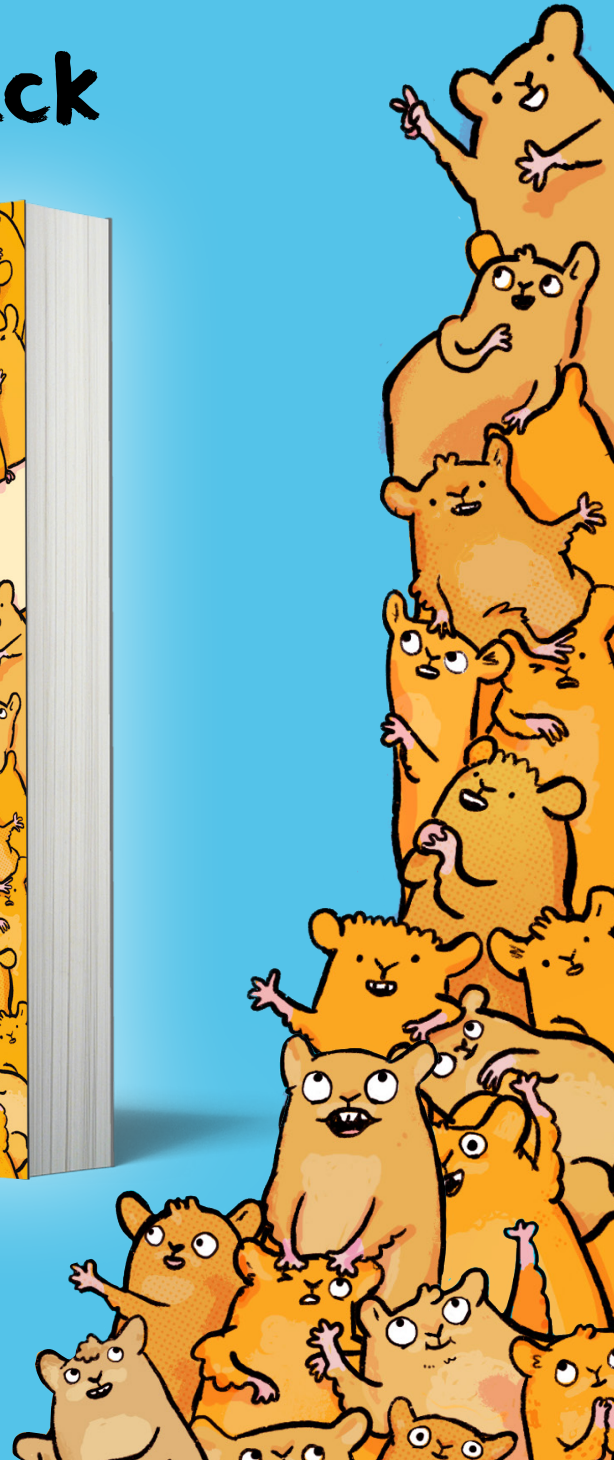




OLLY BROWN, GOD OF HAMSTERS

Activity Pack



Activity Sheet 1

Reading for inference

Sometimes you will have to work out what is meant in a passage from a book or a piece of writing. This can be called 'reading between the lines', but the technical term is **inference**. Some detective skills might be required for this, as things might not be stated clearly or obviously.

In *Olly Brown, God of Hamsters*, we find letters from the hamsters like the one below.



From Tibbles, Mission Lead for the Faithful on Operation O
To Fluffy the 1000th, the Great and Most Fluffisome,
Tender-Hearted Leader of Hamsters
Date HCT 172,467

Most Tender-Hearted Leader,

We have arrived safely on the planet the Ancient Ones called Earth. Our journey from the Mothership was brief, but it was not without difficulties. I believe we are in the correct location, as pin-pointed by our researchers from the sacred stories passed down to us. However, the point of impact was much more ... bouncy than anticipated. We were deflected from our planned site and crashed into a nearby body of water.

Do not be concerned for us, great master! I am pleased to report that all in the landing party are alive and well. However, the spaceship is now submerged underwater

and we are working on a plan to retrieve it. Worry not; we are still focused on our mission of locating the wondrous O! We are all so excited to be in His presence, He who protected our Ancient Ones. Our faith in Him will surely soon be rewarded. We thank you, kind leader, for this historic opportunity. As promised, we will keep a low profile as we find out more about the divine O. He is close - I can sense it.

Your servant,
Tibbles

What information can you **infer** from this letter?

Here are some prompts to help you:

Who is writing the letter?

Where have they come from?

Who is the wondrous O?



Activity Sheet 2

Writing in different voices

In *Olly Brown, God of Hamsters*, the hamsters worship Olly and write adoring letters about him.

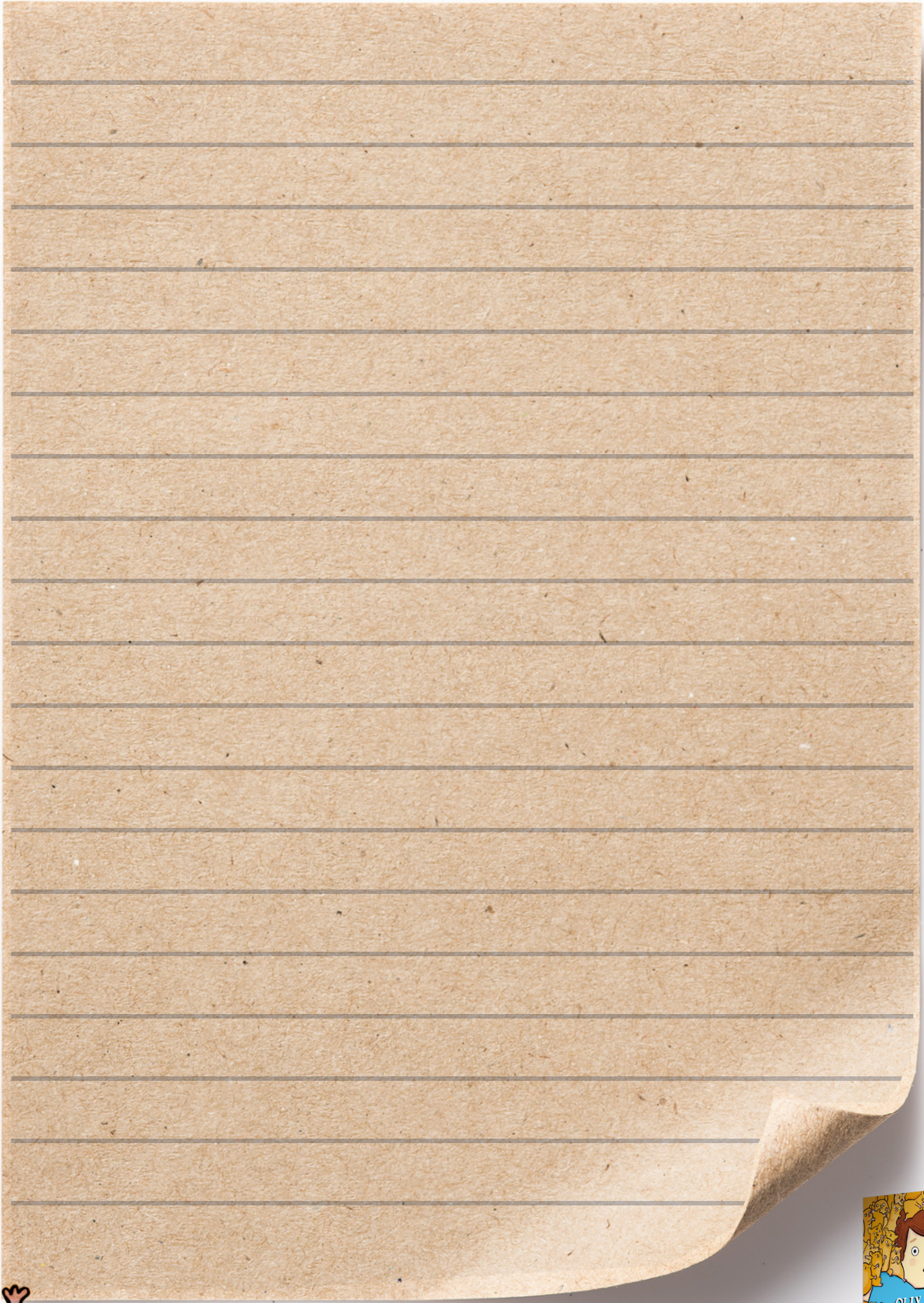
"Tonight, we witnessed the kindness of the divine O. He is great indeed. As what I assume was a reward for our beliefs, we witnessed the miracle of the Most Delicious Food - or MDF, as it will be known, when I write the new chapters for *The Stories* on our return to the colony. Foods that no hamster from our colony has ever experienced. Do you know that food can actually taste good? That it can do more than fill our stomachs and provide much-needed energy? This nectar with which we were treated by him was on a whole other level."

Imagine that you are a different species of animal. This could be a dog, a cat, a hamster, a rabbit, or any other of your choice!

Write a letter from the perspective of that animal.

What would your tone of voice be like, and what would you have to say?





Activity Sheet 3

Hamster care instructions

In the story, Olly has a detailed set of hamster care instructions that he has written, but that we never see.

Use the space below to write your own set of hamster care instructions.
Top tip: use books or the internet to do some research for these!

Hamster care instructions



Activity Sheet 4

Olly Brown, God of Hamsters Wordsearch

Can you find the eight words hidden in the wordsearch below?

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

Hamster

Leader

Spaceship

School

Tibbles

Olly

Divine

Fluffy

