

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Read *Diary of a Lively Labrador* by Ruth Merrittens up to the end of page 8

- Read the story aloud, using good expression to read what is said.
- What do you think the mouse and Boof-Head talk about?

2. Write a conversation using speech bubbles

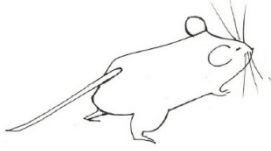
- **Decide on a topic of conversation** for the two animals (for example *cheese, Moonboom the cat, The Princess, flowers in the garden...*)
- Using the 'Mouse and Boof-Head in conversation' sheet **write down a conversation** between the two creatures (**save this work somewhere safe – you will need it tomorrow**).

3. Read the rest of *Diary of a Lively Labrador*

- **Use a dictionary** to find the meaning of any words you don't know.
- Write the part that you liked best in the diary. Give some reasons why it was the best bit.

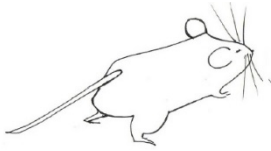
Try the Fun-Time Extras

- Ask someone to help you read aloud your conversation between Mouse and Boof-Head. Take one character each and add expression as you read. You could even 'perform' your conversation to a relative on Skype or FaceTime.
- Imagine you are an animal (it could be your own pet or an imaginary pet) and write a short diary extract in the first person. Include an exciting event to make it interesting to read.



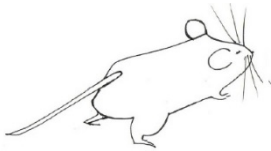
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