

## The challenge

# Story setting challenge



There are two things I've always loved about reading and writing stories. The first is the chance to escape into a brand new world (which authors like to call 'settings'). Just from opening a book, you can be transported to oceans and deserts, jungles and cities, or even space, and you don't have to move to visit those places. The second is the fact that you make the rules. If you're creating stories of your own, you're the one who's in charge and nobody can tell you what to do with your own world. The sky could be pink or yellow, the grass could be blue or purple. There are no rules except the ones you make for yourself.

While writing **Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow**, I created the Pride setting using inspiration from the things I love. Some of it was based on places I've been to in real life, such as Pride in London, while other aspects of it I made up in my head using things that I love.

I want you to create a world of your own using the things and places you love as inspiration. Maybe your world has a purple sky with pink clouds that rain glitter. Or maybe your world is based on your favourite video game, where aliens and other interesting creatures are waging battle on a vibrant planet that smells of sweets and cookies.

Can you describe your world using your adventurous **adjectives** (describing words), your amazing **adverbs** (words that describe verbs - action words) and maybe even some superb **similes** (phrases that compare one thing with another)? And can you draw your world, too?

Oh, and there's a bonus challenge! Since my book and setting is filled with colour and the Rainbow Laces campaign is about to begin, can you use every colour in the rainbow to create your world?

There are no limits to what you can do.  
You make the rules. Good luck!

**Benjamin Dean**



## About the challenge

This challenge is supported by the National Literacy Trust and exciting new author Benjamin Dean. Benjamin is a London-based celebrity reporter for the website BuzzFeed. His biggest achievement to date is breaking the news that Rihanna can't wink (she blinks, in case you were wondering). **Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow** is his first book and he's currently working on its follow-up.

## Don't miss out...

You can hear from Benjamin and join in with his workshop in a special free Zoom Webinar event on Thursday 25 November at 10:30am, with TV presenter Ben Shires. At the event, Benjamin (Dean!) will talk about how he celebrates acceptance and tolerance in his writing, and help us all to create our own world. Why not join in, ask them both some questions, and ask for shout outs?

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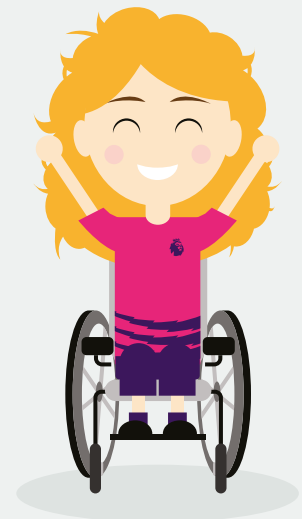
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### Your world

Think of all the things that you could put into a world if you had no limits. It can look like what you want, have in it the things you want, the people, or animals (or even monster-y things that haven't been invented yet) that you want. So... no rules. Let's go:

### We've got three options for you:

1. Use the **templates** (or any piece of paper) to start to build all the parts and people (or other 'things' – eek!) that might be in your world. Try to picture it – you could draw it, as well!
2. Think about some wonderful words that you could use to describe all of these things. Don't forget, we've never been to your world! So use your imagination and your best descriptive words. You could even imagine that your readers are aliens who are thinking about visiting your planet. You need to let them know what they are letting themselves in for!
3. Bring it all together. See if you can come up with three Super Sentences that really 'paint a picture' of your world. Then you can actually paint a picture of it!
4. And when you've done all that, take a photo of your work and send it to us at, **plprimarystars@premierleague.com** or share on Twitter **@PLCommunities**, using the hashtag **#PLPrimaryStars**. You might just win a bumper box of books for your school!



## Benjamin's top tips:

1. Make sure you tell us what you can **see**. Think of the colours, the surroundings, what your characters are standing on.
2. Tell us what you can **hear**. Are there any interesting sounds in your world?
3. And what can you **smell**? What can you **touch**? How does the world **feel**?
4. Write about **who** is there? Aliens? Monsters? Humans? Your favourite character from a film?

