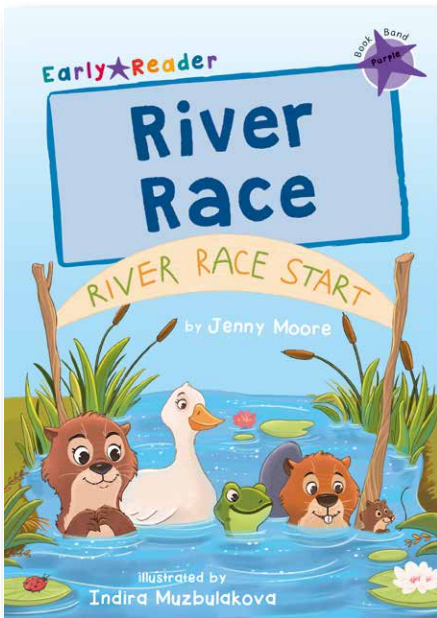


# Maverick Activity Pack

## What is a Maverick Activity Pack?

This activity pack is for teachers and parents to help build comprehension and engagement when guiding their students and children in their reading journey. There are many activities in this pack that can be used alongside our Early Reader stories to encourage children to get stuck in after enjoying the story.

## This Activity Pack is for:



**River Race** Early Reader  
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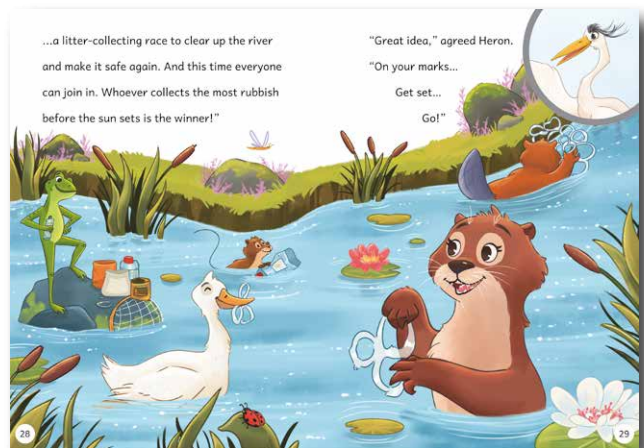
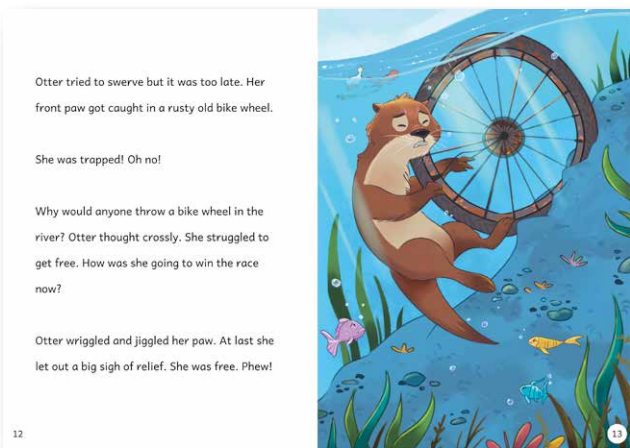
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Otter wants to win the river race, but all the rubbish in the river causes lots of issues...



# Colour Me In!



# Fill in the Gaps

Can you remember the words from the story?

1. Otter felt \_\_\_\_\_ as she did her warm-up exercises.

nervous      excited      happy

2. Frog was doing leg \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

exercises / yoga      stretches / jumps      bends / flips

3. 'Why would anyone throw a \_\_\_\_\_ wheel in the river?' Otter thought crossly.

car      truck      bike

4. Otter swam \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

faster / faster      quicker / better      further / further

5. She dodged past another bit of \_\_\_\_\_ and a floating plastic bag.

rubbish      netting      wheel

6. The crowd cheered as \_\_\_\_\_ gave Otter the glittering river race cup.

Heron      Frog      Water Vole

# Fill in a Letter

What is the missing letter?

1. She wanted to win the fam\_\_ \_\_s river race cup.
2. Heron raised his l\_\_ng white wing, like a \_\_lag.
3. She was tr\_\_pped! Oh no!
4. Otter \_\_riggled and jiggled her paw.
5. Her tail sw\_\_shed in the water behind her.
6. They were ta\_\_gled up in bits of rubbish too.
7. Frog cr\_\_ \_\_ked happily as Otter set him free.
8. "On your marks... Get set... \_\_ \_\_!"

# Word Search

a	i	r	u	o	t	q	t	s	a	k	t	a	o	f
s	g	u	m	p	l	s	r	a	b	c	a	u	d	e
t	w	s	v	p	g	r	w	z	b	t	h	h	o	y
s	g	t	o	n	e	p	l	i	c	p	x	h	u	x
m	z	y	r	t	e	h	w	v	m	m	d	g	e	r
q	a	p	t	e	e	t	d	i	s	m	n	x	e	k
a	t	i	c	n	e	a	t	b	n	i	e	v	i	m
s	l	a	c	k	h	d	h	i	t	n	i	r	i	d
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n	y	u	v	f	e	q	o	g	k	p	y	c	j	d
e	r	d	g	x	a	l	g	s	t	a	e	a	t	m
d	i	a	a	o	v	e	r	t	a	k	e	n	n	e

## Words:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> floating  | <input type="radio"/> plastic | <input type="radio"/> rusty   |
| <input type="radio"/> litter    | <input type="radio"/> race    | <input type="radio"/> swimmer |
| <input type="radio"/> netting   | <input type="radio"/> river   | <input type="radio"/> wheel   |
| <input type="radio"/> overtaken | <input type="radio"/> rubbish | <input type="radio"/> winner  |



# Write Your Own Story

Write your own story using the characters in the book.

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# Answers

## Fill in the gaps:

1. nervous
2. stretches / jumps
3. bike
4. faster / faster
5. netting
6. Heron

## Fill in a letter:

1. ou
2. of
3. a
4. w
5. i
6. n
7. oa
8. Go

## Wordsearch:

a	i	r	u	o	t	q	t	s	a	k	t	a	o	f
s	g	u	m	p	l	s	r	a	b	c	a	u	d	e
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m	z	y	r	t	e	h	w	v	m	m	d	g	e	r
q	a	p	t	e	e	t	d	i	s	m	n	x	e	k
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s	l	a	c	k	h	d	h	i	t	n	i	r	i	d
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d	i	a	a	o	v	e	r	t	a	k	e	n	n	e