

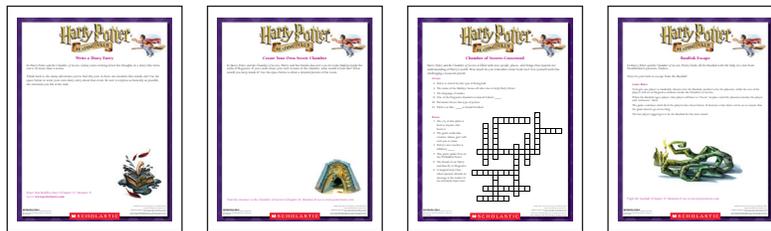
# Harry Potter

## READING CLUB



**Dear Host,**

Get ready for another meeting of The Harry Potter Reading Club! You'll find everything you need, including four exciting new activities, on [scholastic.com/hpreadingclub](http://scholastic.com/hpreadingclub):



### Activity 1: Write a Diary Entry

In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Ginny starts keeping a diary, but soon realizes that the diary contains mysterious secrets of its own.

For this creative writing activity, club members will get to choose a moment from their own life and write a diary entry about it.

#### Prepare ahead:

- 1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
- 2) Have pens or pencils on hand.

#### During the activity:

- 1) Explain the exercise and answer any questions club members may have.
- 2) Allow everyone time to brainstorm before writing their diary entries.

### Activity 2: Create Your Own Secret Chamber

In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, a secret chamber is found hidden within Hogwarts. For this craft activity, invite club members to imagine that there is a secret chamber in their own school and draw a detailed picture of what it would look like.

#### Prepare ahead:

- 1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
- 2) Have pencils, colored pencils or markers, and rulers available.

#### During the activity:

- 1) Explain the activity and let members get to work.
- 2) Encourage club members to be creative when thinking about what the chamber might look like. (e.g., Are

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there any interesting details or unexpected surprises in the room?)

3) Afterwards, invite volunteers to share their drawings with the group.

### Activity 3: The Chamber of Secrets Crossword

For this activity, club members will get to test their knowledge of key events as they fill in a crossword puzzle featuring words and phrases from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

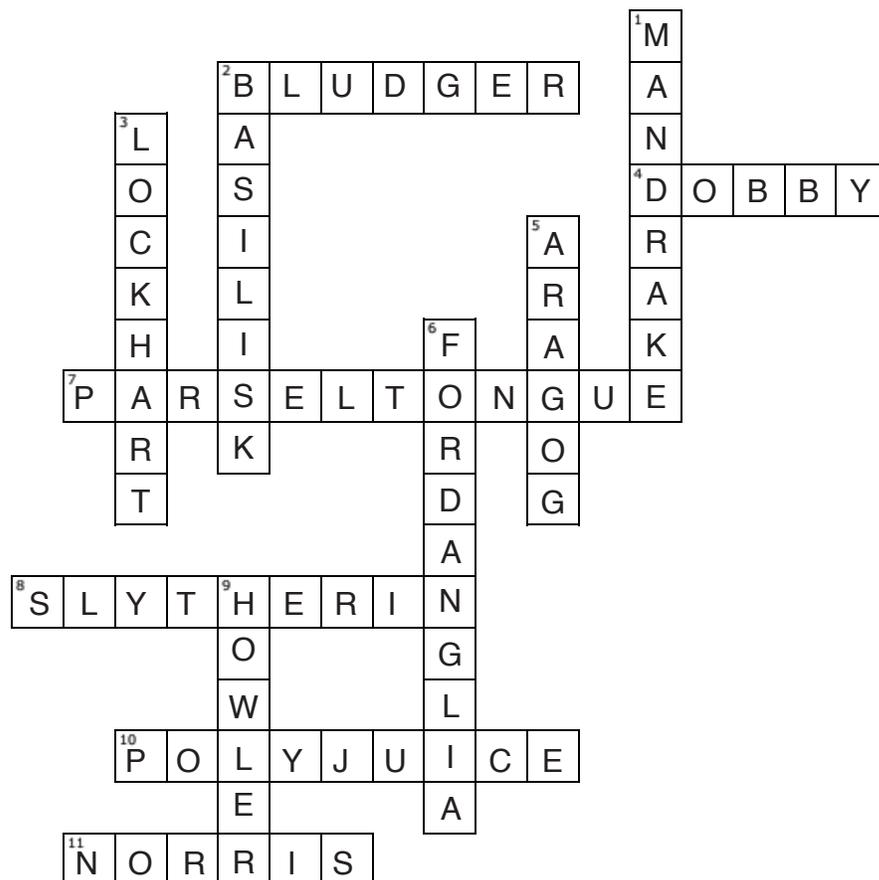
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- 1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
- 2) Have pens or pencils on hand.

#### During the activity:

- 1) Have club members work individually to solve the puzzle.
- 2.) Offer hints and help to club members, if needed.

#### Answer Key



## Activity 4: Basilisk Escape

This group activity will get club members up and moving as they play a variation of the game of tag, inspired by the battle with the Basilisk in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

### Prepare ahead:

- 1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
- 2) Locate an area with enough space to play the game and set boundaries to define the game area. If possible, you may want to move the game outside.
- 3) Familiarize yourself with the rules of this version of the game, explained on the Basilisk Escape worksheet.

### During the activity:

- 1) Read the game rules on the worksheet aloud and answer any questions that club members may have about how the game works.
- 2) Randomly select one player to be the Basilisk and one to be the phoenix.
- 3) Supervise the activity to make sure everyone has fun and plays safely.

## BONUS TRIVIA QUESTION:

What kind of bird is Fawkes?

**Answer:** A *phoenix*



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Yours sincerely,

The Harry Potter Reading Club

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