



## Family Participation Guide



### Keep Kids Reading All Summer Long with the Scholastic Summer Challenge!

This summer, we invite your children to join the **Scholastic Summer Challenge** ([www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer)), a free reading program dedicated to stopping the “Summer Slide,” the loss of learning and reading skills during the summer, and inspiring kids to read more books this summer.

Now in its fifth year, the Summer Challenge invites kids to log the minutes they spend reading as they *Read for the World Record*. The 20 schools with the most minutes logged will receive recognition in the *2012 Scholastic Book of World Records*. So cheer on your kids as they read on behalf of their school this summer!

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You can get involved too!

- Encourage your child to sign up and log reading minutes at [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer)
- Discover ways to use the Summer Challenge at home with this guide
- Download summer reading book lists curated specifically for your child’s age at [www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/collection/scholastic-summer-challenge](http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/collection/scholastic-summer-challenge)
- Track your child and school’s reading minutes through the Summer Challenge interactive map
- Print out the summer reading activity sheets in the back of this guide

Join the Challenge! To learn more, visit [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer). Scholastic’s online communities for kids, parents and educators keep summer reading fun and engaging, while providing resources and discussions to help encourage success.



**Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.**



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## For Parents

Have your kids sign up for the Scholastic Summer Challenge at [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer), and make summer reading a priority in your home:

- \* **Encourage Children to Read More** – Reading, like any skill, requires practice, so it's important that children take the time to read over the summer in order to keep their skills sharp.
- \* **Provide Access to Books at Home** – Having a variety of books at home increases the likelihood that children will be frequent readers.
- \* **Allow Children to Choose Their Own Books** – 91% of children say they are more likely to finish a book they picked out themselves. For suggestions, check with your child's teacher or local librarian.
- \* **Be a Reading Role Model** – Parents who are frequent readers are more likely to raise children who are frequent readers. Show your children that summer reading is important – take a trip to the library, start a Family Book Club, share the books that you loved growing up with your own children, and read together!

Visit the Scholastic Summer Challenge Parents page at [www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/collection/scholastic-summer-challenge](http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/collection/scholastic-summer-challenge) to access valuable resources (available en Español), including book lists, activity sheets, and expert tips on encouraging your children to read more this summer.

## For Kids

The Scholastic Summer Challenge motivates kids to log their minutes spent reading, participate in weekly reading challenges, earn digital rewards, enter sweepstakes to win fabulous prizes, find great books to read, and more.

This safe, moderated online program invites kids to Read for the World Record and attempt to set a new world record for summer reading. The 20 schools with the most minutes logged will be featured in the 2012 Scholastic Book of World Records! The record set for 2010 was 52,710,368 minutes, and Village Elementary in Hilton, NY logged the most minutes – an impressive 895,317 minutes read!



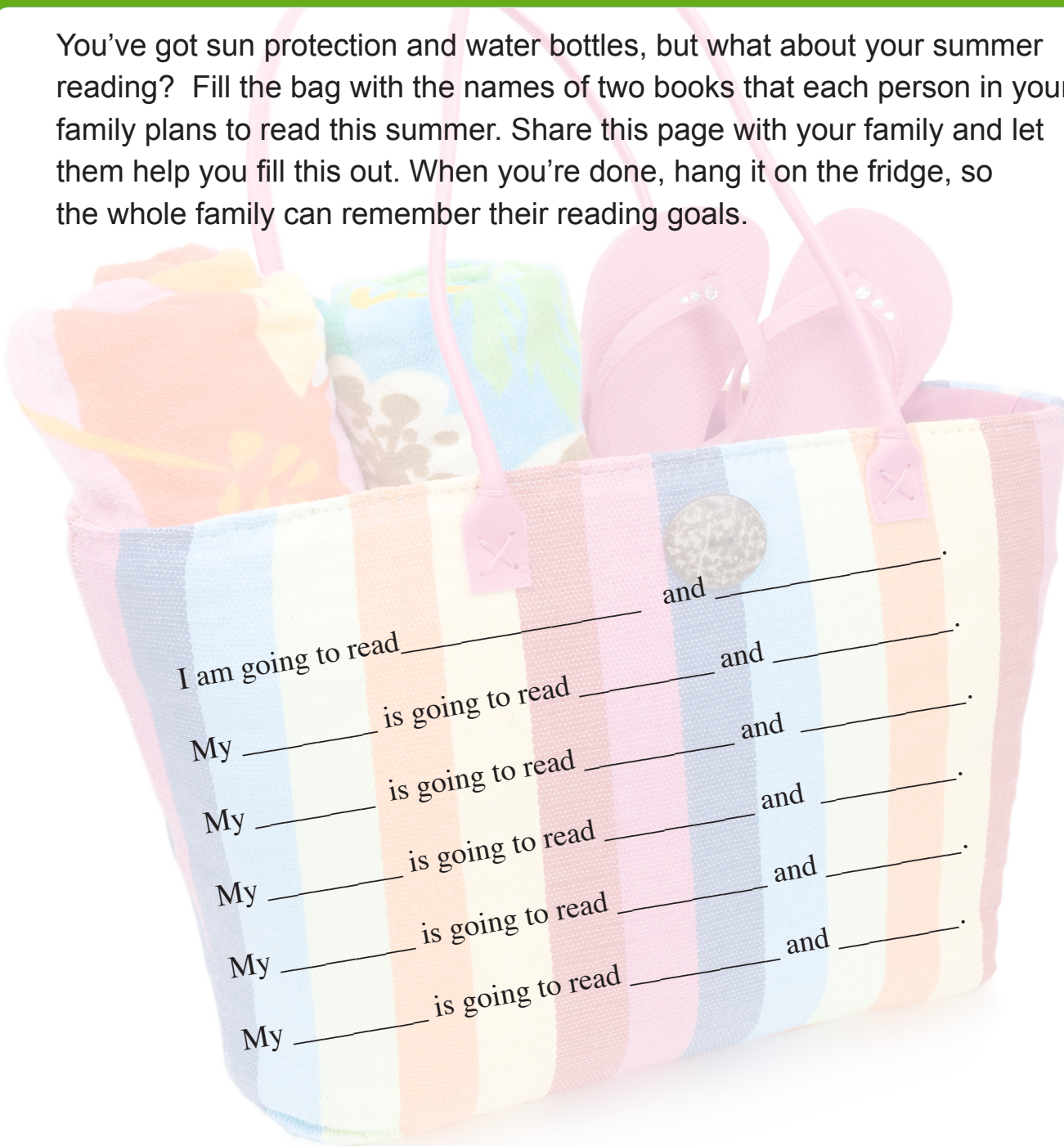
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## What's in Your Family's Beach Bag?



You've got sun protection and water bottles, but what about your summer reading? Fill the bag with the names of two books that each person in your family plans to read this summer. Share this page with your family and let them help you fill this out. When you're done, hang it on the fridge, so the whole family can remember their reading goals.



27393628 Beach Bag on a white background © Darren Brode/Shutterstock



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## Summer Book Selections



Congratulations! You have just landed a job as a librarian's assistant. Your first assignment is to help find summer reading titles for four kids who don't know what to read. Use the information that is listed below to help you pick the right book for the right person. When you're done with that, pick out some books for yourself. For a list of books, refer to a summer reading list, or hit the library shelves.

Name: *Nick*

Likes fantasy and all the classics

Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: *Soo Yun*

Loves realistic fiction and stories about the challenges of being a teen

Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: *Cal*

Likes to read clever picture books with cool art

Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: *Julia*

Enjoys mysteries, especially titles that are part of a series

Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick out four books that you want to read this summer!

I like to read \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_



Cut this out and take it with you on your next trip to the library!



**I pledge to help our school Read for the World Record.**

I'll do my part by attempting to read a total of \_\_\_\_\_ minutes, between \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Month/Date/Year* *Month/Date/Year*

I promise to log my minutes on the official Web site: [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer).

Signed,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher



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## Reading Log

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade/Class** \_\_\_\_\_

Use this reading log to record your time. To make sure your minutes get counted toward the Scholastic World Record, please log them online at [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer).

	Book Title	Minutes Read				Total				
Week 1	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 2	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 3	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 4	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 5	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 6	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 7	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 8	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 9	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 10	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 11	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 12	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 13	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 14	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 15	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 16	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
Week 17	_____	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____

**Total Minutes Read =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make sure to log your minutes at [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer)**



# My Sign-Up Information



Website:  
[www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer)

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# CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

Participated in the 2011 Scholastic Summer Challenge and read  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes toward setting a summer reading world record!

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)







## WORDGIRL™ DEFINITION MATCH

**DIRECTIONS:** Each word on the word list matches a definition below. Write the word that matches the definition on the line provided.

### WORD LIST

Astound	Crumple	Admire	Tinker	Scuffle
Famished	Rogue	Meteor	Chuckle	Magnify

1. A fiery rock that makes a bright trail in the night sky \_\_\_\_\_
2. To crush something together and make it wrinkly \_\_\_\_\_
3. To try to fix something without exactly knowing how to \_\_\_\_\_
4. A mischievous person; a villain \_\_\_\_\_
5. To make bigger in size \_\_\_\_\_
6. To laugh quietly to yourself \_\_\_\_\_
7. To struggle or fight in a confused way \_\_\_\_\_
8. To astonish or bewilder \_\_\_\_\_
9. To appreciate or respect something \_\_\_\_\_
10. To be extremely hungry \_\_\_\_\_

### BONUS:

Complete the following sentence with the correct word from the list above.

Even after Captain Huggy Face helps defeat the Butcher by eating his way through a pastrami attack he is still

\_\_\_\_\_.





## WORDGIRL™ VOCABULARY CLUES

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the sentences below. Circle the correct meaning of the underlined word from the answer choices provided.

1. Mild-mannered Becky Botsford has a secret; she's actually WordGirl! Becky tries to conceal her true identity by playing the role of a normal 10-year-old girl.

**Identity** means:

- a) Who you are                      b) A discount                      c) An argument                      d) A costume

2. One day, Mr. Big decided to build the most colossal miniature golf course in the whole city!

**Colossal** means:

- a) Tiny                      b) Confusing                      c) Authentic                      d) Big

3. Granny May deceived everyone in the city by selling them a Good-Time-All-Cure Spritzer that she said would give you a lot of energy. But instead it was a potion made out of orange juice and cheese that she made in her basement.

**Deceive** means:

- a) To like a lot                      b) To be misled                      c) To make fun of                      d) To change

4. Tobey believes that he's the world's most formidable boy genius and that he's superior to everyone, including WordGirl.

**Superior** means:

- a) In control                      b) Annoying                      c) The best                      d) The winner

5. Sometimes when Becky is hanging out with Scoops (her secret crush) she blushes.

**Blush** means:

- a) To turn red                      b) To ignore                      c) To remember                      d) To steal



# SCHOLASTIC Summer CHALLENGE™

## WORDGIRL™ WORD SEARCH

*Directions: Search for the words listed below. Words appear straight across, backward, up and down, down and up as well as diagonally.*

### WORD LIST

GIBBERISH  
COURTEOUS

QUEST  
LAIR

TEMPORARY  
VANQUISH

BOISTEROUS  
REDUNDANT

PREPOSTEROUS  
INDESTRUCTIBLE

I	B	S	U	O	R	E	T	S	O	P	E	R	P
S	N	G	W	J	F	T	R	D	A	I	B	E	B
E	S	D	P	A	H	E	U	O	G	S	W	D	S
F	H	H	E	Q	T	M	P	C	L	B	O	U	M
O	S	A	V	S	X	P	E	P	B	T	Q	N	L
G	I	R	E	A	T	O	V	S	O	D	H	D	H
A	U	U	D	W	N	R	J	I	I	C	S	A	R
T	Q	D	H	B	K	A	U	D	S	T	I	N	P
V	N	A	G	M	B	R	S	C	T	R	R	T	J
L	A	I	R	V	X	Y	D	F	T	G	E	W	T
I	V	T	Y	O	H	N	S	E	R	I	B	E	U
P	L	R	E	H	F	L	K	T	O	L	B	L	Q
B	B	O	I	S	T	E	R	O	U	S	I	L	A
M	C	O	U	R	T	E	O	U	S	M	G	Y	E

Write a sentence using your favorite word from the list.

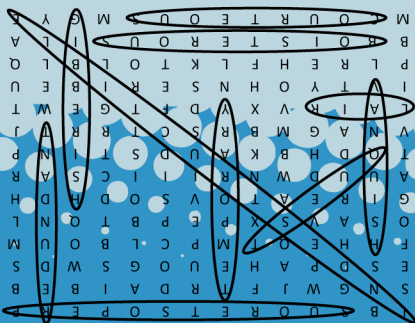
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Answers:



Dear Parent,

At Scholastic, we believe that literacy – the ability to read, write and understand – is the birthright of every child, as well as the pathway to succeed in school and to realize a complete life. And we know that for kids, summer can be a season full of learning opportunities...or learning losses. Research confirms that students who don't read over the summer typically score lower on reading comprehension tests when they return to school. Many teachers tell us that every fall, they can see the results of the "summer slide."

Did you know that students who score in the 90th percentile read almost two million words per year outside of school? That's more than 200 times more words than a student at the 10th percentile, who reads only 8,000 words outside of school per year.\* Reading, like any skill, requires practice, and it's important that students take the time to read over the summer in order to keep their skills sharp.

Reading together also strengthens the connection between you and your child – here are a few ways you can promote summer reading in your own home:

- Share the books that you loved as a kid with your own child
- Start a Family Book Club, and enjoy the same book together
- Encourage your kids to choose the books they want to read

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- Find expert tips to encourage your child to read more this summer
- Download summer reading book lists
- Print activity sheets, reading certificates, and more
- Receive email alerts on your child's weekly reading success

Visit [scholastic.com/summer](http://scholastic.com/summer) to learn more about the Scholastic Summer Challenge. For more tips on raising a reader, please visit [scholastic.com/parents](http://scholastic.com/parents).

Have a great summer, and happy reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francie Alexander".

Francie Alexander  
Chief Academic Officer  
Scholastic Inc.

\* Cunningham, A. & Stanovich, K. (1998). *What reading does for the mind*. American Educator. New York: American Federation of Teachers.