



Welcome to The Adventures of the Stripy Pyjamas Activity Bonanza!

Hope you found a quiet place in your home to listen to this Adventure. A place where the dog wasn't barking, the TV wasn't blaring, your younger brother wasn't doing 'kaboom' noises, your older sister wasn't ordering Alexa to play her favourite song AGAIN, your Mum wasn't shouting over the hedge to the neighbour!! Ok... a set of headphones may have been necessary but I hope you found your quiet place and had fun listening to this drama 😊

Let me tell you that listening isn't something to be sneezed at! If you can learn the art of listening, you will blaze a trail wherever you go.

Ready for some fun! Lots of activities for you to choose from below.....

Have fun illustrating!

I am not the best at drawing what's in my head. That's why I love to see the illustrations that children come up with for my characters and stories. Now that you have listened to this adventurous tale, why not dream up what these characters might look like and where they all hang out, and get colouring! Experience what it is like to be an illustrator!

Some ideas to start you off....

Re-create a scene from the drama, maybe when the Stripes are 'hanging out on the clothes line' or when Charlie and Lizzie are hiding in the secret passage.

What do the Orange, Blue and Red stripes look like to you? One is wild, one is lazy, one is cranky!

If The Stripy Pyjamas were a book, what kind of cover would you draw for it?

Print out the activity sheet given below for your illustration and writing. No printer, no problem! Just create your own sheet and get drawing and writing.

Have fun writing!

Sometimes I write *just to write*, not because I have thought up of some new characters or stories. The time I love to write in this way is before everyone else gets up! Then, with a blank page before me, I just write down the first few words that come into my head and I let the words come out one after the other and see where they take me. It is fun *just to write* and see what happens.

Do you fancy trying that?

Don't forget that your writing can be for song, poetry, for comics (try writing a few speech bubbles!), for books, for radio (just like this drama!), for TV, films or even games!

Some ideas to start you off.....

Why not write the beginning of a new episode! Do you think the Stripes get to Africa? Is the clay heart and Charlie's letter found by someone? What do they make of it?

Why not be the Narrator and tell us a bit more about Lizzie. She sounds a bit mischievous to me!

Imagine you have a secret passage just like Charlie's. Where would it be in your house and what would you use it for?

When Dad connects on Skype, he finds himself talking to the Stripy Pyjamas INSTEAD of his family! What stories do they tell him?



Explore this story and you can explore a WORLD of stories!

These are the four magic headings behind any story!

Setting, Main characters, Problem, Resolution (How does it work out in the end?)

Using these four headings you can understand and explore any story across all mediums, be it books, radio or film. Think of these headings for the Adventures of the Stripy Pyjamas. Do you have a favourite book or film? Why not explore these same magic headings with *your* favourite story and together, believe me, we can turn a story inside out and back to front and understand it better than ever. What's even better is you can use these headings whenever you want to create your own story!

Why not create your own story now....Where will it take place, who will your characters be, what problem will have to be worked before the story can move on, and how will you find an answer to the problem at the end of it all. I am excited already at what you might come up with as no two stories are the same. We are all using the same magic potion but your story will always be unique!

Print out the activity sheet given below to write about the magic headings for The Stripy Pyjamas or draw pictures of them. No printer, no problem! Just create your own sheet for your illustration and writing.



Explore the characters!

Be curious!

Choose a character from The Stripy Pyjamas – who is your favourite? Is it Charlie or one of the Stripes or perhaps his big sis, Lizzie?

Think of all the things you **know** about this character from listening to the drama as well as all the things that you **imagine** about the character. Draw a simple sketch of the character. Put in some basic headings around the sketch of the character such as Name, Age, Physical appearance, Friends, Likes, Dislikes, Dreams. Why not build your description of the character under these headings and more. What about the character's feelings? Very important to include these! Why not write the feelings of the character inside your sketch.

Soon you will discover that you know more about this character than you realised!

Have fun with sound!



Create a sound diary.

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Get a piece of paper and a pen or even a notebook and go for a walk outside. Listen to the sounds you hear along the way. Write down EVERYTHING that you hear from a bird chirping to a car honking, from a dog barking in the distance to the *really* close own footsteps. Listen carefully, tune in to the sounds all around you. Now you have lots of ideas for sound effects (SFX) if you want to create your own radio drama. These are just the sounds for an outdoor scene.

What's happening indoors?? Time to gather some ideas for sound effects (SFX) inside your house! Write down all of the sounds you hear in your house as you walk from room to room or even in one specific room. The kitchen is always a good place to start with sounds of microwaves going bing, a kettle boiling, cutlery being put away and lots of others too. These are lots of sounds for an indoor scene.

A sound diary is a fun and easy thing to do and if you want to create your own radio drama you will have lots of ideas for SFX in your new sound diary. If your story features a brother and sister playing outside in their garden, some of your outdoor sounds will immediately bring the scene to life and let all the listeners know that they are playing outside without you even having to tell them!

Create some sound effects (SFX) of your own.

Why not have some fun with just some everyday objects around you and use your imagination to come up with some funny or even spooky sounds.

Some ideas to start you off...

- A) Take two pens or pencils and tap one off the other in a slow, gentle rhythm. What does that sound like to you?? Have fun guessing yourself or challenge someone else in your house to guess the sound.
- B) What if your character wanted to come into the room? How would you create that knock on the door? The footsteps? That's an easy one! How would you create a sound effect for 'a knock on the door' without knocking on the actual door? What if you were simply sitting at the table?
- C) If you get a piece of paper and just scrunch it up, what could you use that scrunching sound for? Lots of answers are acceptable and even better....none are wrong!!

What about sounds of nature that you could mimic yourself? Could you mimic the sound of the wind or an owl hooting? Perhaps you play a musical instrument, a keyboard or a drum? I have two small instruments in my house that create great sounds.....a rainstick and a thumb piano. What might you have??

Now, why not listen back to Episode one of the Stripy Pyjamas and list all the sound effects or SFX that you can hear throughout the production. Many of these are digital sound effects. The good news is that there are lots of SFX available online for you to experiment with. Many of them are free. Everything from an elephant's trumpet call to a sad violin sound is there. Why not create a story with some of the sound effects that you find. Maybe you would also like to read your story out loud or even better record it with the help of an adult. Your acting career may just have started 😊

THE ADVENTURES OF THE STRIPY PYJAMAS BY ANN DALTON

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I CAN FEEL IT IN MY ORANGE STRIPY BONES!

The Adventures of the Stripy Pyjamas radio drama

What the plot!!



What's going on? You tell me.....

.....No, you tell me!

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