

Practice questions for the Junior National Reading Champions Quiz 2026

1. Can you match the book title to the correct opening or closing line?

- *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*
- *Body Talk*
- *Tamarind & The Star of Ishta*
- *The Astounding Broccoli Boy*

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Answer: *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

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Answer: *The Astounding Broccoli Boy*

There's a small photo I keep on my beside table; it's old and crinkly with a neat fold along the left-hand corner.

Answer: *Tamarind & The Star of Ishta*

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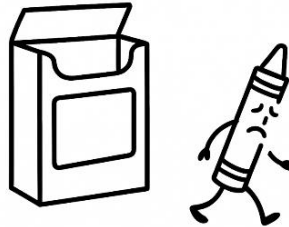
Answer: *Body Talk*

2. Good luck navigating the Amazon! Which novel written by the author of *Rooftoppers* and *Impossible Creatures* is in this picture clue?



Answer: *The Explorer*

3. Which fun picture book is represented here?



Answer: *The Day the Crayons Quit*

4. A very popular school story full of doodles, drawings and humour and the book title is named after the main character. Can you name the book title based on the picture clue?



Answer: *Tom Gates*

5. Unscramble the letters to reveal the name of the famous book series:

map rhinos

Answer: *Animorphs*

6. Unscramble the letters to reveal the title of a Cornish adventure story by C.C. Harrington:

a kid owl

Answer: *Wildoak*

7. Fill in the missing letters to reveal the title of Peter Brown's sci-fi novel featuring Roz:

T_e _i_d _o_o_

Answer: *The Wild Robot*

8. Fill in the missing word to reveal the full title by Pamela Butchard:

Petunia Perry and the Curse of the Ugly

Answer: *Pigeon*

9. Fill in the missing word that completes all three titles:

_____ of *Glory*
_____ of *Fire*
The Girl Who Grew _____

Answer: *Wings*

10. Who is the current Children's Laureate (as of 2024)?

Answer: Joseph Coelho

11. Which author wrote *How to Train Your Dragon* and has been Children's Laureate?

Answer: Cressida Cowell

12. What major UK children's book prize recognises outstanding writing and illustration?

Answer: The Carnegie Medal

13. In which country is *City of Stolen Magic* set?

- a) India
- b) Thailand
- c) Japan

Answer: a) India

14. In *The Tale of Angelino Brown*, what does Bert Brown do for a living?

- a) Train driver
- b) Taxi driver
- c) Bus driver

Answer: c) Bus driver

15. Which witch has been given the wrong title in *The Wizard of Oz*?

- The Good Witch of the East
- The Wicked Witch of the West
- Glinda the Good Witch
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Answer: *The Good Witch of the East*

16. In *Pig Heart Boy*, which sport does Cameron love?

- a) Swimming
- b) Rugby
- c) Football

Answer: a) Swimming

17. Which of these is NOT a feature in the *Treehouse* series?

- A marshmallow shooter
- A baby dinosaur zoo
- A tank of jellyfish
- A giant catapult

Answer: A tank of jellyfish

18. In *The Stormkeeper Trilogy*, which Irish mythological sorceress is an enemy of Fionn?

- a) Brigid
- b) Morrigan
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Answer: a) Brigid

19. Which name does NOT belong in Auggie's family in *Wonder*?

- Isabel
- Olivia
- Poppy
- Nate

Answer: Poppy

20. True or false? In *Kid Normal*, Murph Cooper can fly.

Answer: False

21. True or false? *The Journey, Boy Everywhere* and *The Day War came* focus on immigration themes.

Answer: True

22. True or false? In *Tin*, the main characters are robots.

Answer: True

23. True or false? In *The Abominables*, the journey begins in a refrigerated lorry.

Answer: True

24. True or False? Zodiac goddess Virgo falls from the sky in Maz Evans's *Who Let the Gods Out*.

Answer: True

25. What is the name of Sarah's robot companion in *TrooFriend*?

Answer: Ivy

26. What is the name of the spaceship in *Orion Lost*?

Answer: Orion

27. Which author wrote *Peter Pan*?

Answer: J.M. Barrie

28. Which country is the setting for *When the Mountains Roared*?

Answer: India

29. What colour was the boat in *The Owl and the Pussycat*?

Answer: Pea green

30. My family has just moved house. My sister is ill, and I've found a strange man living in my garage who loves numbers. Who am I?

Answer: Michael (from *Skellig*)

31. I walked through the deep dark wood and used my cleverness to stay safe. Who am I?

Answer: The Mouse (from *The Gruffalo*)

32. I campaign for justice in my village and want a memorial for those accused of witchcraft. Who am I?

Answer: Addie (from *A Kind of Spark*)

33. I am a blue cat learning martial arts to survive in the city. Who am I?

Answer: Varjak Paw

34. I am a magical house that moves, filled with spirits and surrounded by bones. What am I?

Answer: The House with Chicken Legs

35. What "P" is a green engine and friend of Thomas the Tank Engine?

Answer: Percy

36. What "F" is the narrator of *The Space We're In*?

Answer: Frank

37. What "A" travels on a magic carpet in *One Thousand and One Nights*?

Answer: Aladdin

38. In *Supertato* by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet, where does the caped potato hero Supertato live?

Answer: In a supermarket

39. What mythical beast beginning with U does Skandar Smith grow up wishing to ride in the series of books by A F Steadman?

Answer: Unicorn

40. Which of these is not the title of a Jeff Kinney book?

- *The Last Straw*
- *The Shallow End*
- *The Long Haul*
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Answer: The Shallow End

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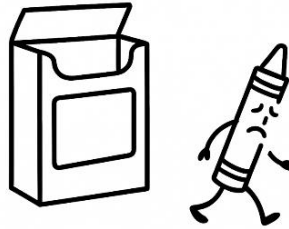
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