



“Once upon a time, words began to vanish from the language of children...”

Take a walk through Hastings to help us find them so they aren't lost forever!

Use the map above to walk the trail and find the lost word at each stop. When you find one, capture it by writing it down on the reverse. See if you can answer the questions as you go! The trail takes about 30 minutes from start to finish.

Finished the trail? **Unscramble the hidden word** using the letters in the boxes for a chance to win a copy of *The Lost Words: A Spell Book* by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris, or family tickets to a show at the White Rock Theatre.

Hidden word:

Parent/carer's name: _____ **Age of child(ren):** _____

Email address: _____ **Phone number:** _____

Hand your map in at **Hastings Library** or email your details and the hidden word to gethastingsreading@literacytrust.org.uk to enter. Competition closes 30.08.19 and winners will be drawn at random by 30.10.19. White Rock Theatre family tickets prize includes tickets for two adults and two children. T&Cs apply.

Top tips for families

Walk and talk. Chat with your child about what you see on the trail. Ask open-ended questions so that the answer is not just a yes or a no.

Introduce new words into the conversation. When you use a new word, explain what it means. If your child is interested, encourage them to do some research about the word when they get home.

Talk about the day on your way home. Ask your child which part of the trail they enjoyed the most and what their favourite new word is.



This trail is inspired by *The Lost Words: A Spell Book*, words by Robert Macfarlane and illustrations by Jackie Morris.

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