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# TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

**WELCOME TO THE CRISTY BURNE CHALLENGE!**

## Welcome to the Cristy Burne Challenge!

You'll find ten challenges in this set.

Attempt them with your class, with your friends, with a time limit, as a race, or just for fun.

## Which challenge is for you?

**SCIENCE**

1) The SURPRISE Challenge
2) The CURIOSITY Challenge

**ENGLISH**

3) The PLOT TWIST Challenge
4) The DEBATE Challenge
5) The SPEECH BUBBLE Challenge
6) The FUTURE JOBS Challenge
7) The FREE VERSE Challenge

**DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY**

8) The IMPROVEMENT Challenge

**HASS**

9) The ALONE AUSTRALIA Challenge
10) The BREAKING NEWS Challenge

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## 1) Science: The SURPRISE Challenge

**What to do:**

- Choose an ordinary object (like a paperclip, sock or leaf).

**The challenge:**

1) List three things about this object that surprise you.
2) Think of three reasons why the object is the way it is.
    1) A strictly logical reason
    2) A wildly imaginative reason
    3) A reason you love the best
3) List three new questions that have sparked in your brain.

**Related books:**

The *Wednesday Weeks* series, the *Ultra Violet* graphic novels, *A New World Rises*

## 2) Science: The CURIOSITY Challenge

**What to do:**

- Go outside and find something that seems entirely ordinary.

**The challenge:**

1) Research your ordinary thing.
2) List three things about it that are actually AMAZING.

**Related books:**

The *Wednesday Weeks* series, the *Ultra Violet* graphic novels, *A New World Rises, Zeroes & Ones*.

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## 3) English: The PLOT TWIST Challenge

**What to do:**

- Write a story that starts with this opening line: “Sam was looking forward to an ordinary Tuesday.”

**The challenge:**

1) In the first paragraph, introduce an unexpected problem.
2) In the second paragraph, show how Sam tries to solve the problem, but accidentally makes it WORSE!

**Related books:**

*Into The Blue*, *Beneath The Trees,* The *Wednesday Weeks* series, the *Ultra Violet* graphic novels

## 4) English: The DEBATE Challenge

**What to do:**

- Decide whether you agree or disagree with one of these topics:
    - Creativity should be a subject studied at school
    - Children should be encouraged to take risks
    - Schools should have incursions every week

**The challenge:**

1) Choose one side of one topic and list five reasons you agree or disagree.
2) Write a persuasive text to convince me of your thinking.

**Related books:**

*To The Lighthouse, Off The Track, Beneath The Trees, Fiona Wood, Suzy Urbaniak*, *One Day Soon*

# 5) English: The SPEECH BUBBLE Challenge

**What to do:**

- Choose one page of a graphic novel. Make sure your page includes multiple speech bubbles.

**The challenge:**

1) Rewrite the graphic novel page using sentences to describe the pictures, and speech marks to recount what is inside the speech bubbles.
2) Use as much detail as you can. Don't forget to start on a new line every time a character speaks.

**Related books:**

The *Ultra Violet* graphic novels

## 6) English: The FUTURE JOBS Challenge

**What to do:**

- Look at a selection of job advertisements and think about how they are structured and written.

**The challenge:**

1) Write a list of jobs you imagine might exist in the future. Include:
    - Three weird jobs
    - Three boring jobs
    - Three creative jobs
2) Create a job advertisement for one of these jobs.

**Related books:**

*A New World Rises,* the *Ultra Violet* graphic novels, *Suzy Urbaniak, Fiona Wood*

## 7) English: The FREE VERSE Challenge

**What to do:**

- Go outside with your pen and paper.

**The challenge:**

1) Write down as many sensory ideas and feelings as you can, including:
    - Sounds, smells and textures
    - Shapes and colours
    - Emotions, ideas and memories
2) Write a free verse poem using the ideas you have created. See if you can include:
    - One use of onomatopoeia
    - Two similes
    - Three examples of alliteration

**Related books:**

*One Day Soon*

# 8) Design and Tech: The IMPROVEMENT Challenge

**What to do:**

- Think of an everyday product.

**The challenge:**

1) List three ways you could change the product by making it:
    - faster or slower
    - more powerful or less powerful
    - bigger or smaller
2) Design, draw and label a new-and-improved version of your everyday product.

**Related books:**

*A New World Rises,* the *Ultra Violet* graphic novels, *Suzy Urbaniak, Fiona Wood, Zeroes & Ones,* the *Wednesday Weeks* series

# 9) HASS: The ALONE AUSTRALIA Challenge

**What to do:**

- Imagine you are going to live in one specific Australian environment, like Eungella National Park, Ningaloo Reef or the Great Sandy Desert.

**The challenge:**

1) Pack your bags by choosing just ten items to help you survive in your chosen environment. You can pack:
    - three things to wear
    - three things to eat
    - three materials to create or build with
    - one pet
- Draw and label the contents of your suitcase, explaining why you've chosen the items you've chosen and how they'll help you survive.

**Related books:**

*Off The Track, Into The Blue, Beneath The Trees, To The Lighthouse, A New World Rises, Suzy Urbaniak*

# 10) HASS: The BREAKING NEWS Challenge

**What to do:**

- Choose an Australian invention from this shortlist:
    - Spray-on skin
    - Wi-Fi
    - Cochlear implant

**The challenge:**

1) Research more about the invention:
    - WHO invented it?
    - WHAT problem were they trying to solve?
    - HOW did the invention change people's lives?
2) Perform a TV news story reporting your findings as breaking news.

**Related books:**

*Fiona Wood, Zeroes & Ones*