

# I Can Readathon!™

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# How to Host an

# I Can Readathon!



Join the global I Can Read! campaign to promote early literacy by hosting an I Can Readathon! Launched by HarperCollins Children's Books, the readathon is supported by the premier line of books for beginning readers, I Can Read!. By pledging to read every day during the month, new readers will grow more confident, learn to enjoy reading on their own, and proudly say, "I Can Read!"

In this I Can Readathon kit, you will find all the materials needed to throw an event. You'll find reproducible pledge badges, reading logs, activity pages, stickers for recording books read, and step-by-step instructions on how to host an I Can Readathon of your own! We've included fun reading challenges from GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS® as well. You can find downloadable versions of all these items and more at [www.icanread.com](http://www.icanread.com).

Contact Costume Specialists at (614) 464-2115 to book costume characters and arrange delivery. You can also visit their website: [www.costumespecialists.com](http://www.costumespecialists.com). Rentals are very popular, so please book early!

**Get children excited about learning to read in your community today! Recite the I Can Readathon pledge below, today and every day:**

**I pledge to read today and every day  
so I can stand up and proudly say,  
"I Can Read!"**



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# Start Your



## 's Reading Achievements!

(your name)

Place a sticker on the corresponding date when you have completed reading that day! Keep going until all the boxes are marked off. You can do it!



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Did you know that the **longest marathon reading aloud** is 113 hours and 15 minutes? Deepak Sharma Bajagain achieved this record in Nepal in 2005. Do you think you could break that record?

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More calendars  
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# Stickers!

Have your parent or teacher copy the labels below onto Avery mailing labels #5265 and cut each sticker along the dotted lines. Then use the stickers to mark your success in your reading log.



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## Word Scramble

Unscramble these  
record-breaking words below!

1) F A E S T S T

— — — — —

2) S T O R N G S T E

— — — — —

3) A L L T E S T

— — — — —

4) S H R T O T E S

— — — — —

5) L I H T G E T S

— — — — —

6) H V E A I S E T

— — — — —

Davy Whippet holds the  
record for the longest flying  
disc throw caught by a dog.  
He caught a disc that was  
thrown from 402 feet away!



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Answers: 1) Fastest, 2) Strongest, 3) Tallest, 4) Shortest, 5) Lightest, 6) Heaviest



## Rhyming

Help think of some rhymes for these record-setting words below!

1) FOOD

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2) CARS

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3) DOGS

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4) WHEELS

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5) SPORTS

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6) GAMES

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The hairiest  
car has 265  
pounds of hair!



Suggested answers: 1) Mood, 2) Stars, 3) Logs, 4) Seals, 5) Courts, 6) Names

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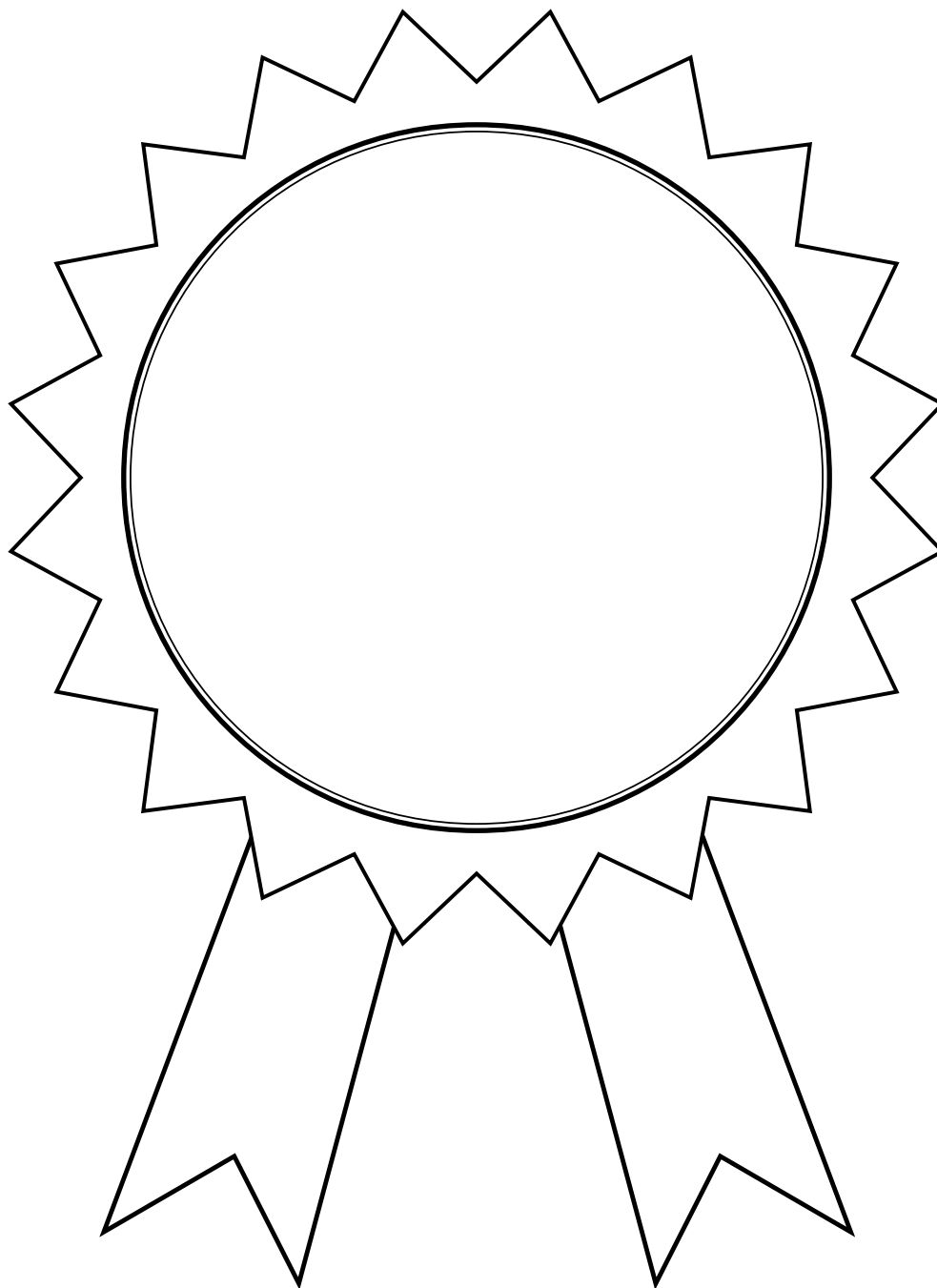




## Create Your Own Award

A GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS® seal means that you have accomplished something truly amazing!

In the space below, design your own award. Use markers, crayons, and glitter—don't forget to write your accomplishment on the ribbon!



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# Matching with Biscuit!

Biscuit loves to play outside! To find out what some of his favorite toys are, match the images with their names below.

1. Large Ball \_\_\_\_

A.



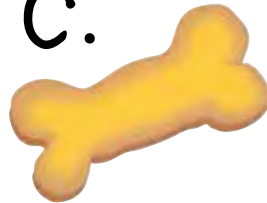
2. Glove \_\_\_\_

B.



3. Baseball Bat \_\_\_\_

C.



4. Hat \_\_\_\_

E.



D.



5. Bone \_\_\_\_

F.



6. Small Ball \_\_\_\_



Answer Key: 1) B, 2) A, 3) D, 4) F, 5) C, 6) E

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# Words Within Words with Pete the Cat!

How many groovy words can you make from PETE THE CAT?

Write your answers below—we have already suggested a few for you!

## Pete the Cat

1. tea

2. hat

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_



Possible Answers: heat, ate, ace, pat, teach, cap, peach

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# WORD SCRAMBLE WITH FANCY NANCY!

Respecting the Earth is very important to Fancy Nancy, but she has mixed up all the ways to be green! Can you help her unscramble the words below?

1. R Y E C C L E

\_\_\_\_\_

2. W S E T A E R

\_\_\_\_\_

3. B Y I C C E L

\_\_\_\_\_

4. A C D N L S E

\_\_\_\_\_

5. R U E S E

\_\_\_\_\_

6. O T T E A G B

\_\_\_\_\_



Answer key: 1) recycle, 2) sweater, 3) bicycle, 4) candles, 5) reuse, 6) tote bag



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### Plan an I Can Readathon Event!

- **Choose a date.** Host a kick-off party, or host an event at the end to celebrate everyone's I Can Readathon achievements! We encourage you to host as many events as possible to keep kids engaged in reading and help them reach their goal of reading every day.
- **Order a costume character.** Reserve a costume character by visiting [www.costumespecialists.com](http://www.costumespecialists.com) or calling (614) 464-2115. Be sure to call early as costumes are popular!
- **Send invitations.** Invite people to your I Can Readathon by sending out an email blast and creating posts on social media platforms. Our logo and other downloadable graphics are available at [www.icanread.com](http://www.icanread.com).
- **Decorate.** Set aside space for a Reading Zone. Make it comfortable with beanbag chairs, blankets, chairs, and benches. Go online to [www.icanread.com](http://www.icanread.com) for printable signs, shelf talkers, and decorating tips.
- **Gather supplies.** Print out the reproducible activities and have the reading journals, stickers, and certificates ready to fill out. Make sure there are enough crayons, pencils, and markers for all kids to participate.

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### The big day is here: I Can Readathon!

- **Take the pledge.** Invite kids to recite the I Can Read pledge:

**I pledge to read today and every day  
so I can stand up and proudly say, "I Can Read!"**

- **Choose a book from the I Can Read! library:** Each child should choose an I Can Read! book that he or she would like to read. Invite kids to read their books within the Reading Zone. Encourage kids to read to each other or with an adult.
- **Sticker their accomplishment.** After reading their book, have each child place a sticker in their reading journal. Remind kids to take their reading journals home and place a sticker in them after reading each day.
- **In-store activities.** Lay out the activities on low, hard surfaces so kids can color and draw.
- **Book recommendations.** Provide book recommendations based on I Can Read! levels and characters to encourage children to continue reading every day.
- **Certificates.** Give parents or guardians the I Can Readathon certificates. Encourage them to remind their children to read every day. You could also ask kids to return their completed, stickered reading journals and distribute the certificates yourself.

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### Share your I Can Readathon experience online!

- **Post pictures, videos, and status updates on social media with #ICanReadathon.** Don't forget to tag us! (Facebook: @ICanReadBooks, Twitter: @ICanRead)



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