

**ELLA WHITTAKER GIVES PERMISSION TO PHOTOCOPY  
(BUT NOT PHOTOCOPEE) TEXT FROM THESE NOTES**

*How I Ended Up in a World of Wee* offers both an enjoyable reading experience and enormous scope for creative writing and thinking exercises in the classroom. A few possible approaches are suggested here.

**Note:** The emphasis of the exercises can be shifted between talking, writing and thinking as desired. A writing exercise might be used as the focus activity for group talk and vice-versa. Exercises can be used as five-minute warm-ups, end of lesson fillers, a fun way of introducing a topic of study or as the basis for a whole lesson or even longer. Adapt the exercises to the size, interests and mood of the group, the time of day and the amount of time you have. Pictures are included as guidance of how to mark the results of the activities.

### **QUICK GUIDE TO ACTIVITIES**

1. Explain why you should be chosen to go to Urinia
2. What would your name be on Urinia?
3. Draw a diagram of the *Back Teeth*
4. Draw the base
5. Draw a cartoon
6. Design a board game
7. Put on a play
8. Draw a map of Urinia
9. Draw the creatures of Urinia
10. Invent new creatures from Urinia
11. Make a wanted poster
12. Newspaper story
13. Visit Ella's website
14. Wee crossword
15. Wee wordsearch
16. Pussy/Willy Beauty Contest
17. Find the hidden message

## **1. EXPLAIN WHY YOU SHOULD BE CHOSEN TO GO TO URINIA**

(Assuming, of course, that you would want to)

Write a letter or film a video to send to the top-secret British government agency that decides who is good enough to go to Urinia. Only the very best of the very best will be selected for the spaceship, so include strength, smarts, social skills and absolutely anything else about yourself can think of to convince them you have what it takes.

**“Everyone has always said I’m very gifted. I’m taller than most of the girls in my class, so I will give birth to big strong sons who can hunt Willy Mammoths. Also I’m funny, so I can lift everyone’s mood after there’s been a tragedy, which is the most important thing of all.”**

Above is what I would write, to be used as an example.

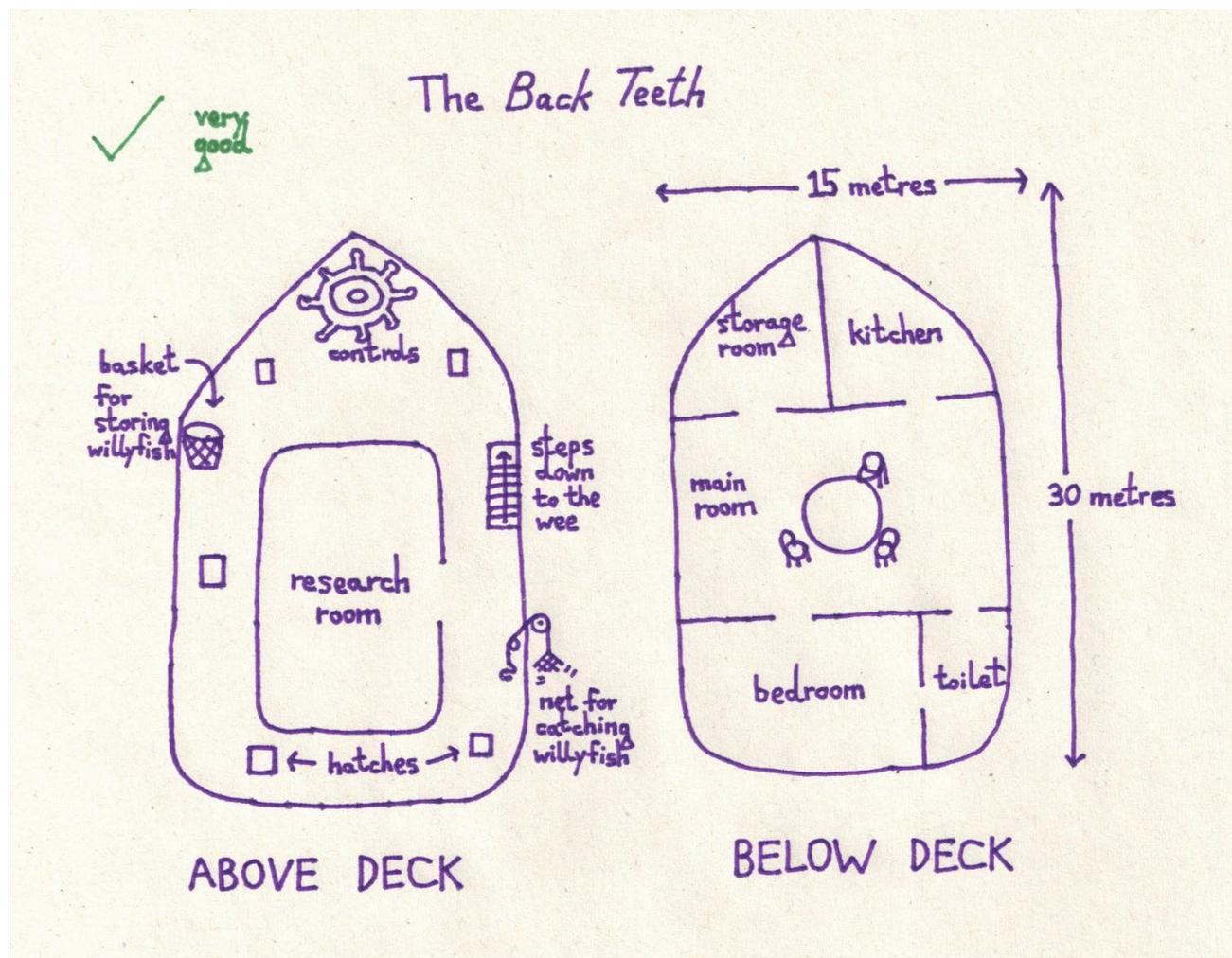
## 2. WHAT WOULD YOUR NAME BE ON URINIA?

Here is a table of the Earth names of the ten original colonists and what they changed their names to when they began their new lives on Urinia.

EARTH NAME	URINIAN NAME
Aretha	Uretha
Christopher	Pisstopher
Emma	Streamma
Florence	Flo
Josh	Josssssshhhhhh
Micturition	Mickey
Peter	Peeter
Wendy	Weendy
William	Willyam
Yazmin	Wazmin

Invite your students to discuss what their names would be if they lived on Urinia. Give extra points to students who can turn their name into a Urinian name by only changing or adding one letter.

## 3. DRAW A DIAGRAM OF THE *BACK TEETH*



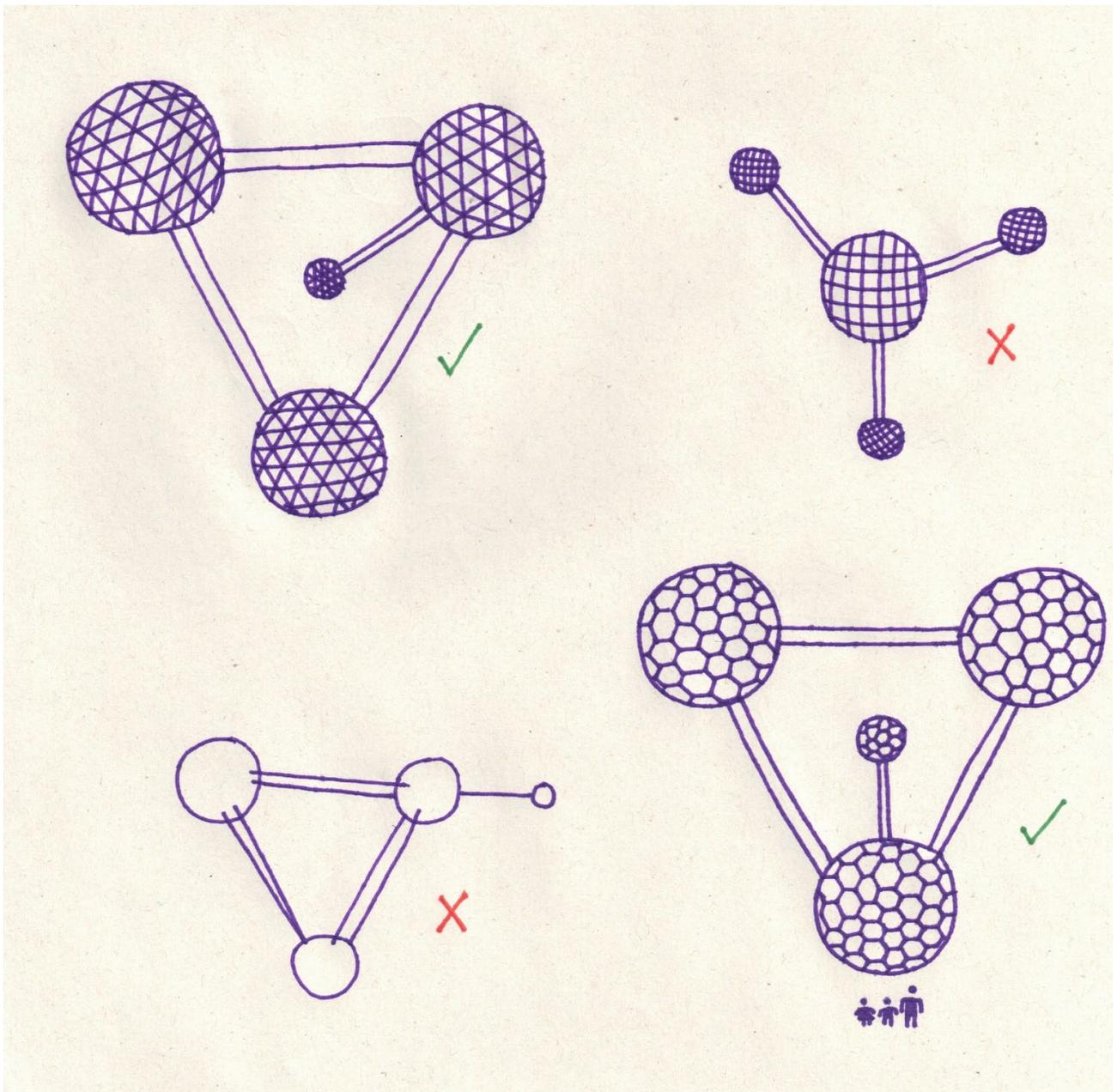
Things to include:

-  Research room
-  Main room
-  Storage room
-  Kitchen
-  Bedroom
-  Toilet

-  Controls
-  Hatches
-  Steps down to the wee
-  Net for catching willyfish
-  Basket for storing willyfish
-  Dimensions

#### 4. DRAW THE BASE

Re-read the paragraph describing the base on page 37. Imagine what it might look like from above and draw a picture of it.

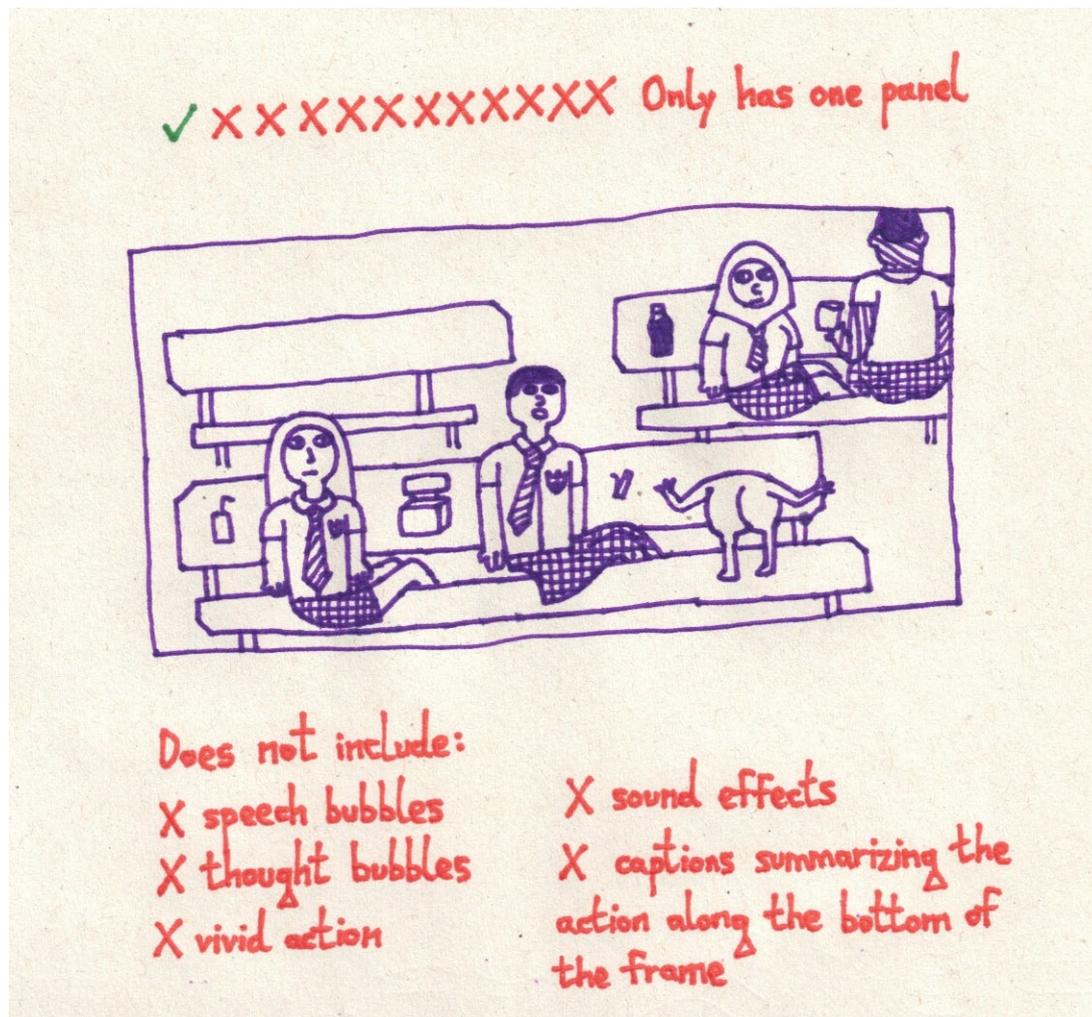


## 5. DRAW A CARTOON

Choose one of the chapters in the book and compress the events into a twelve-frame cartoon. If you can draw realistically, then draw realistically. If you can't, then you're a loser. You can present your cartoon in conventional strip form, on a large poster or by folding three pieces of paper (approx 15 cm x 8 cm strips) in the middle to form a small book.

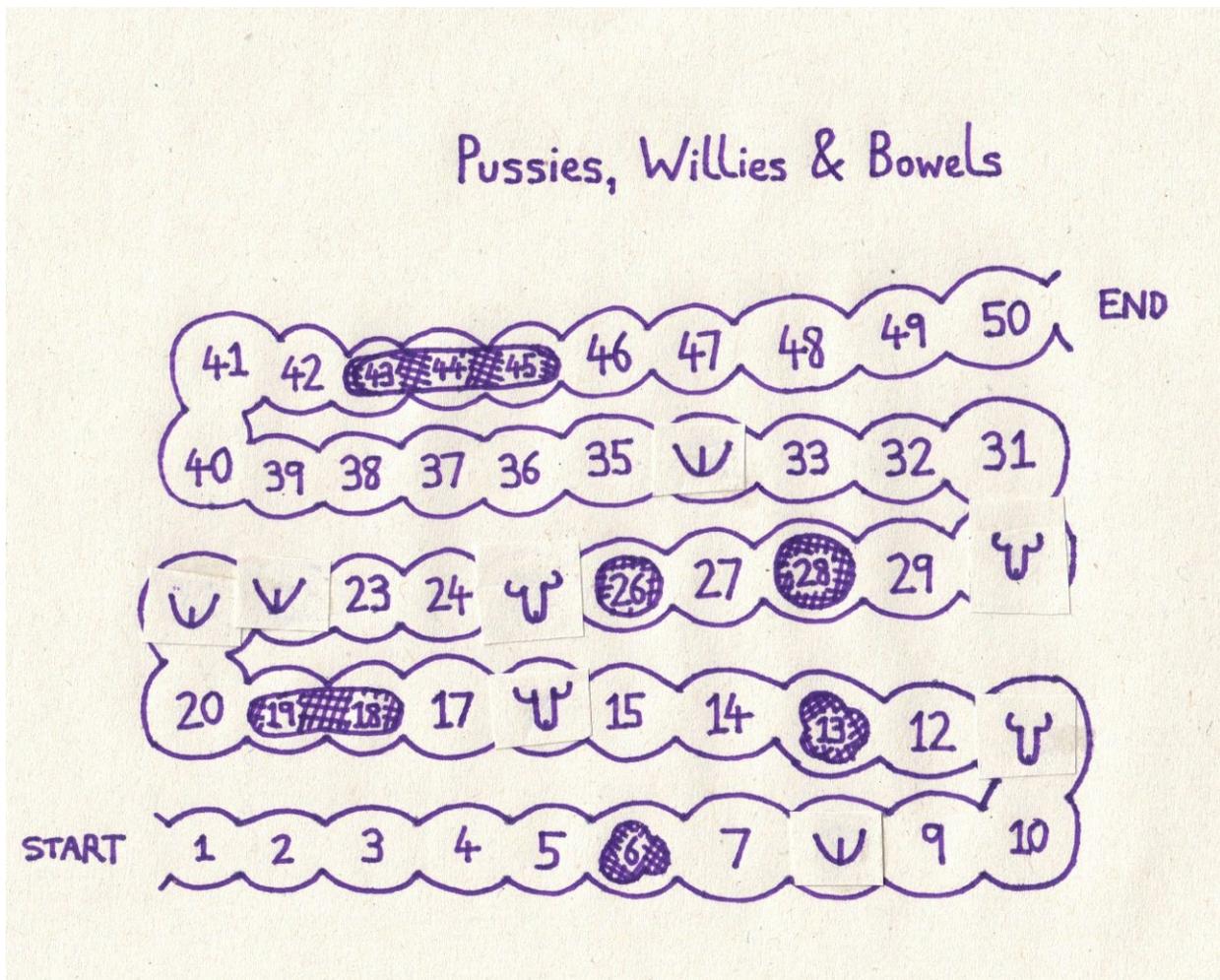
Things to include:

-  Speech bubbles
-  Thought bubbles
-  Vivid action
-  Sound effects
-  Captions summarizing the action along the bottom of the frames



## 6. DESIGN A BOARD GAME

Design a simple board game based on the novel. For example, you could call it “Pussies, Willies and Bowels”. The board is a bowel, and each player has a pussy or willy piece to represent them. The girls could play as pussies and the boys as willies, or everyone could play as whatever they want. Cut out small pieces of paper and draw pussies and willies on them to make the pieces. So you know who each piece belongs to, you could make them different colours or write the first letter of the player’s name on them. Everyone starts on the first square. Each turn, everyone gets to roll a dice and move her or his piece forward as many squares as the number on the dice. The first player to get to the end of the bowel wins. If a player wees while playing the game, her or his piece moves to the square directly above. If you land on poo, you lose. This is just an example, but if no-one can think of a better board game, then you should play Pussies, Willies and Bowels.

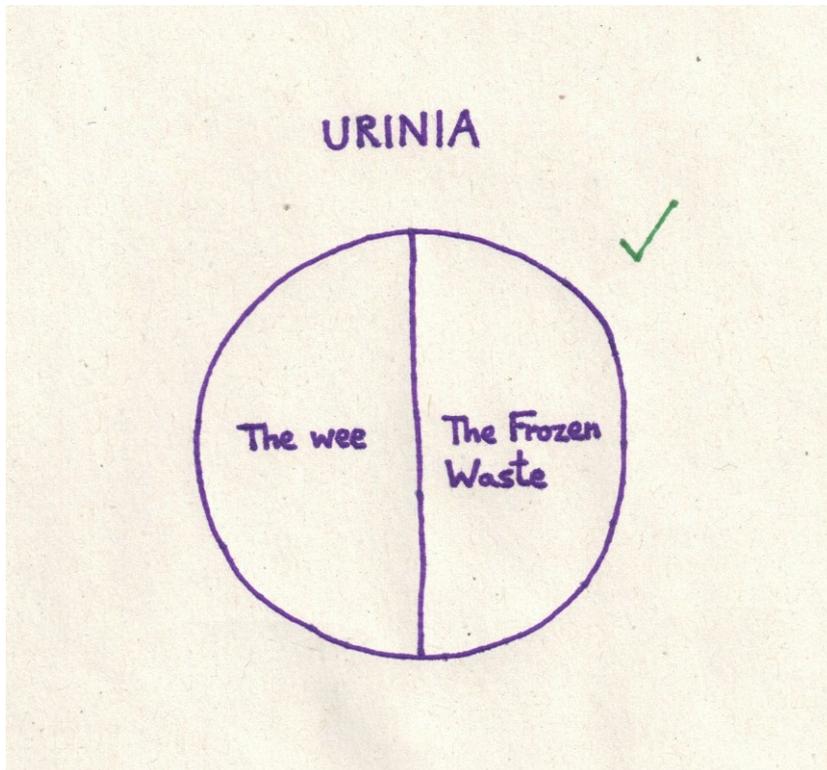


## 7. PUT ON A PLAY

Turn the book into a script. Those who enjoy acting can play the characters in the book and those who enjoy making things can create the props and scenery. Cast the students you feel would be best for each individual role. Act out the scenes in class. Get everyone ready to put on a show and perform the entire thing in front of other pupils, parents and teachers.

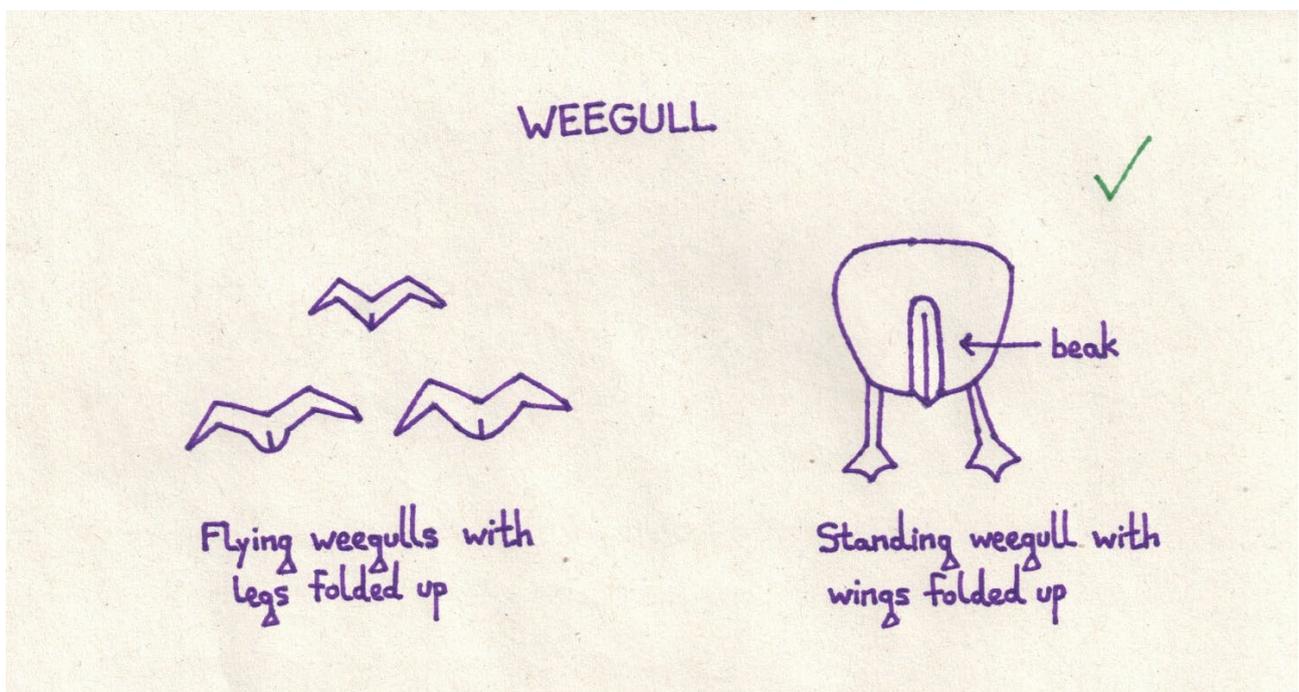
## 8. DRAW A MAP OF URINIA

This one is very easy.



## 9. DRAW THE CREATURES OF URINIA

Re-read the guide on pages 91 and 92 and draw a picture of each one of the life forms described that isn't on the cover of the book.



## 10. INVENT NEW CREATURES FROM URINIA

Imagine what else might have evolved on Urinia. Maybe a peacock :) Draw these as well.

Things to include:



Name



Colour



Habitat



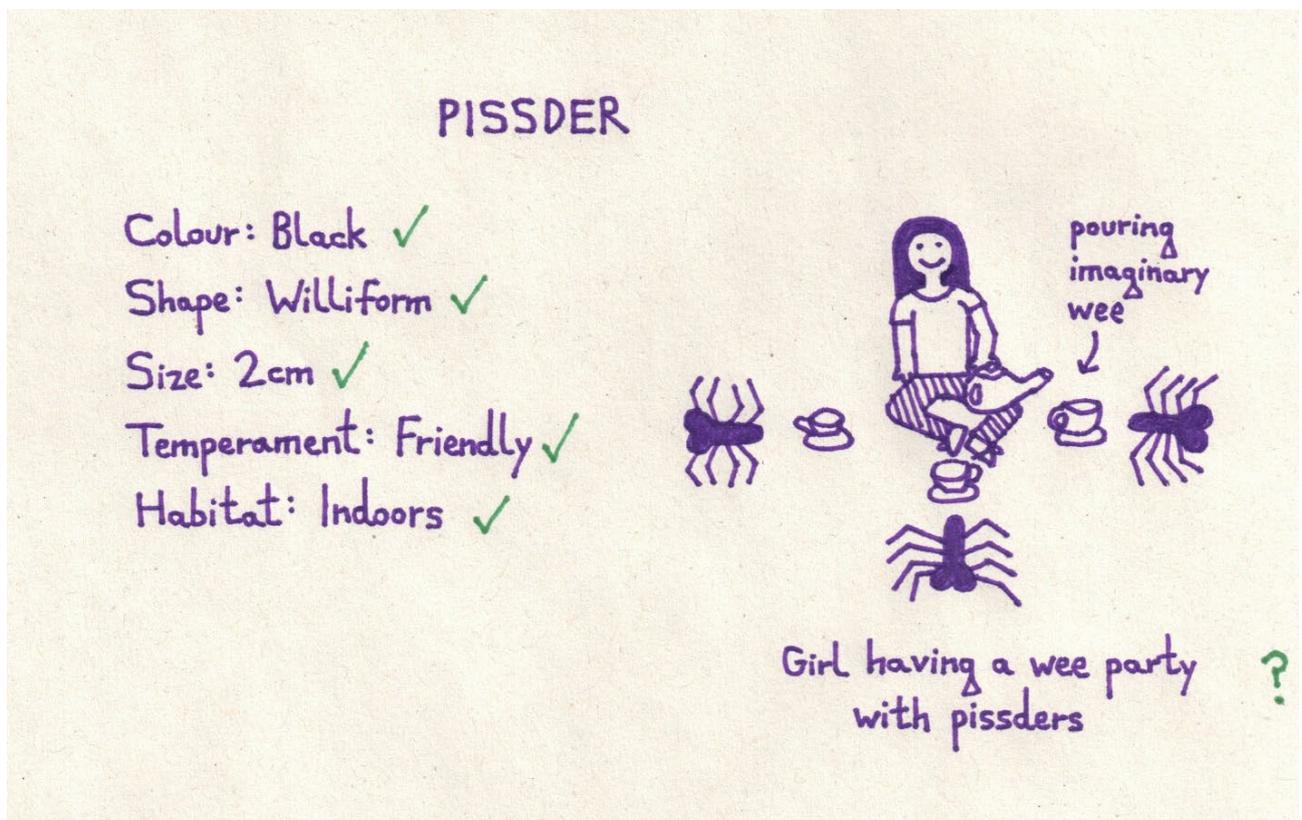
Shape



Size



Temperament



## 11. MAKE A WANTED POSTER

Re-read the passages in the novel referring to the Giant Bushy Pussy. Create a 'WANTED' poster for her.

Things to include:



Her name



A description



A brief biography



The crime (or crimes) she is wanted for. Feel free to make up your own.



A picture



The reward

## 12. NEWSPAPER STORY

You are a journalist and have stumbled across Lily Watkins's incredible story. Choose one of the events from the novel and use it to create the front-page leading news article for your paper. Don't forget to include direct quotes from eyewitnesses, and photographs or sketches of the scene. Create an attention-grabbing headline and write a two-hundred-word report including all of the following information:



WHAT happened?



WHO was involved?



WHY did it happen?



WHEN did it occur?



WHERE did it happen?



HOW did it happen?

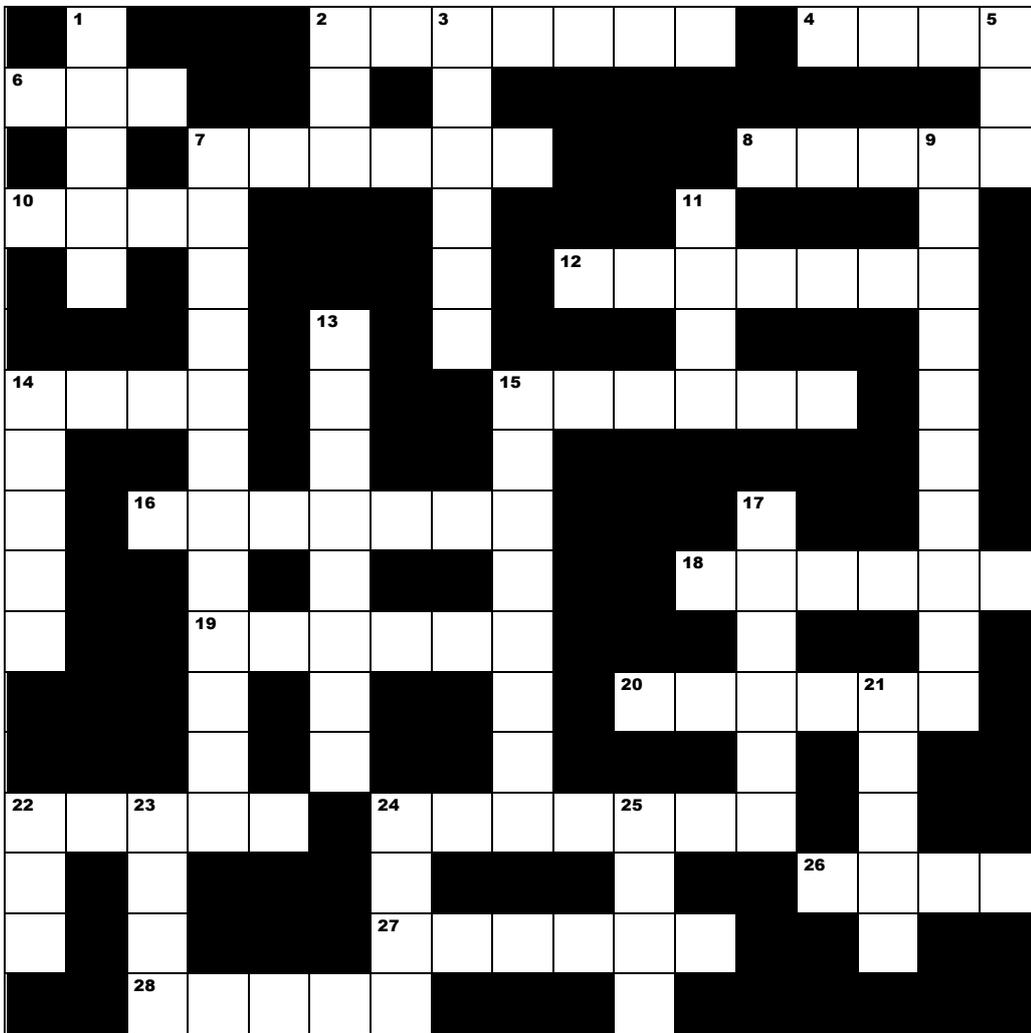
## 13. VISIT ELLA'S WEBSITE

[www.ellawhittaker.co.uk](http://www.ellawhittaker.co.uk)

There you will find the teacher's notes for *How I Ended Up in a World of Wee*. Eventually, they will tell you to visit Ella's website, which has the teacher's notes for *How I Ended Up in a World of Wee*. These will tell you to visit Ella's website. This will continue for eternity. Actually it won't, because you'll die.

## 14. WEE CROSSWORD

Don't cheat by looking up the answers in the back of the book! You should have been learning the first time you read it. (The solution is at the end)



**ACROSS**

- 2. Lily's surname.
- 4. The hero of the book.
- 6. Earth \_\_\_ chamber.
- 7. The original owner of the *Back Teeth*.
- 8. What a pussy constantly does.
- 10. The colour of the rings that take you to Earth.
- 12. What a person from Urinia is called.
- 14. Peeholar \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Very friendly.
- 16. The vulnerable part of a Willy Mammoth.
- 18. Night Whizzion Goggles use infra-\_\_\_\_\_ technology.
- 19. The boss of the base.
- 20. Another name for a pussy is a front \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. Where female humans wee from.
- 24. Auditory reception \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. Yet another name for a pussy.
- 27. A planet that is yellow because of ammonia in its atmosphere.

28. The side of Urinia facing away from the sun is called the Frozen \_\_\_\_\_

**DOWN**

- 1. Where male humans wee from.
- 2. A slang term for urination.
- 3. Where Lily found the magic ring.
- 5. It's going to ask you if you're sure. What do you click?
- 7. Creatures that live in the wee.
- 9. What the Giant Bushy Pussy wants to do to Earth.
- 11. Another slang term for urination.
- 13. Don't let one of these collide with your boat.
- 14. Dense, black and curly.
- 15. Small wee creature with a big appetite.
- 17. Does what he's told.
- 21. What kind of planet is Urinia?
- 22. The original name of Urinia is 2025 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. Don't eat yellow \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. What everyone on Urinia lives in.
- 25. Diuretic \_\_\_\_\_

## 15. WEE WORDSEARCH

U	R	R	Y	W	I	L	L	Y	M	A	M	M	O	T	H
Y	A	E	L	A	O	L	I	L	Y	R	W	Y	W	I	T
S	E	T	I	N	M	L	R	L	V	M	H	L	E	N	E
S	B	E	L	W	Z	M	L	E	Y	L	I	L	E	K	E
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G	P	E	T	S	A	W	N	E	Z	O	R	F	I	N	C

Word list:

AMMONIA  
 BACK TEETH  
 BLADDER  
 BUM  
 DANIEL  
 DIURETIC  
 FROZEN WASTE  
 GIANT BUSHY PUSSY  
 INFRA-YELLOW  
 KISS  
 LILY x 7

MICKEY  
 PEECOCK  
 PEEHOLAR BEAR  
 PEETER  
 PENISGUIN  
 PISS  
 PISSBERG  
 PISSICLES  
 PISSILE  
 PUSSKY x 2  
 TINKLEFORM

UREA  
 URETHA  
 URINEVERSE  
 URINIA  
 WAZMIN  
 WEEGULL  
 WEEYSER x 2  
 WHIZZARD  
 WILLY MAMMOTH

You have to find PUSSKY and WEEYSER twice and LILY all seven times. (The solution is at the end)

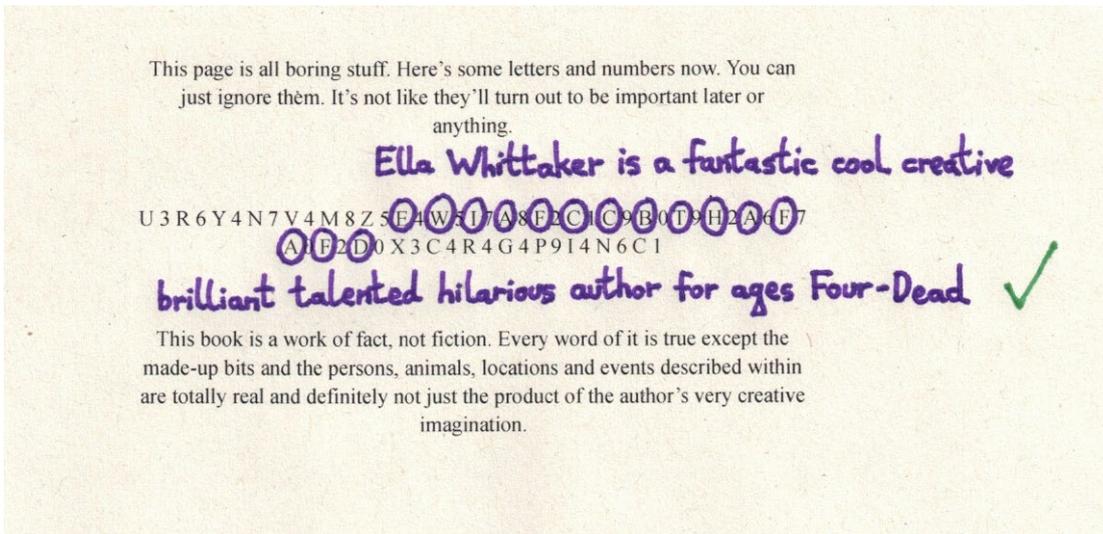
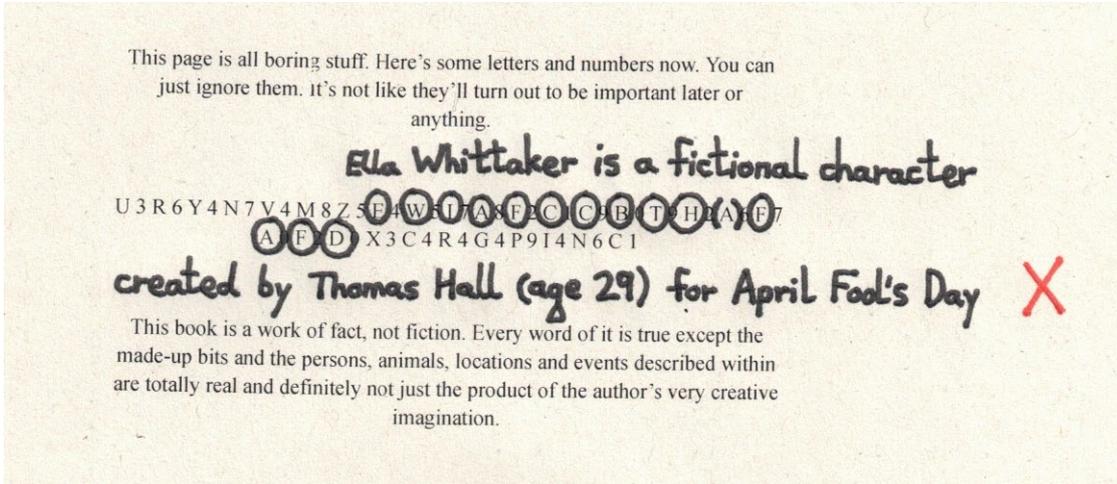
## 16. PUSSY/WILLY BEAUTY CONTEST

Encourage students to cut holes in the front of their pants\* and have a school pussy-beauty competition and a school willy-beauty competition at the same time. Hand out certificates for Cutest Pussy, Ugliest Pussy, Biggest Willy and Smallest Willy. Some of your students may get hurt feelings but they will get over it. You could also do one for Hairiest Pussy but that one would always be won by a teacher.

\* Just kidding! Don't *actually* do this. Their parents will be very upset if you ruin their clothes. Get them to pull their pants down instead.

# 17. FIND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE

On page 88, it says that a “password” is like a password, but with a message hidden in it. Can you find the hidden message?



ANSWERS

	<sup>1</sup> W			<sup>2</sup> W	A	<sup>3</sup> T	K	I	N	S		<sup>4</sup> L	I	L	<sup>5</sup> Y	
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