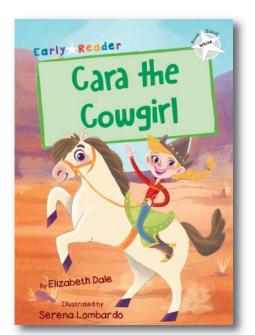
# Maverick Activity Pack

## 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.



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## This Activity Pack is for:

#### Cara the Cowgirl Early Reader Elizabeth Dale & Serena Lombardo

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Cara loves being a cowgirl, but it can be hard being the only one in Creektown. When all the cowboys go off to market, Cara is left to look after town. She and her trusty pony, Hopalong, are determined to keep the peace but news comes that the terrible Black Jake is on his way. Cara captures the villain and prove to everyone what a great cowgirl she is.

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all day riding Hoprounding up the cows - whether they need rounding up or not!

The people in Creektown oren't used to girls doing cowgirl-type stuff. The other girls love to knit and read books and cook.

Cara likes to do all those things while riding Hop-along. Sometimes she even cooks while she's standing on him. The mid-day sun is so hot that she can easily cook a fried cackleberry! loves shouting "Yee-haw!

But she's still learning to throw a lasso. Well, she knows how to throw it, but somehow it always misses its target.

"You're only ten," Cara's dad tells her. "If you keep on practising, I'm sure you'll get better at lassoing soon."

So Cara keeps on trying and trying.

"It's safest if you stay here, Cara," says the sheriff. "We might be attacked by nasty thieves trying to steal our cows. Did you hear that Black Jake just broke out of jail? He's the ickedest, wildest bandit in the v

All the cowboys look afraid. They'd all heard the awful news. They're terrified of Black Jake.



"Y-you d-d-d-don't want to meet him on the ride to market," stammers one, and the others agree.

"Are you brave, Cara?" asks the she

Cara hopes he will say she can go with them. So she says, "Yee-haw, I am! I'm incredibly, amazingly, wonderfully bravel

"In that case you're just the person," says the sheriff, and Cara smiles

But then he hands her his badge and says, " can be the sheriff while I'm away. I need someone brave to protect the townsfoll

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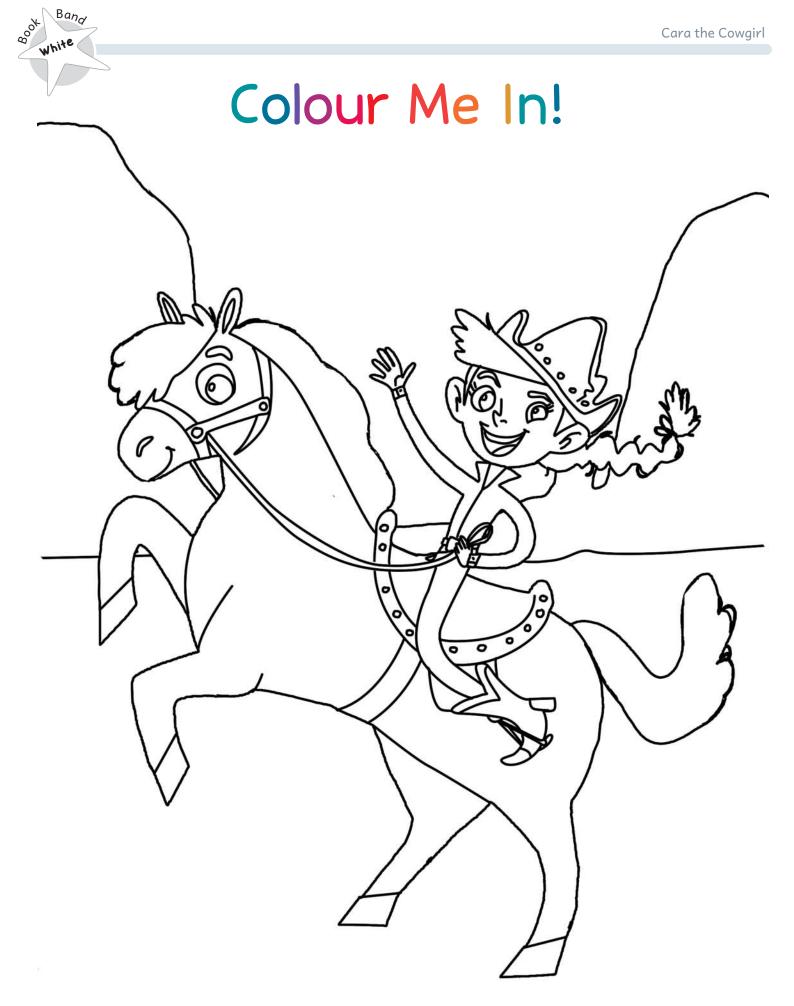
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# Fill in the Gaps

### Can you remember the words from the story?

1. Cara is the	in C	Creektown.		
best witch	best cowgirl	worst co	wgirl	
2. She might lea animals away.	rn how to	and	keep other	
catch coyotes	catch horse	es cato	h bandits	
3. "He says he's	going to	the!"		
rob / bank	catch / cattle	visit / mo	arket	
4. Hop-along sn	onrts loudly, war	ning her to		
run away	take care	throw las	SSOS	
5. The	around Bla	ick Jake, and	Cara holds t	ight.
cackleberries a	ppear lasso lo	o <mark>osens</mark> lass	o tightens	
6. And so they a	ll have a big part	y with	_ and	_stew.
cackleberries /	son-of-a-gun	sweets / hot	rolls / veg	etable
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## Quiz

- 1. What is the cowboy word for eggs?
- a) Cackleberries
- b) Cockleshells
- c) Chickenfruit

#### 2. What does Cara do while the sheriff is away?

- a) She knits
- b) She becomes the sheriff
- c) She reads a book

#### 3. What do the cowboys like to shout?

- a) Yee-haw!
- b) Yodel-ee!
- c) Giddy-up!

#### 4. What does Black Jake want to do?

- a) Take over the town
- b) Steal the horses
- c) Rob the bank

#### 5. How does Cara catch Black Jake?

- a) With her hat
- b) By tripping him up
- c) With her lasso



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## Word Search

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#### Words:

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cowgirl

galloping

🔵 bandit

🔵 brave

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) cattle



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## Answers

## Fill in the gaps:

1. best cowgirl

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- 2. catch coyotes
- 3. rob / bank
- 4. take care
- 5. lasso tightens
- 6. cackleberries /

son-of-a-gun

### Quiz:

1. a

- 2. b
- 3. a
- 4. c
- 5. c

### Wordsearch:

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