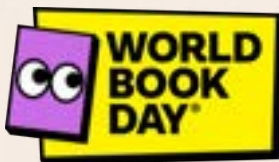


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## THIS MONTH AT MCGINTY

 May 2026

Now we are well into the final semester, focus is all on the exams in June. Whether you are taking your very first exam with us as a starter, or you're planning on taking your C1 or C2 this summer, know that the teachers and staff at McGinty are ready and willing to help you achieve your goal, we will be right alongside you until the official exam date (and beyond!). For admin info contact Isabel [info@mcgintyschool.com](mailto:info@mcgintyschool.com) or for academic advice contact our Director of Studies, Katy [Katy@mcgintyschool.com](mailto:Katy@mcgintyschool.com)



With World Book Day celebrated in the academy in April, we look at...

## The Importance of Reading by Steve Kaufmann

### Your Reading: A Powerful Tool

Reading is an incredible tool. Just think about it—humans spent most of history without the ability to read, yet now our brains are accustomed to instantly converting symbols into meaning. Reading is a powerful activity. We absorb new information, encounter different perspectives, and pursue our interests.

Reading accelerates our learning. We no longer have to limit ourselves to building knowledge through direct experience. However, through reading, it's possible to tap into a wider range of knowledge, both quickly and in greater quantity.

Research even shows that strong reading skills are a better predictor of success than formal education. So, if you're serious about learning a language, reading is a must.

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### Reading is Essential for Language Learning

I love listening—it's easy, and I can do it while doing other tasks. But when I sit down and read, my vocabulary grows much faster. Seeing words on a page makes them stick. In fact, I believe reading improves vocabulary acquisition while listening results in more fluid speaking. Both are important, but if you want to build a strong foundation, reading is essential.

In other words, language learning is faster and more effective when I am able to read ample amounts of the language. If I am not a strong reader in the target language, progress will be slower and engagement with the language is more limited.

Try downloading Readible

From All the Staff at McGinty  
School of English

Wishing you lots of luck with your final  
Cambridge exams this June & July!

Good  
Luck!



## WORLD BOOK DAY - BOOK REVIEW WINNERS



**WINNER**

**LEVELS 1 & 2**  
**Martina Ruíz**  
**Sanchez L2**

**Book Review** L1+L2 McGinty

Name: Martina Ruiz Sanchez

Teacher: Jan M

Title: Beauty and the Beast

Author: Texas-Maria Lope de Alencastro

My Rating: 😞 😐 😊 😄 😍

My favourite Part:



**LEVELS 5 & 6**  
**Carlos Lopez**  
**Martin L6**



**WINNER**

**Book Review** L5+L6 McGinty

Name: Carlos Lopez Martin

Teacher: Jan M

Title: The Lion and the Unicorn

Author: William Somerset Maugham

My rating: ★★★★★

I would recommend this book to my friends and family because it is a very interesting story about the history of the British Empire and the relationship between the British and the Indians.

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**WINNER**

**LEVELS 3 & 4**  
**Sofía Martínez**  
**Abad L4**

**Book Review** L3+L4 McGinty

Name: Sofía Martínez Abad

Teacher: Jan M

Title: The Great Gatsby

Author: F. Scott Fitzgerald

My rating: ★★★★★

My favorite character is Jay Gatsby because he/she is a very interesting character and he is very funny.

My favorite part of the story is when Gatsby tells me he is in love with Daisy and she is very beautiful.

Because she is very beautiful and she is very funny.



## WORLD BOOK DAY - BOOK REVIEW WINNERS



**WINNER**

LEVEL 8/9 WINNER

Alicia Martínez Martínez

This book is called “Witches Secret 2: The Witchcraft Camp”, it’s the sequel to “Witches Secret The Magic of the Moon”. Also, it’s a fantasy book written by Patricia García-Rojo. The book follows Mia, a girl who realised she was a witch and, during Christmas, she goes to a witchcraft camp with her friends, Beth and Zoe, where they have a lot of fun, but there is still danger!

This book is interesting and it teaches you to not judge a book by its cover. I definitely recommend it and the first one too, they’re amazing!

LEVEL 10/11 WINNER

Carla López Pérez

This book is about a variety of very extensive issues, but it places special emphasis on familiar problems and the addiction to drugs. It’s based on a period of time between 1990 & 2005.

A shy girl, Shannon Lynch meets a popular boy, Johnny Kavanagh by accident at highschool - Shannon has suffered a lot because of her family conditions, she has an alcoholic, abusive dad. However, Johnny is the opposite, he is very popular because of his soccer abilities. In the end, they find out that their relationship was the thing they needed to feel really loved and happy.

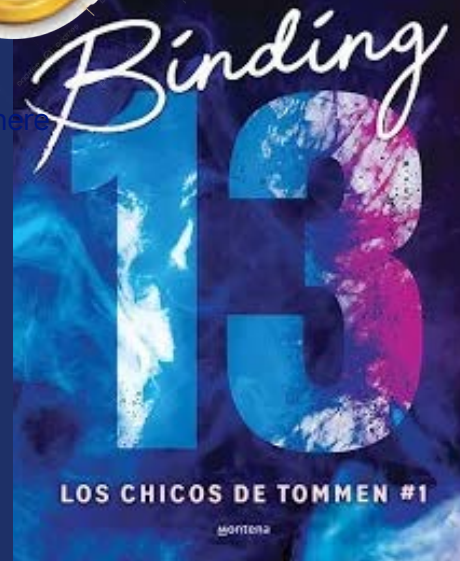
From my point of view, I believe this is one of the best books I’ve read in my life. It talks about sensitive topics without being aggressive.

I’d absolutely recommend it to anyone who likes romance and to feel inside the story.

**WINNER**

NO LO ERA TODA. HASTA QUE LA CONOCIÓ A ELLA.

JOE WALSH



LOS CHICOS DE TOMMEN #1



## EXAM TIPS B1-C2



Cambridge English  
**Preliminary**  
Preliminary English Test (PET)



Cambridge English  
**First**  
First Certificate in English (FCE)

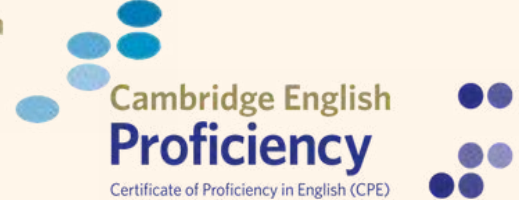


Cambridge English  
**Advanced**  
Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)



Cambridge English  
**Proficiency**  
Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)



### 1. Get familiar with what you have to do.

It is extremely important that you know what each part of the exam asks you to do and what it is you should pay particular attention to doing well in each part. Preparation is key to passing the exam.

### 2. Time Management

Practice with a timer to ensure you can complete all sections, particularly reading and writing.

### 3. Practice with Real Papers

Use past papers to get used to the types of questions asked.

### 4. Start with Key Parts

For advanced levels, start with part 5, then 6, 7, and 8, then return to use of English.

### 5. Context over Definition

You do not need to know every word; practice inferring meaning from the context.

### 6. Address All Points in the Writing

Ensure all aspects of the prompt are covered, as missing points will lower your score.

### 7. Don't forget your DNI & Water

In many centres you cannot leave once the exam starts, so remember to take water in a clear plastic bottle (no label) & most essentially, your DNI or passport!

## GAMES & ACTIVITIES PAGE

### Farm animals wordsearch

Find out the animals and label the pictures.












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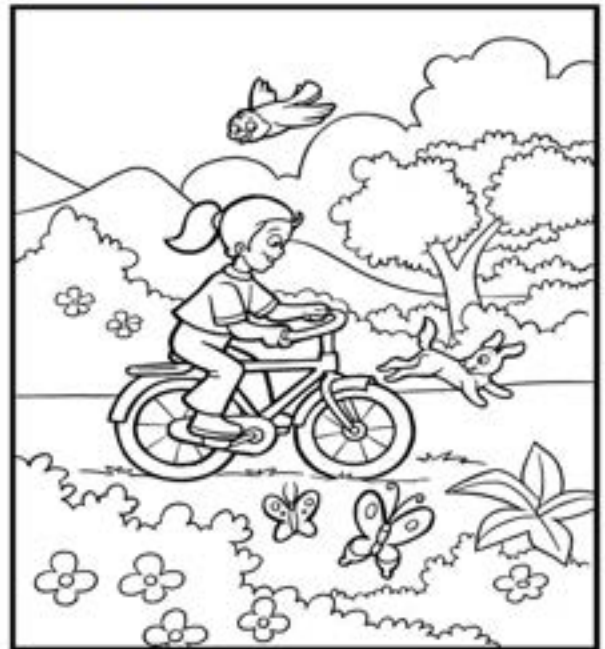









### Spring Colouring






# GAME TIME

COLOUR & CUT OUT THIS CUTE VALENTINES DAY PICTURE OR TRY YOUR HAND AT OUR STARTERS WORDSEARCH. HAVE FUN!