

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:

The Magic Music Box Early Reader Katie Dale & Giovana Medeiros

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This green early reader includes a fun and educational story about collecting cards and teamwork. This early reader is simple and easy to follow for children just starting to learn to read. It is also interactive with repetitive phrases that they can join in on.



Bella loved to dance. Everywhere she went, she twirled and leaped and skipped.

She waltzed in the woods. She jived past the jewellers. She pirouetted in the park. She did salsa in the supermarket. But Bella's favourite dance of all was ballet.

One day, a new ballet school opened in town. "Can I join, Mum?" she begged. "Please?"





The Mayor announced Bella's name and she stepped tentatively onto the stage. The lights were very hot and very bright. Bella felt her palms arow sweaty. She couldn't do this. What was she thinking?

Then she spotted her mum in the front row, smiling at her. Suddenly the audience didn't seem so scary.

Then, as the music started, Bella forgot everything else. The music swept through Bella, carrying her away with it as she twirled and leaped and danced around the stope.





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Colour Me In!









Fill in the Gaps

Can you remember the words from the story?

1. Everywhere she went, she and and skipped.
sang / shouted twirled / leaped cried / danced
2. Inside, there was a who twirled around as music played.
tiny leotard huge ballerina tiny ballerina
3. Every evening from then on, Marie gave Bella
ballet lessons clown lessons singing lessons
4. Then she spotted her in the front row, at her.
<pre>mum / smiling cat / grinning teacher / clapping</pre>
5. "You were the best in the show by a"
clown / centimetre dancer / mile juggler / stone
6. "Why don't you the?" she offered.
win / contest take / tutu keep / music-box
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Quiz

- 1. Why couldn't Bella go to ballet school?
- a) It was too expensive
- b) It was too far away
- c) It wasn't good enough

2. What did Bella do to get a ballet shoes, a leotard and a tutu?

- a) She got her mum to buy them
- b) She saved up her pocket money
- c) She borrowed some from a friend

3. Who is Marie?

- a) The tiny ballerina in the music box
- b) The lady in the charity shop
- c) Bella's mum

4. What does Marie do?

- a) She stays still
- b) She sings to Bella
- c) She gives Bella ballet lessons

5. Does Bella win the talent contest?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) She never went



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Word Search

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Words:

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) ballet

) dancer

) dreams



) gift

) leotard

) music

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) slippers

) stage

) twirl



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Answers

Fill in the gaps:

- 1. twirled / leaped
- 2. tiny ballerina
- 3. ballet lessons
- 4. mum / smiling
- 5. dancer / mile
- 6. keep / music-box

Quiz:

1. a

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

Wordsearch:

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