In each book, the Real Pigeons save the day. Or do they? Keep your readers guessing with a cliff-hanger – this is a new secret or puzzle to be solved in future stories.

Now that you know the parts, choose one of the Real Pigeons stories and break it down.

- What's the problem?
- Which Pigeon Powers come in handy?



- What clues do the Real Pigeons use to solve the mystery?
- Who is the villain? How does the squad defeat them?
- What is the cliffhanger?
- Got it? Good! It's time to write your own Real Pigeons story. Use the steps above to write your own crime for our squad to solve. You might use the villain and Pigeon Powers that you design in the worksheets below. For extra help use the **Write a Mystery Story** worksheet, included at the end of this PDF or here: <https://realpigeons.com/activities/>.

What's in a Name?

Now that you've got your own Real Pigeons story, you need a title that will sell it. Andrew tries to come up with titles that will intrigue a reader and make them pick up the book.

- Why do you think it's important to intrigue a reader?
- How do you achieve this?
- What questions do the titles of the Real Pigeons books make you ask?

Watch [Episode 3 of the Super Coo Club](#) to see Andrew and Ben talk about coming up with titles for the books.

Come up with your own Real Pigeons title. Does it intrigue the reader?

Real Pigeons are Real Friends

How important is friendship to the Real Pigeons? Can you think of a scene from one of the stories where one of the Real Pigeons find themselves in a jam that they wouldn't be able to escape without help from their friends?

When the villains team up, do they become friends? How are their teams different to the Real Pigeons squad?

Can you make a list of five reasons your friends are important to you?

Can you write about a time they've helped you out of a tight spot? Make them a Real Pigeon if you like!

Part of being a real friend is sometimes putting your friends first. Even Homey will skip a breadcrumb or two if he knows his friends need him! What would happen if the Real Pigeons **didn't** put their friends first? Rewrite one of the stories in the book, but instead of the pigeons working together, let them each do whatever they want. How does it change the story?

Teamwork means that together, the Real Pigeons can fight crime that would be too hard for them to fight alone. Choose one of the stories in the books. In the bubble below, write or draw the way that each pigeon contributed to the team to fight the crime.

Do friendships always stay the same? How do they change over time?

Make a list of new friends the pigeons make throughout the books. How do their friendships change, and is this a good thing or a bad thing?

Real Pigeons fight crime, but they don't fight each other! Make a list of ways the Real Pigeons stay friends even when they disagree with each other.



The (real) Real Pigeons



There are **hundreds** of fancy pigeons, and all of the Real Pigeons are based on a special pigeon that really exists. Who is your favourite pigeon in the book? Which real pigeon are they based on (you might have to do some online research for this!) What makes them so fancy? Make a poster for your *real* Real pigeon. What do they eat? Where do they live? How many exist in the wild?

All of the main characters in Real Pigeons are based on real animals. As you read, keep a list of the animals in the story.

The kakapo (or the owl parrot) is a large, flightless, nocturnal parrot from New Zealand. There are only 210 kakapos left in the wild, and they are all monitored closely. You can read more about the kakapo, and see some pictures of them, here: nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/kakapo

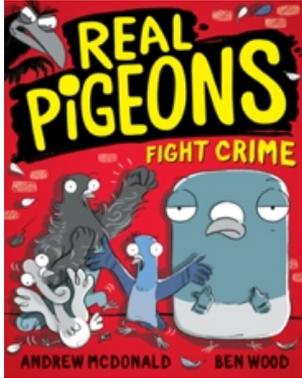
As you go through the stories in the book, keep an eye out for the following animals. Make some notes next to each based on how they appear in the stories – what do you learn about how they look, what they're called, and what their behaviour is like? Look up one of the animals online and see if the fiction matches up to reality. Can you discover a fact that isn't in the book to share with your class?

- Ostrich:
- Grey treefrog
- Ladybird
- Jungle Crow
- Ermine
- Megabat

What interesting true facts about each of these animals can you spot in the illustrations and stories?

How do stories help us to learn more about the world? If you were going to make one of your favourite animals a character in Real Pigeons, what would their name be? Would they have a special power or skill based on something they can do in real life? How would you draw them?





REAL PIGEONS FIGHT CRIME (BOOK 1)

Part 1: The Great Breadcrumb Mystery

Meet Rock, a master of disguise who is about to join the Real Pigeons (although he doesn't know it yet). Rock lives on a farm, where real pigeons don't wear costumes, real pigeons don't show off, and real pigeons do pigeon things. But when Rock is recruited to be part of a pigeon crime fighting squad by Grandpouter Pigeon, he moves to the city and discovers that REAL PIGEONS FIGHT CRIME!

Part 2: The Bat Trapper

Bats are awesome! They might sleep during the day, but at night they have all kinds of fun, like riding the power lines, hanging out with owls, and riding dogs around. Someone has been playing pranks on the bats, trapping them so they can't fly around at night. Who could it be? It's up to Rock and his friends to find out, because REAL PIGEONS STOP BAT TRAPPERS!

Part 3: Danger at the Food Truck Fair

Breadcrumbs! Sausages! The food truck fair has everything, and the Real Pigeons can't wait to eat. But when they arrive at the fair, disaster strikes. The pigeons detect a stink bomb in a bag. If it goes off, all the food will be ruined! Will the pigeons find the bomb? Can they avoid a dinner disaster? Of course they can! REAL PIGEONS STOP STINK BOMBS!

COMPREHENSION

Real Pigeons Fight Crime introduces the Real Pigeons. Their names are below. Write down one fact you learn about each pigeon in *Real Pigeons Fight Crime*.

- Rock
- Grandpouter Pigeon
- Frillback
- Homey
- Tumbler

ACTIVITIES

Super Spotters

If you were reading closely, filling in the blanks below will be a breeze!

- Pigeons love to eat _____ because they taste like _____.
- Rock enjoys dressing up like _____.
- The pigeons live in _____ with _____.
- Pigeons are perfect for fighting crime because _____.
- Pigeons are scared of _____.
- REAL PIGEONS _____ !!



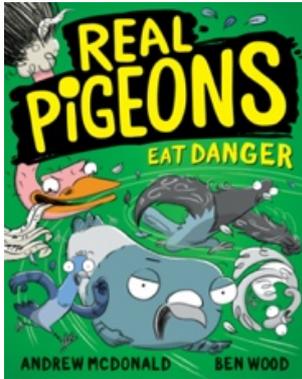
- Bats are nocturnal, which means they _____.
- Frillback gets her Pigeon Power by eating _____.

Pigeon Powers

Every pigeon has a Pigeon Power. Pigeon Powers help pigeons fight crime. What would your Pigeon Power be? Use the **Pigeon Power** worksheet, included at the end of this PDF or here:

<https://realpigeons.com/activities/>.





REAL PIGEONS EAT DANGER (BOOK 2)

Part 1: The Bird in the Bottle

Trouble finds the Real Pigeons as a bird stuck tight in a bottle. Who's putting them in there, and how? Why? And, more importantly, where are they taking them? The pigeons need to solve the mystery before all the birds in the park end up bottled. With a little help from an ibis inventor, Real Pigeons STOP BIRD-BOTTLERS!

Part 2: Ostrich Escape

Grandpouter Pigeon knows the three things crime-fighters should always do – help creatures in need, work as a team, and EAT DANGER. So why, when a criminal ostrich escapes from the ostrich farm, won't Grandpouter help? Struthio Ostrich is a truly bad bird, and he's out for revenge. Will the REAL PIGEONS CATCH OSTRICHES?

Part 3: Mr Pie

With the pigeons missing in action, Straw Neck steps up to bat. But her take on crime-fighting is all wrong. Every time Straw Neck does a good thing, she also does a bad thing. Is Straw Neck on the side of good, or bad? And is it pigeon pie for dinner? We'll find out when REAL PIGEONS FOOD FIGHT!

COMPREHENSION

Straw Neck says 'sometimes you have to be bad to be good', but Rock isn't so sure. Write about a time you've done something bad to be good.

ACTIVITIES

Super Spotters

If you were reading closely, filling in the blanks below will be a breeze!

- Feather boxing is like fighting but with _____ instead of _____
- Twigs make pigeons feel _____
- Pigeons have to worry about being eaten by _____
- Grandpouter doesn't want to catch Struthio Ostrich because _____
- Mr Pie doesn't know that _____
- Rock escaped through the _____ in the oven

Creating Coo Characters

In the Super Coo Club, Ben demonstrates how to draw each of the Real Pigeons and talks about the elements he's taken from the real animals to decide how to draw them. Choose an interesting animal that you'd like to write about. What interests you about them? Do they have a special skill? Do they look weird? Turn your animal into a character for a story, exaggerating the parts of them that interest you.





REAL PIGEONS NEST HARD (BOOK 3)

Part 1: The Nest Thief

Everyone knows that vultures are scary omens of doom. So when one descends on the Real Pigeons and demands they find his missing nest – they agree! Why would anyone steal a vulture’s nest? Lady Twitcher and her fancy pigeon might know...if the pigeons manage to sneak into their party undetected. REAL PIGEONS FIND STOLEN NESTS!

Part 2: The Mysterious Kid X

The pigeon’s quest for a nest to call home continues. They’ve found the perfect spot, except for the angry peacock who doesn’t want them there. And the anti-pigeon signs that are popping up everywhere. And the Mysterious Kid X... Hang on a second, why aren’t there any adults looking after that kid? The sooner the pigeons find her family, the sooner REAL PIGEONS NEST HARD!

Part 3: Home Sweet Homey

Homey can find his way to any place on earth...except his own home. It’s been years since Homey was separated from his family, and he hasn’t seen them since. Until Bill Spoon finds a mysterious photo down at the pond. It’s a picture of Homey’s family, with a message that reads – ‘Help Us!’ Will Homey be reunited with his family? And why is someone putting chilli in the bread? It’s time for REAL PIGEONS (to) RESCUE HOMEY’S FAMILY!

COMPREHENSION

PSST is a secret pigeon code that means: **Pigeons Should See This**. Write down five acronyms that you can use as a code.

Beardy Vulture is sick of being called an **Omen of Doom**. Rock realised that he thinks Beardy is loud and scary looking on the outside but really, he is sweet and nice on the inside. Write about a time you something or someone has been different on the inside from what you originally thought.

ACTIVITIES

Super Spotters

If you were reading closely, filling in the blanks below will be a breeze!

- Rock has heard scary things about vultures. They are the _____!
- Rock can’t use his Pigeon Power because _____
- Jackie Pincher uses her claws to control Lady Twitcher. They are _____ and _____
- Rock flies off to look for nest-building materials. He needs _____ and _____
- The creature who has been nailing up the signs is _____ because she was _____



- The monster with no mouth is actually a _____

Bonus question!

What are the three hot things pigeons should stay away from?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What happens to them if they don't?

Master of Disguise

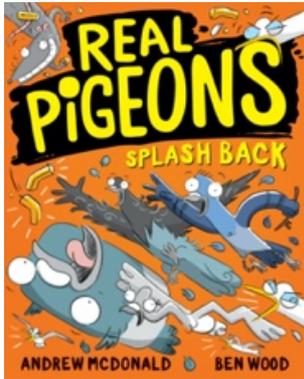
When Rock hurts his wing, he loses his ability to disguise himself. Can you help? Come up with a disguise for Rock using only things you can find in your bedroom.

Home Sweet Home

Each of the Real Pigeons likes to roost in their own way. Frillback wants to hang upside down so she doesn't crush her feathers. How do the other pigeons like to roost?

Design your perfect roost. Give it a name! Make sure there's a spot for everyone to sleep, and choose the perfect location to build it. Use the **Home Sweet Home** worksheet, included at the end of this PDF or here: <https://realpigeons.com/activities/>





REAL PIGEONS SPLASH BACK (BOOK 4)

Part 1: The Invisible Frog

Is there a new crime-fighting squad in town? When all of the water in the city mysteriously disappears, the Real Pigeons need to team up with the True Frogs to find the mysterious demon. It's a mystery with invisible frogs, sewers full of rats (and alligators), and discovering new Pigeon Powers. Will REAL PIGEONS FIND MISSING WATER?

Part 2: Secrets of a Seaside Prankster

When the Real Pigeons are sucked through the drainpipe they find themselves in the city of Chipopolis. Chips! The bread of the earth. There's enough time for the pigeons to grab a quick snack before they head home. But it's not long before they find themselves in a new mystery – someone is pranking everyone in Chipopolis, leaving them angry and hungry. It's a bad time to be a prankster though, because REAL PIGEONS STOP SEASIDE PRANKSTERS!

Part 3: The Polka Dot Crisis

Something awful has happened – Frillback is sick. She's succumbed to the mysterious polka-dot illness that's taking over the city. Who is Cyclon, the creepy creature responsible for everyone going dotty? Cyclon won't stop until he's spread his germs all over the city. It's time for the good guys to turn bad, when REAL PIGEONS GO UNDERCOVER!

COMPREHENSION

The mystery of the missing water is a city-wide emergency. Write down all the ways in which your life would be impacted if the water in your town disappeared.

The Real Pigeons create a suspect board for the chip mystery in Part Two. Create a suspect board for the polka dot mystery in Part 3 as you read the story.

ACTIVITIES

Super Spotters

If you were reading closely, filling in the blanks below will be a breeze!

- Rock is disguised as a _____ when all of the water disappears
- Rock is jealous of InvisiFrog because _____ until he discovers that his new Pigeon Power is _____
- Rats are always scurrying away from people so that _____
- Seagulls are similar to pigeons, but with one important difference. The difference is _____
- The name Paul is short for _____
- Gully stole Trent to give to _____
- Shoeboxes are the _____ of the pigeon world



- The antidote to Cyclon's germs is _____

The End of the Squad

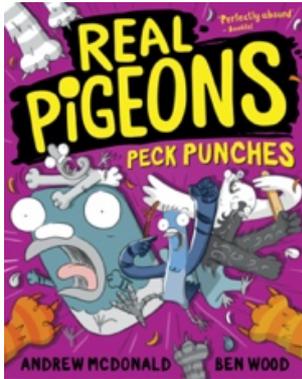
Is it the end of the Real Pigeons? Homey's dad has a vision that the Real Pigeons will be over. But why? The question keeps Rock guessing through a number of stories.

Make a list of the ways the Real Pigeons might end – be as imaginative and wild with your ideas as you can? How many endings can you come up with?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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10. _____
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13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

(If you've come up with more than twenty it's time for you to stop imaging endings and write your own book!)





REAL PIGEONS PECK PUNCHES (BOOK 5)

Part 1: Riddle of the Cat's Eye

Now that the Real Pigeons have grown into the Real Pigeons World Wide Network, they can fight more crime, more of the time. When a valuable Cat's Eye emerald goes missing from the museum, and turns up in Grandpouter's crop, it should be case closed. But sneaking the emerald back into the museum turns out to be more difficult than the pigeons expect. REAL PIGEONS FIND STOLEN EMERALDS! (But will they be able to return them?)

Part 2: The Kakapo Case

Homey is just chilling outside of his favourite bakery. The other pigeon's think he's lazy, but he just wants to eat breadcrumbs and chill. Or should he be trying harder to fight crime? When two pigeons report that an endangered bird is in trouble of being eaten, it's Homey's chance to prove that he's still capable of fighting crime. He rescues the Kakapo bird no problems, and hides it in the safest place he knows. But when Homey's knocked out by pine-cone, he can't remember where Kakapo is! Can REAL PIGEONS PROTECT KAKAPO?

Part 3: The Vanishing Tree

With the Real Pigeons World Wide Network in action, there should be more pigeons on the street than ever. So where have they all gone? Jungle Crow is no longer hiding as Barb Pigeon, and is taking over the streets with his gang of Robot Pigeons. And is Jungle Crow responsible for the disappearance of the pigeon's tree, or is something more sinister going on? Is this the end of the World Wide Network, or will REAL PIGEONS FIND VANISHED TREES?

COMPREHENSION

The Real Pigeons have solved a lot of crimes, but they've also made a lot of animal enemies! Make a list of all the villains the Real Pigeons have encountered. What makes each villain turn to crime? What do they want? Would you be a crime-fighting pigeon or a bad bird?

ACTIVITIES

Super Spotters

If you were reading closely, filling in the blanks below will be a breeze!

- The Real Pigeons World Wide Network is a network because _____.
- They are wild because _____.
- And they are spreading all over the _____!
- Barb Pigeon is really _____ in disguise
- Grandpouter has been teaching some of the city pigeons _____ so they can _____
- No pigeon wants to visit the museum because _____

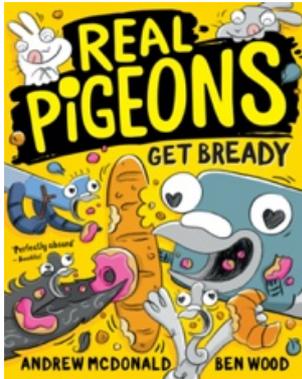


- Homey has to carry Kakapo because Kakapo _____
- Homey hides Kakapo in _____ because _____
- Pigbots don't eat _____ but they LOVE _____
- Pigbots don't want to be _____. They just want to be _____

Bad Birds (and other nefarious beasts)

Design your own villain! What kind of animal are they? Give them a nefarious name! What do they want? Who is their arch nemesis? Do they have a special power? Use the **Bad Birds** worksheet, included at the end of this PDF or here: <https://realpigeons.com/activities/>.





REAL PIGEONS GET BREADY (BOOK 6)

Part 1: The Day of the Living Bread

The Real Pigeons are in real trouble. Bertie Berd-Byrd, the new city mayor, has BANNED all birds. All the city birds are starving as they have to stay hidden from the BIRD PATROL. Once they find new slippery disguises, they are confronted by a BREAD MONSTER! They've never seen this type of crusty crime before. Now they have to work harder than ever before to stop the bird ban and break this bread! REAL PIGEONS STOP BREAD MONSTERS! (But could the crumbed criminal be a friend after all?)

Part 2: The Locked House Mystery

The Bird Ban is still in full wing-swing and the Real Pigeons are running out of hiding places. T-Bone McLeather and his Bird Patrol have almost the entire city covered – except one place. The pigeons retreat to 3 Feline Street to regroup and recoup. The magical indoors proves to be full of fun, but the fun quickly stops when the door key disappears and they are locked inside! Who could have taken the key? And why would they? REAL PIGEONS FIND MISSING KEYS! (And find out who lives in the house of flying fish!)

Part 3: The Legend of Magnetic Pigeon

While the birds of the city have been hiding, the bunnies have taken over! There's no breadcrumbs left for the Real Pigeons, and the bunnies are *very* territorial. When the mayor goes missing, and Tumbler is stuck with a shiny new magnet accessory, the pigeons need to find out who is behind all this silliness. REAL PIGEONS FIND MISSING MAYORS! (And round up some rowdy rabbits.)

COMPREHENSION

The Real Pigeons can't understand what the Bread Monster is saying. Write down some examples of how words or phrases could be misunderstood because they sound the same as another word.

The pigeons have a very fun time in the MAGICAL INDOORS. Write down some of the things that catch their attention and think of some other household items that might be fun for animals.

ACTIVITIES

Super Spotters

If you were reading closely, filling in the blanks below will be a breeze!

- The mayor's name is _____.
- The pigeons try to flee the Bread Monster. But they all slip on _____.
- All this time the Bread Monster was _____.
- T-Bone McLeather and the Bird Patrol chase the pigeons at _____ level. Even _____ level.
- The pigeons spread through the house to search for _____.
- Oh no! The house belongs to _____.

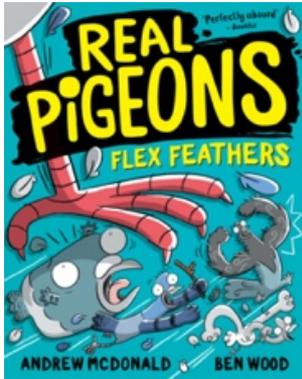


- Rock and Homey go through the ancient pigeon ritual. They _____. Pull _____. Pretend to be _____. And have an _____ toe wrestle.
- Bunnies have _____ ears.
- The Real Pigeons stay in the gutter while _____ goes undercover with all the bunnies by the bakery.
- An epic _____ vs. _____ BATTLE is about to erupt.

Crumb Costume!

Design your own bread monster or costume! When the Real Pigeons face off against the Bread Monster, they disguise themselves as pretzels, donuts and bread sticks. What kind of character are they? Give them a bready name! Do they have a special power? Use the **Crumb Costume** worksheet, included at the end of this PDF or here: <https://realpigeons.com/activities/>.





REAL PIGEONS FLEX FEATHERS (BOOK 7)

Part 1: Journey Through the Concrete Jungle

It's Concrete Day! The Real Pigeons (except for Rock) are happily celebrating their favourite day of the year – even Jungle Crow is excited! But suddenly, concrete all over the city starts melting! Who can be behind this? Can the pigeons save the concrete jungle from itself? REAL PIGEONS STOP MELTING CONCRETE! (And make a new friend along the way.)

Part 2: The Fancy Pigeon Dog Show

Frillback and Tumbler find the perfect opportunity to show off their best pigeons poses – a dog show! But when bird feathers are being plucked all over town, the Real Pigeons must use this paw-portunity to lure the thieves to the theatre. REAL PIGEONS ENTER DOG SHOWS TO CATCH FEATHER SNATCHERS! Can Frillback protect her friends as well as show everyone how *fabulous* she is?

Part 3: The Hat Trick

Grandpouter has *finally* finished the gazebo renovations! But the Real Pigeons are distracted by a flying hat that is bothering some pigeons. How is the hat flying? WHY is the hat flying? Could it have something to do with the feather snatchers from the dog show? When the Real Pigeons find out about a plan to CLONE their pigeons powers, they need to step up and save the city from the hat attack. REAL PIGEONS STOP EVIL HATS!

COMPREHENSION

The Real Pigeons are celebrating Concrete Day. Get creative and write a list of other days that you can celebrate – big or small!

Frillback and Tumbler encourage the other animals to show their talents off at the Fancy Pigeon Dog Show. Write a list or other talents that the characters could have performed, or even ones that *you* could perform!

ACTIVITIES

Super Spotters

If you were reading closely, filling in the blanks below will be a breeze!

- _____ has come to help Grandpouter renovate the gazebo.
- The name of the factory that makes all the concrete in the city is called _____.
- Sometimes, spiders eat _____. Other times, birds eat _____.
- The concrete melting potion is called SET _____.
- To win a dog show, you have to display _____, talent and a _____!
- Frillback flexes her feathers until they _____ like satellite dishes.



- Frillback commands the _____, chasing the villains through the crowd with it.
- The gazebo is now a state-of-the-_____ crime-fighting hub.
- A squab is a baby _____.
- Squabzilla and The Stickler _____ through the city.

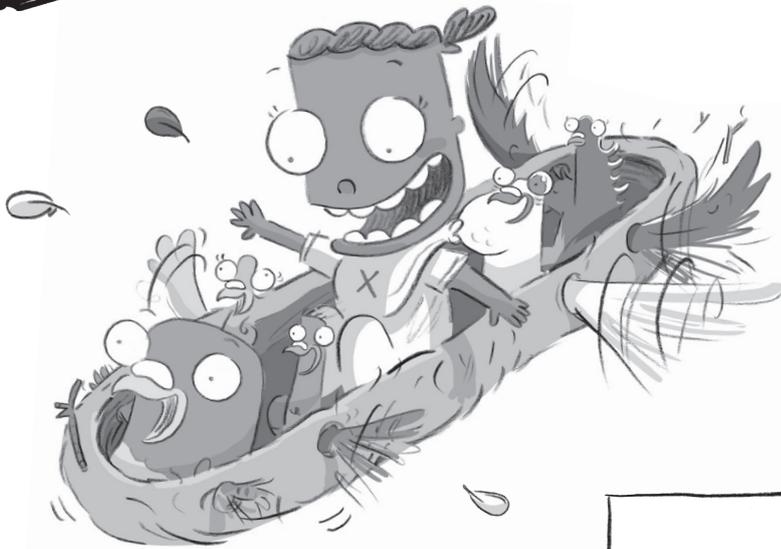
Gazebo Go-Go!

Design your own renovations to the gazebo! Think about what roosts you've come up with for the Home Sweet Home worksheet and adapt for the new gazebo. What would help the Real Pigeons fight crime, and have fun at the same time? Use the **Gazebo Go-Go** worksheet, included at the end of this PDF or here: <https://realpigeons.com/activities/>.



REAL PIGEONS

A SILLY STORY



Write a story about what would happen if every round object on Earth was suddenly a cabbage.

Andrew is here to help you write... a **VERY** silly story.

Write a story about a normal, everyday activity that you do all the time - for example, brushing your teeth, visiting the supermarket, riding your bike, etc. Then make the story weird by changing one small detail. For example, your toothbrush might be a banana. Or the supermarket might only sell gorillas. Or the tyres of your bike might actually be snakes.

Write a story about two characters who are opposites. They could be opposite in size (one big, one small) or opposite in personality (one grumpy, one cheery) or opposite in what they want (one wants to sleep, one wants to dance). What happens when these characters meet? Do they become friends? Or enemies?

Write a story about an everyday object or animal (for example, a door, a carrot, a puppy, etc) that is secretly an evil villain.

Write a story about a pigeon and a kid who swap bodies.



REAL PIGEONS

DRAWING CHALLENGE PIGEON POWER!

Draw your own pigeon and invent their **PIGEON POWER!** Does your pigeon have super-strong eyesight, the ability to know the exact time without looking at their watch, or even the best sense of smell in the world? You can make up whatever you want!

PIGEON NAME:

PIGEON POWER:

INVENTED BY:

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REAL PIGEONS

DRAWING CHALLENGE HOME SWEET HOME!

Design a roost for the Real Pigeons! Can you make a home that will keep everyone happy? How would you like to roost if you were a pigeon? Draw a spot for yourself!

ROOST NAME:

LOCATION:

DESIGNED BY:

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REAL PIGEONS

DRAWING CHALLENGE BAD BIRD!

Draw your own bad bird (or other villain). Do they wear a costume or disguise? Do they look innocent or villainous? Come up with a catch phrase for your villain!

VILLAIN NAME:

MOST INFAMOUS CRIME:

DESIGNED BY:

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DRAWING CHALLENGE CRUMB COSTUME!

NAME:

INSPIRED BY:

DESIGNED BY:

Draw your own bread monster or costume! What kind of bread (or other baked good) will you use? Crossiants, cookies or cupcakes?

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REAL PIGEONS

DRAWING CHALLENGE GAZEBO GO-GO!

Draw your own additions to the gazebo! What kind of renovations will you do? Remember to channel your inner straw-Neck and recycle!

GAZEBO NAME:

BEST FEATURE:

DESIGNED BY:

#REALPIGEONSCHALLENGE