

# QUICK QUIZ

## Overview

Quizzes that decide things like your DJ name based on personal information are very popular with children and something they are familiar with from magazines and websites. This activity uses that idea to generate some story ideas. The fun and familiar format of this sort of quiz will really engage children in the creative writing process.

## Intro

This activity uses things such as birthday month, first or surname initial, and favourite colour or animal, to create a variety of characters and ideas for a setting. Children can use these ideas to write descriptions and/or a short story.

You can use the quizzes provided below as they are, or adapt them however you like. Children can also try making up their own quiz to use on friends and family.

## What you need

- Access to the quiz or quizzes you are going to use
- Paper to note results on

## What to do

Step 1: Choose any or all of the quizzes below for children to complete.

Step 2: Children can then complete one or more of the follow on activity ideas.

## Step 1: Complete quizzes

Children answer the quiz questions to generate ideas for characters and settings. All the quizzes can be found below the follow on activity ideas section. Make notes of results as you go.

Note, for each question children select from the relevant list. For example, for *favourite colour*, they need to select one of the seven options provided. If their favourite colour happens to be turquoise, they will need to choose blue or green in order for the quiz to work!

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## Step 2: Follow on activities

Choose one or more of the following activity ideas to complete. You could complete all of them in separate sessions. If your child doesn't have much confidence, start with just talking about possible story ideas or drawing a character. Build up over time to attempting writing a description or short story through this and other fun, non-threatening Wild Literacy activities.

### Follow on activity ideas:

- Children draw their favourite results and write a short description of the characters.
- Children write or draw a scene involving the character(s).
- If you have multiple children and/or you join in, put together a family/group book of different heroes and villains involving pictures and short descriptions.
- Use the quiz results as a springboard for writing a piece of 'flash fiction' (a piece of fiction, generally around 100-1000 words in length, sometimes as short as 50 words).
- Write a longer, more complete story using the results of the quizzes.
- Adapt any of the quizzes to make new ones, or create one from scratch, Try them on friends and family.

## The Quizzes

In this section you will find all the quizzes.

**Section 1:** A basic quiz for main character and setting

Generate ideas for main characters and setting. Children answer the three parts of the quiz and use their results to make up a simple story or another of the follow on activity ideas.

**Section 2:** Quizzes for more detailed characters

In the first quiz, generate ideas to build a more detailed villain character. and in the second a detailed hero. Children can complete one or both and use the results to describe and/or draw their character or use for one of the follow on activity ideas.

### Section 1: Quiz for main characters and setting

#### Baddy

Your date of birth:

1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Clever and evil witch
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Eccentric and power-hungry scientist
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Giant who doesn't think much and is very violent
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	A wizard who hates everyone and everything and just wants to destroy things
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	A robot who was made to serve a clever inventor but turned evil and got a mind of its own
26 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	A fire-breathing dragon

#### Goody

Your birthday month:

Jan – Feb	A superhero with the power of invisibility
Mar – Apr	A brave and cunning mouse
May – Jun	A grandparent with a secret agent past and they still have all the gadgets
Jul – Aug	An ordinary-looking pet dog who secretly has great intelligence and martial art skills

Sep – Oct	A group of friends who get superpowers after their science teacher's experiment goes wrong– these superpowers could be strength/flying/teleporting
Nov – Dec	A person who gets hit by lightening in a storm and transported to another world where they have to fight the baddy to get back home

### Setting

The initial of your first name:

A – D	Jungle
E – H	Park
I – L	Woods
M – P	Beach
Q – U	Farm
V – Z	Fairground

## Section 2: Quizzes to create more detailed characters

### Build a villain

*The date of your birthday is their personality:*

*Your favourite colour is their secret weapon:*

1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Blood-thirsty
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Evil
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cruel
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wicked
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Vicious
26 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wild

Red	Wrestling
Blue	Flying
Green	Ice-blasting
Yellow	Flame-throwing
Orange	Ninja
Pink	Bone-crushing
Purple	Lightning-striking

*Your favourite animal is their evil villain job:*

Dog	Clown
Cat	Monster
Monkey	Inventor
Mouse	Teacher
Fish	Doctor
Elephant	Spaceship Pilot
Bird	Troll

### Build a hero

(Hero's name/title in three parts)

*Your first name initial is the first part of their name:*

A-C	The Brilliant
D-G	The Awesome
H-K	The Epic
L-O	The Amazing
P-S	The Great
T-V	The Fantastic
W-Z	The Magnificent

*Your surname initial is the second part of their name:*

A-D	Fiery
E-H	Crafty
I-L	Brave
M-P	Cool
Q-T	Wild
U-Z	Bonkers

*Your birthday month is the third part of their name:*

Jan - Feb	Rock-star
Mar - Apr	Tiger-man
May - Jun	Lion-woman
Jul - Aug	Wonder-kid
Sep - Oct	Knight
Nov - Dec	Warrior

*Your middle initial is their crime-fighting gadget:*

A - F	Helicopter hat
G - L	Rocket boots
M - R	Super-fast car
S - Z	Invisibility suit
None	Sticky shoes to walk up walls

*Your favourite food is their side-kick:*

Chocolate	Super-smart talking parrot
Pizza	Ninja cat
Chips	Brave dog
Strawberries	Speedy cheetah
Ice cream	Acrobatic monkey
Crisps	Fire-breathing dragon