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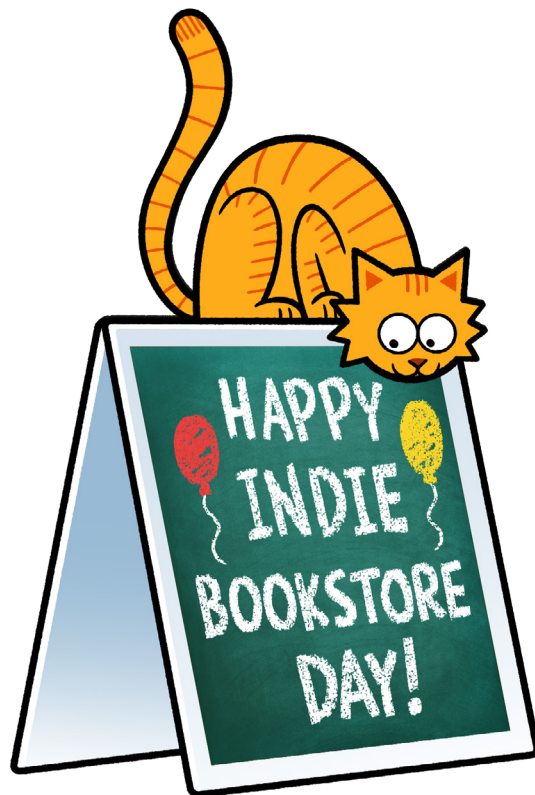
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World's Greatest Word Game



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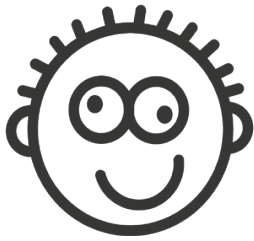
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INSTRUCTIONS

MAD LIBS® is a game for people who don't like games! It can be played by one, two, three, four, or forty.

• RIDICULOUSLY SIMPLE DIRECTIONS

In this tablet you will find stories containing blank spaces where words are left out. One player, the READER, selects one of these stories. The READER does not tell anyone what the story is about. Instead, he/she asks the other players, the WRITERS, to give him/her words. These words are used to fill in the blank spaces in the story.

• TO PLAY

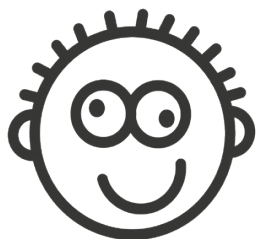
The READER asks each WRITER in turn to call out a word—an adjective or a noun or whatever the space calls for—and uses them to fill in the blank spaces in the story. The result is a MAD LIBS® game.

When the READER then reads the completed MAD LIBS® game to the other players, they will discover that they have written a story that is fantastic, screamingly funny, shocking, silly, crazy, or just plain dumb—depending upon which words each WRITER called out.

• EXAMPLE (*Before and After*)

“ _____! ” he said _____
EXCLAMATION ADVERB
as he jumped into his convertible _____ and
drove off with his _____ wife.
ADJECTIVE

“ **OUCH**! ” he said **HAPPILY**
EXCLAMATION ADVERB
as he jumped into his convertible **CAT** and
drove off with his **BRAVE** wife.
ADJECTIVE



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QUICK REVIEW

In case you have forgotten what adjectives, adverbs, nouns, and verbs are, here is a quick review:

An **ADJECTIVE** describes something or somebody. *Lumpy, soft, ugly, messy, and short* are adjectives.

An **ADVERB** tells how something is done. It modifies a verb and usually ends in “ly.” *Modestly, stupidly, greedily, and carefully* are adverbs.

A **NOUN** is the name of a person, place, or thing. *Sidewalk, umbrella, bridle, bathtub, and nose* are nouns.

A **VERB** is an action word. *Run, pitch, jump, and swim* are verbs. Put the verbs in past tense if the directions say **PAST TENSE**. *Ran, pitched, jumped, and swam* are verbs in the past tense.

When we ask for A **PLACE**, we mean any sort of place: a country or city (*Spain, Cleveland*) or a room (*bathroom, kitchen*).

An **EXCLAMATION** or **SILLY WORD** is any sort of funny sound, gasp, grunt, or outcry, like *Wow!, Ouch!, Whomp!, Ick!, and Gadzooks!*

When we ask for specific words, like a **NUMBER**, a **COLOR**, an **ANIMAL**, or a **PART OF THE BODY**, we mean a word that is one of those things, like *seven, blue, horse, or head*.

When we ask for a **PLURAL**, it means more than one. For example, *cat* pluralized is *cats*.

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AUTHOR EVENT

LETTER OF THE ALPHABET _____

CELEBRITY FEMALE _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

OCCUPATION _____

NUMBER _____

A PLACE _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

NOUN _____

TYPE OF FOOD _____

PART OF THE BODY _____

SAME PLURAL NOUN _____

FIRST NAME _____

ADJECTIVE _____

VERB _____

SOMETHING ALIVE (PLURAL) _____

SILLY WORD _____

TYPE OF FOOD _____

EXCLAMATION _____



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AUTHOR EVENT

O. M. _____! My favorite author, _____, is
LETTER OF THE ALPHABET CELEBRITY FEMALE
signing _____ at my local bookstore later today! I mean,
PLURAL NOUN
she's like my favorite _____ of the last _____ years, so I
OCCUPATION NUMBER
can't believe she's actually coming to my town all the way from
(the) _____. Anyway, she's going to kick off the event by
A PLACE
_____ a few chapters of her latest book. It's a new
VERB ENDING IN "ING"
romance _____ called . . . *The* _____ of *My*
NOUN TYPE OF FOOD
_____.! Then, she's going to sign everyone's
PART OF THE BODY
_____ with a personal message. On my book, I'm going
SAME PLURAL NOUN
to ask her to write "Dear _____, Keep _____ and
FIRST NAME ADJECTIVE
_____ on!" And then, at the reception, she's even going to
VERB
hang out with some of the _____ from her online
SOMETHING ALIVE (PLURAL)
fan club, who are watching from home via _____. I'll wave to
SILLY WORD
them while eating _____ and crackers with my favorite
TYPE OF FOOD
author. I'm so excited, I feel like screaming, "_____.!"
EXCLAMATION

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BOOKSTORE'S BEST FRIEND

ADJECTIVE _____

ANIMAL _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

TYPE OF CONTAINER _____

PART OF THE BODY (PLURAL) _____

VERB _____

NOUN _____

VERB ENDING IN "S" _____

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL) _____

SILLY WORD _____

ADVERB _____

SOMETHING ALIVE (PLURAL) _____

NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

A PLACE _____



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BOOKSTORE'S BEST FRIEND

Every _____ bookstore has at least one bookstore
ADJECTIVE
_____. It's so fun to see them leaping from one pile of
ANIMAL
_____ to the next, or slinking around the corner of a/an
PLURAL NOUN
_____. I also love when they stick their cute little
TYPE OF CONTAINER
_____ between two books on the bookshelf, or
PART OF THE BODY (PLURAL)
when they _____ next to me as I skim the pages of a first
VERB
edition of *The* _____ *Also* _____! And nothing
NOUN VERB ENDING IN "S"
makes shopping for books better than having a furry cat nuzzling
against your _____ while greeting you with a
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL)
pleasant " _____." _____, if you want to give one of
SILLY WORD ADVERB
these furry _____ a forever home, you can! Many
SOMETHING ALIVE (PLURAL)
independent _____-stores work with local animal adoption
NOUN
agencies so these kitties can find a/an _____ family to call
ADJECTIVE
their own. So, if you're considering _____ a pet, head
VERB ENDING IN "ING"
down to your independent _____ today!
A PLACE

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NEW RELEASE TUESDAY

NOUN _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

PERSON IN ROOM _____

NOUN _____

ANIMAL (PLURAL) _____

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL) _____

FIRST NAME _____

SILLY WORD _____

SOMETHING ALIVE _____

NOUN _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

VEHICLE _____

NUMBER _____

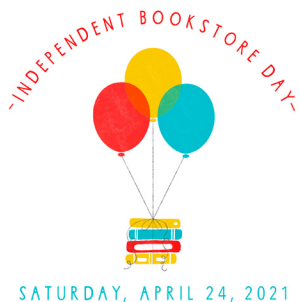
NOUN _____

COLOR _____

ANIMAL _____

OCCUPATION (PLURAL) _____

NOUN _____



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NEW RELEASE TUESDAY

It's New _____ Tuesday! And that means the hard-
NOUN
_____ staff down at _____'s bookstore have
VERB ENDING IN "ING" PERSON IN ROOM
lots of brand-new books in stock! Come on down to pick
up the latest fantasy novel about _____-breathing
NOUN
three-headed _____ and knights in shining
ANIMAL (PLURAL)
_____ written by Sir _____
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL) FIRST NAME
_____ himself! Or, if you prefer a mystery, check out
SILLY WORD
The _____ and the Missing _____!
SOMETHING ALIVE NOUN
This book has critics sitting on the edge of their _____!
PLURAL NOUN
And if science fiction is the genre that shoots your _____
VEHICLE
into space . . . well, then we've got enough books for you to read
for the next _____ light-years! So, come on down to the store
NUMBER
today at the corner of _____ Street and _____
NOUN COLOR
_____ Avenue, where the first 100 _____ to tag
ANIMAL OCCUPATION (PLURAL)
us on social media will also receive a free _____!
NOUN

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SHOPPING SMALL

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

ADJECTIVE _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NOUN _____

VERB _____

NOUN _____

TYPE OF BUILDING _____

NUMBER _____

ADJECTIVE _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL) _____

SOMETHING ALIVE (PLURAL) _____

OCCUPATION _____

EXCLAMATION _____

ADJECTIVE _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

VERB _____



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SHOPPING SMALL

I love _____ at my favorite local stores! It's so fast and
VERB ENDING IN "ING"
_____. Most of my favorite stores and _____ are
ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN
only a few _____ steps away from my front _____.
ADJECTIVE NOUN
They have everything I need to _____ and they always carry
VERB
the unique _____. I'm looking for. It's so much easier than
NOUN
having to park in a/an _____ and then walk
TYPE OF BUILDING
_____ feet all the way to the back aisle of some _____.
NUMBER ADJECTIVE
warehouse store, just to pick up some new _____, or try
PLURAL NOUN
on a new pair of _____. And I don't even
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING (PLURAL)
have to fight my way through crowds of _____.
SOMETHING ALIVE (PLURAL)
to make my purchase. At my local store, I also get to chat with
the _____ working at the register. The owner knows me
OCCUPATION
by name and always greets me with a warm, "_____!"
EXCLAMATION
But the best part of shopping small is that I get to feel
_____ about _____ in my community!
ADJECTIVE VERB ENDING IN "ING"
It's a win-_____ situation!
VERB

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I LOVE MY INDIE BOOKSTORE

ADJECTIVE _____

VEHICLE _____

NOUN _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

TYPE OF CONTAINER _____

VERB _____

ADJECTIVE _____

LETTER OF THE ALPHABET _____

OCCUPATION (PLURAL) _____

VERB _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

ADJECTIVE _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

NUMBER _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

TYPE OF BUILDING _____

VERB _____



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I LOVE MY INDIE BOOKSTORE

Whenever I have a/an _____ moment to myself, I hop on
my _____ and take a trip to my favorite indie bookstore!
After all, there's nothing more relaxing than finding a cushy
_____ to sit on and thumbing through all the interesting
_____ they have for sale. Unlike the big-
_____ stores, my indie bookstore has lots of hard-
to-_____ titles to choose from. They've got _____
books for my home DI-_____ projects, books by
acclaimed international _____, and even books for
people who love to _____. The selection is literally mind-
_____! Fortunately, there's always a/an _____
bookseller nearby to help guide me to the _____
I want. Otherwise, I could literally spend _____ hours
_____ up and down the shelves. In fact, the only thing
that's difficult about my trip to the indie _____ is . . .
deciding which books to _____!

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IT'S NOT IBD WITHOUT PENGUIN CLASSICS

ADJECTIVE _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

A PLACE _____

NUMBER _____

ANIMAL _____

ANIMAL _____

PART OF THE BODY _____

COLOR _____

NOUN _____

FIRST NAME _____

NOUN _____

NUMBER _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

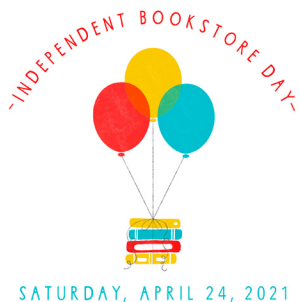
ADJECTIVE _____

NUMBER _____

NOUN _____

NOUN _____

VERB (PAST TENSE) _____



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IT'S NOT IBD WITHOUT PENGUIN CLASSICS

Since 1946, Penguin has been the leading publisher of such _____ classics as *The Last of the _____* and *Alice's*
ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN
Adventures in (the) _____. Now, more than seventy-five
A PLACE
years later, there are over _____ books in the _____
NUMBER ANIMAL
Classics collection! Which is your favorite?

- *The _____ of the Baskervilles*
ANIMAL
- _____ of Darkness
PART OF THE BODY
- *The _____ Badge of Courage*
COLOR
- *The _____ of Genji*
NOUN
- _____ *Karenina*
FIRST NAME
- *War and _____*
NOUN
- *A Tale of _____ Cities*
NUMBER
- *The _____ Karamazov*
PLURAL NOUN
- *The Man in the _____ Mask*
ADJECTIVE
- *The _____ Musketeers*
NUMBER
- *A Portrait of the _____ as a Young _____*
NOUN NOUN
- *One _____ Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
VERB (PAST TENSE)

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A SHAKESPEAREAN IBD SONNET

NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

NOUN _____

PART OF THE BODY _____

NOUN _____

NOUN _____

SAME NOUN _____

NOUN _____

VERB _____

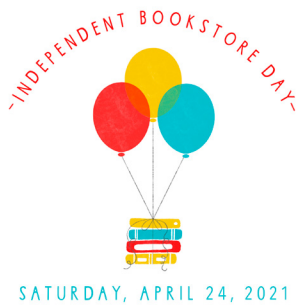
CELEBRITY _____

NOUN _____

VERB _____

PART OF THE BODY (PLURAL) _____

SILLY WORD _____



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A SHAKESPEAREAN IBD SONNET

Shall I compare thee to a/an _____'s day?
NOUN

Thou art more _____ and more temperate.
ADJECTIVE

Rough _____ do shake the _____ of May,
PLURAL NOUN ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN

And summer's _____ hath all too short a date.
NOUN

Sometime too hot the _____ of heaven shines,
PART OF THE BODY

And often is his gold _____ dimmed;
NOUN

And every _____ from _____ sometime declines,
NOUN SAME NOUN

By chance or nature's changing _____ untrimmed.
NOUN

But thy eternal summer shall not _____
VERB

Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,

Nor shall _____ brag thou wand'rest in his shade,
CELEBRITY

When in eternal lines to _____ thou grow'st.
NOUN

So long as men can _____ or _____ can see,
VERB PART OF THE BODY (PLURAL)

So long lives this, and this gives _____ to thee.
SILLY WORD

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WHICH LAST KID ARE YOU?

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

FIRST NAME _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

NOUN _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

VERB _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

PART OF THE BODY (PLURAL) _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NUMBER _____

ADJECTIVE _____

VERB (PAST TENSE) _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

NOUN _____

THE LAST KIDS
ON EARTH: AN
INDIE BOOKSTORE
FAVORITE





WHICH LAST KID ARE YOU?

1. What's your favorite hobby? (a) gardening and _____
VERB ENDING IN "ING"
monsters, (b) inventing cool new _____,
PLURAL NOUN
(c) hanging
out with my pet monster, _____, (d) _____
FIRST NAME VERB ENDING IN "ING"
and dancing

2. What's the worst part of the _____ Apocalypse? (a) not
NOUN
enough _____ to eat—I miss lettuce! (b) the library has
PLURAL NOUN
gotten very _____ now that no one is taking care of it,
ADJECTIVE
(c) evil monsters keep trying to _____ the world,
VERB
(d) missing my _____
PLURAL NOUN

3. What's your weapon of choice for fighting off _____?
PLURAL NOUN
(a) just my _____ for punching! (b) whatever
PART OF THE BODY (PLURAL)
_____ gadget I've created, (c) a large stick at least
ADJECTIVE
_____ feet long, (d) my _____ Louisville Slicer!
NUMBER ADJECTIVE

If you answered mostly *a*'s, you're Dirk! If you answered mostly *b*'s,
you're Quint! If you _____ mostly *c*'s, you're June!
VERB (PAST TENSE)
If you answered mostly *d*'s, you're Jack! And if all your _____
PLURAL NOUN
were different letters, you're truly a Last _____ on Earth!
NOUN

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SMALL VICTORIES

ADJECTIVE _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NOUN _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

NOUN _____

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING _____

PART OF THE BODY _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

ANIMAL _____

NOUN _____

PART OF THE BODY (PLURAL) _____

NOUN _____

NOUN _____

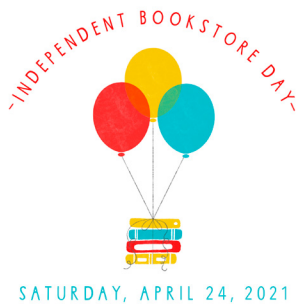
ADJECTIVE _____

COLOR _____

ADJECTIVE _____

(CELEBRATE
WITH THE
ULTIMATE
BOOK LOVER,
MATILDA





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SMALL VICTORIES

Even a/an _____ and mature child like Matilda Wormwood
ADJECTIVE
is bound to lose patience with her _____ parents from time
ADJECTIVE
to time. Instead of getting angry and causing a/an _____,
NOUN
Matilda uses clever _____ to even the score. For her first
PLURAL NOUN
victory, Matilda put a/an _____ of super glue around the brim
NOUN
of her father's porkpie _____. When he realized that
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING
it was stuck to his _____, he tried to pretend he'd done it on
PART OF THE BODY
purpose. Eventually, Mrs. Wormwood had to cut it off for him with a
pair of _____. Next, Matilda borrowed her friend's talking
PLURAL NOUN
pet _____ and hid its _____ up the chimney. When
ANIMAL NOUN
her parents heard it saying, "Rattle my _____,"
PART OF THE BODY (PLURAL)
they thought it was a ghost! Matilda's third _____ was to put
NOUN
platinum-blond hair _____ in her father's fancy violet hair
NOUN
tonic. Of course, Mr. Wormwood's hair turned a/an _____
ADJECTIVE
shade of _____. Matilda's parents may be bigger and older
COLOR
than her, but they are certainly not as _____.
ADJECTIVE

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BOOK REVIEW

PERSON IN ROOM _____

NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

ADJECTIVE _____

PERSON IN ROOM _____

ADJECTIVE _____

SILLY WORD _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NOUN _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

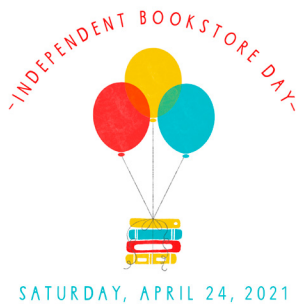
ADJECTIVE _____

ADVERB _____

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD _____

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BOOKSTORE
DAY

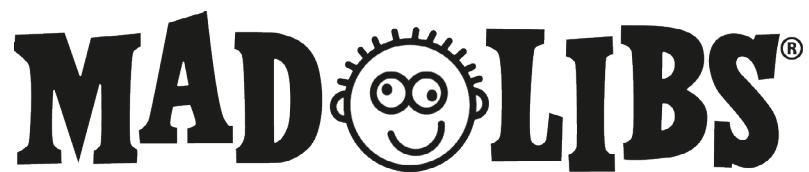




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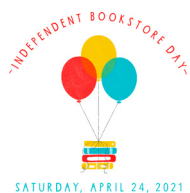
_____ has just written a book called *The* _____ in
PERSON IN ROOM NOUN
the _____ . The main character in this
ADJECTIVE NOUN
_____ story is a/an _____ person named
ADJECTIVE ADJECTIVE
_____ who has just been elected president. They must
PERSON IN ROOM
decide whether to spend money on making _____ bombs,
ADJECTIVE
sending people to the planet _____, or building
SILLY WORD
_____ to accommodate the growing population. The
PLURAL NOUN
author creates many _____ moments, and you will find
ADJECTIVE
yourself sitting on the edge of your _____ late at night because
NOUN
you cannot stop _____ this book. They turn out to be
VERB ENDING IN "ING"
the greatest president in the last century and lead the people to
peace and _____. This book is written _____ and
ADJECTIVE ADVERB
should be nominated for a/an _____.
PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



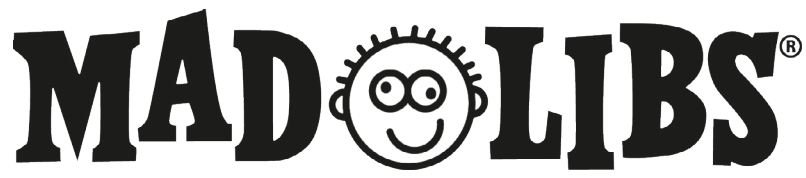
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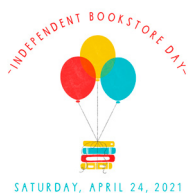
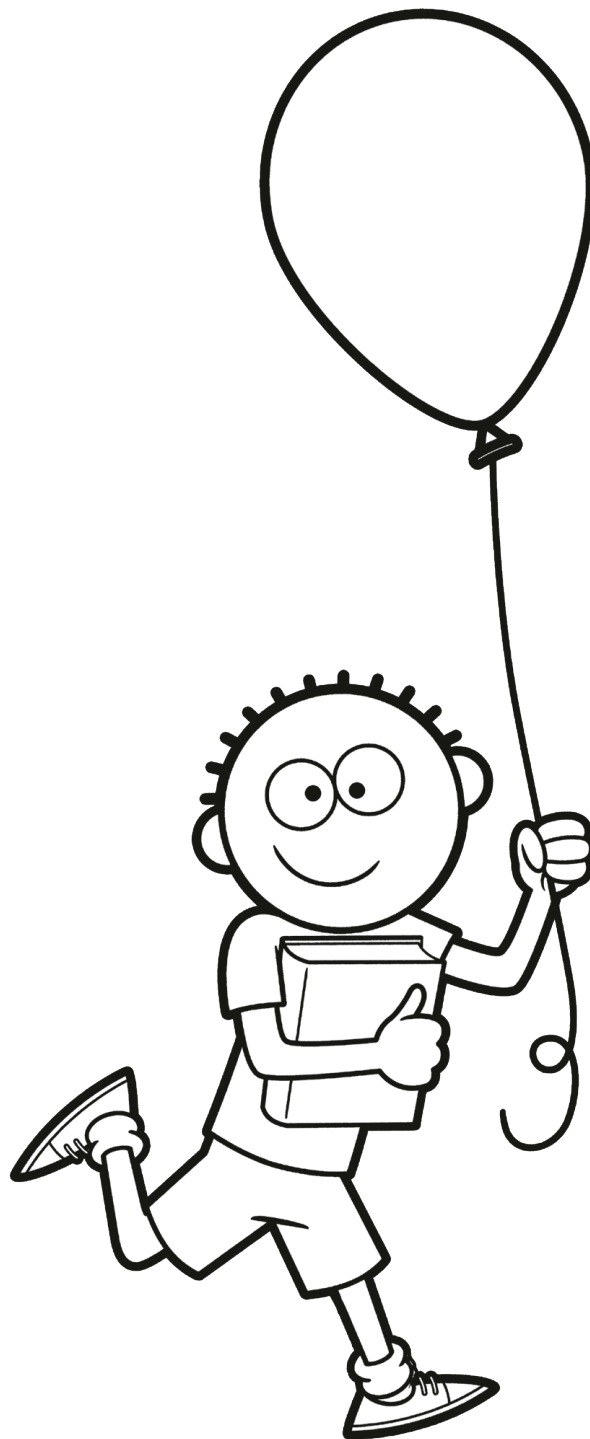
My bookstore has _____ books
NUMBER
about _____!
PLURAL NOUN



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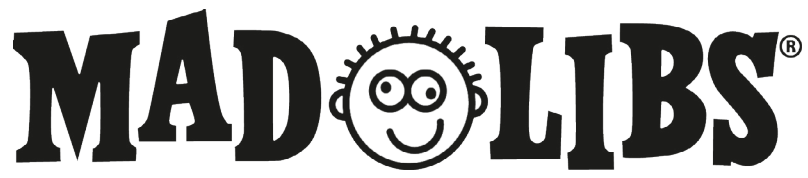
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My favorite book is called _____ and the
FIRST NAME
Chocolate _____!
TYPE OF BUILDING

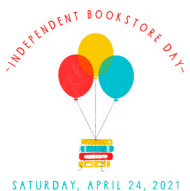
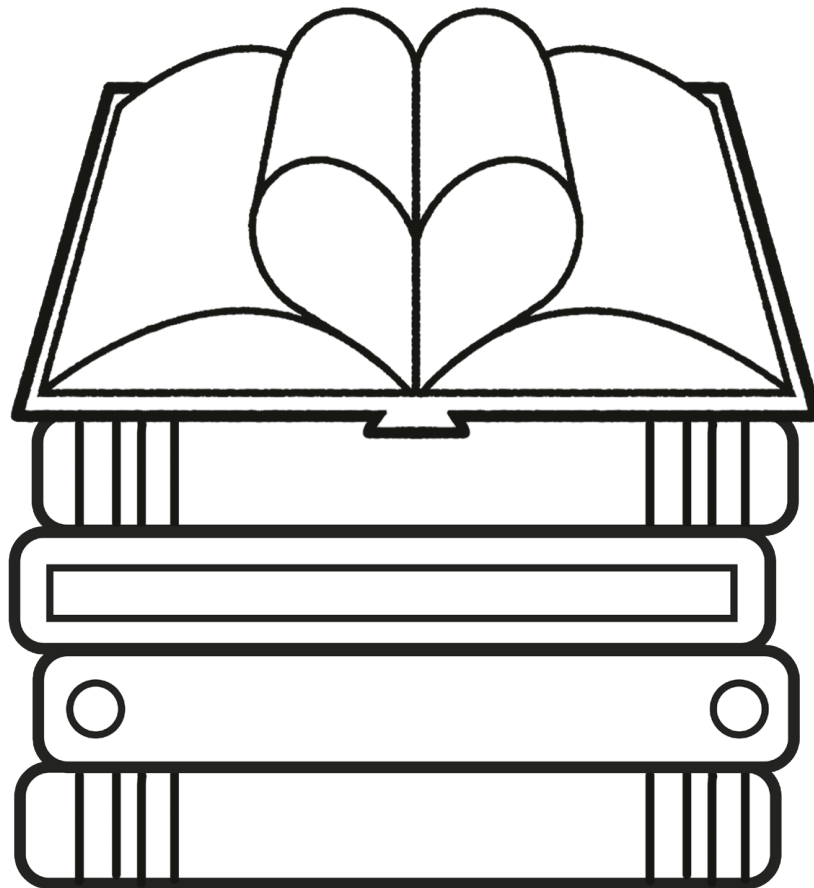


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Thanks for _____ our Independent
VERB ENDING IN "ING"
Bookstore Day Mad Libs!



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If you just heard someone say . . .

“Unlike the big- JAR stores, my indie bookstore has
TYPE OF CONTAINER

lots of hard-to- COOK titles to choose from. They’ve got
VERB

AMAZING books for my home DI- P
ADJECTIVE LETTER OF THE ALPHABET

projects, books by acclaimed international DOCTORS,
OCCUPATION (PLURAL)

and even books for people who love to FLY!”
VERB

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