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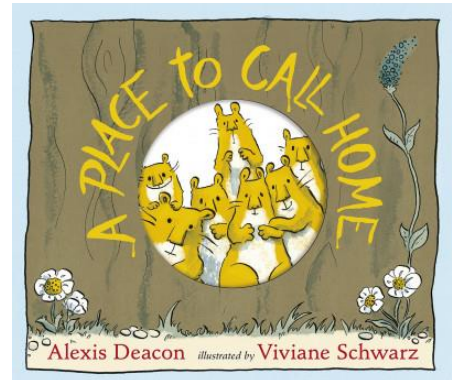
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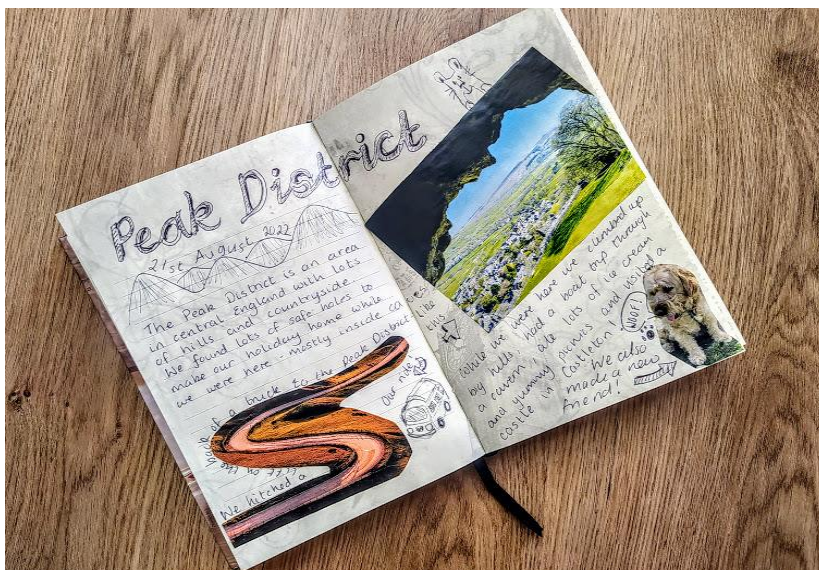
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Create a Travelogue

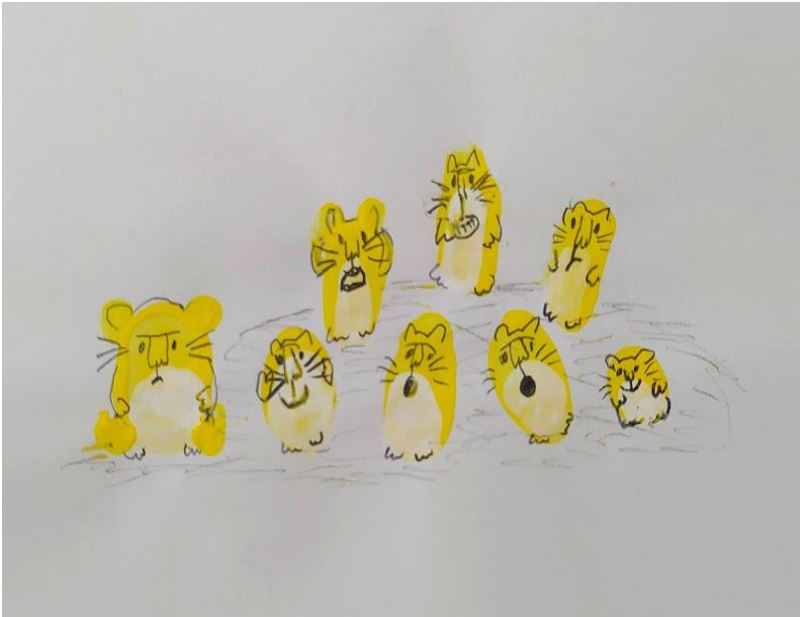


You will need:

- Pens
- Holiday brochures
- Crayons or felt tips
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Glue

A travelogue is a record of someone's experiences when they travel somewhere. It can include writing, photos, sketches and souvenirs collected along the way. It can take many forms such as a notebook, a scrap book, picture boards or even a film or slide show. Imagine you are one of the brothers and create a travelogue to share the places you visit as you travel around your new home – the big, bright world. Make sure you include the date you visited, along with information and pictures about the place. Also show what you did there, as well as your thoughts and opinions of the place. It will help you to think about places you have visited so that you can draw on your own experiences.

Paint a Hamster Family Portrait



Create a fingerprint portrait of the brothers. Use different fingers dipped in yellow paint to create different-sized bodies. Then add white paint for the tummies.

Finally, use a pencil to add their features and faces, adding different expressions to show their personalities.

Construct a 3D Story Map

Use paper, card, craft materials and anything else you can find to make a 3D map of the hamsters' journey to their new home. Think about what they travelled through, up and over to reach their final destination on the other side of the fence.

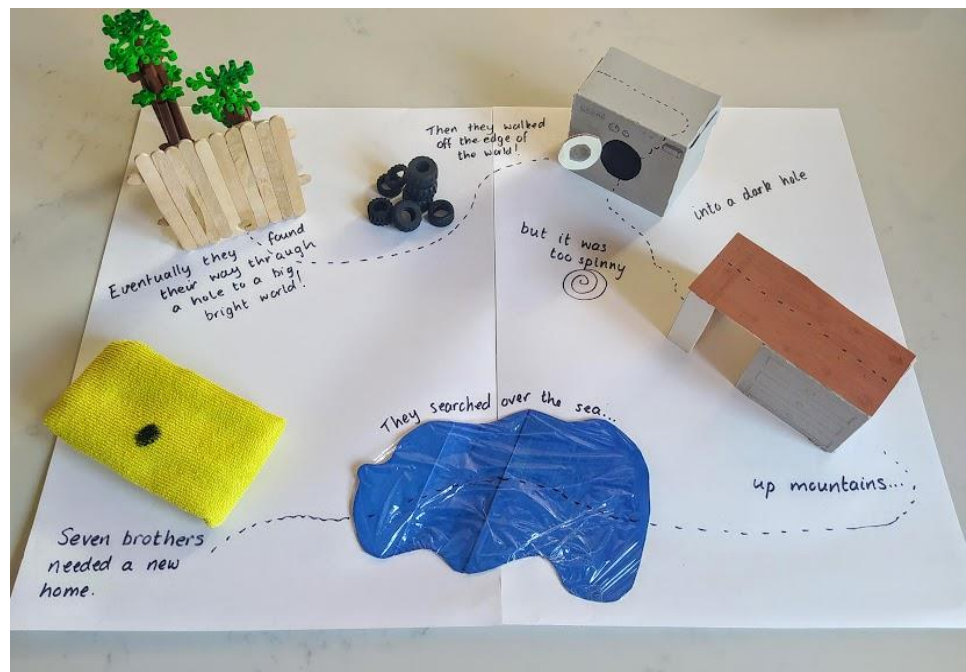


Photo Frame

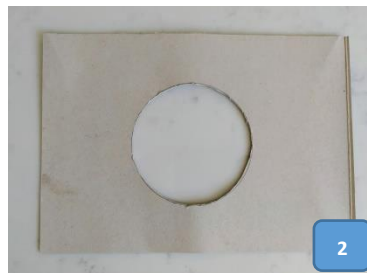
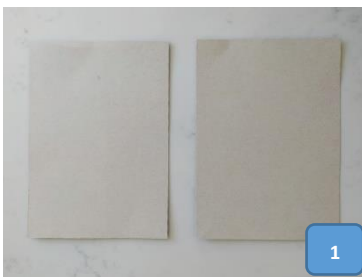
You will need:

- A small cereal box
- A large family photo
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Glue
- Paints, felt tips or crayons
- Something small and round, like a saucer or a tub



Using the front cover of the book as inspiration, make a customised photo frame in which to display a photo of your own family.

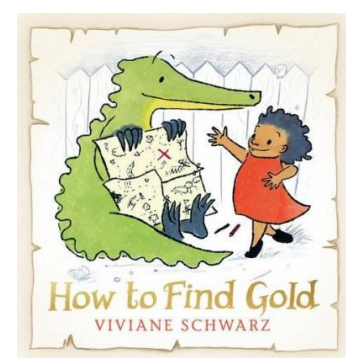
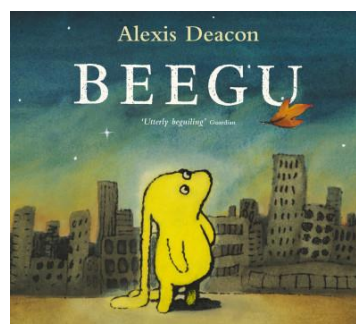
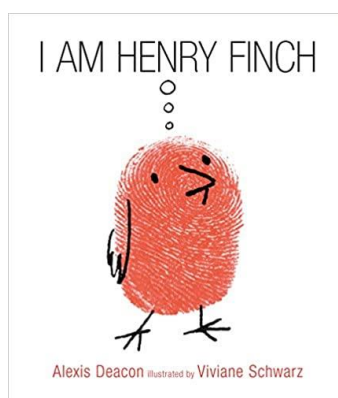
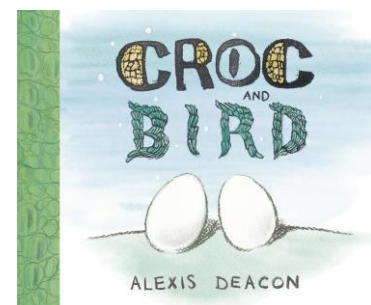
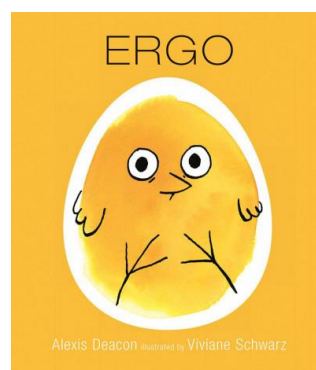
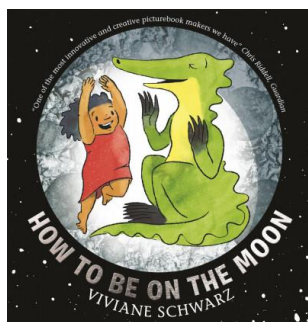
1. Cut out both large sides of the cereal box.
2. Use the saucer or tub to draw a circle in the centre of one piece of card. Make sure the circle is smaller than the photo and ask an adult to help you cut it out.
3. Decorate the same piece with a picture which means something special to your family. This might be a picture of a place or of different images which are special to you.
4. Stick your photo to the back of the frame.
5. Fold the remaining piece of card in half to make a stand and attach it with sticky tape to the back of the frame.



Further Activities to Try

1. Find out more about hamsters and make a fact file.
2. Do some research about other small animals and their homes in the wild.
3. Make a home for a small animal such as a bug hotel, a nest box or a hedgehog hideout. Here are some websites to get you started:
<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/make-insect-hotel>
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/activities/build-a-birdbox/>
<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-hedgehog-home>
4. Write and illustrate your own comic strip story about another adventure which the brothers have together.
5. Make the seven brothers out of moulding clay. Create a 3d frame out of a shoe box lid for them to stand in. Paint a background scene inside the lid.

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