

# THE DAY THE JUNGLE-NET BROKE

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*Illustrated by Ian Smith*



# TEACHING NOTES

## SYNOPSIS

When the jungle-net breaks, Miles the Monkey panics. Without his i-tree, how will he tree-time his family? How will he order bananas from his Just Peel app? It feels disastrous. But with all this time on his hands, and no screens around, Miles discovers there's a bit more to a good monkey-life than he realised.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Marleen is a writer with a huge passion for children's literature. She is a bit of an accidental nomad; she grew up in the Netherlands, but has been doing the expat thing for almost twenty years. She has spent most of that time in various countries in Southern Africa, working with nonprofits, and co-founding a couple of travel companies. She now travels between South Africa, the UK and Cyprus with her partner and two sons, and mostly tries to avoid cold weather. She's happiest when writing fun children's stories, preferably in the sun, preferably barefoot.

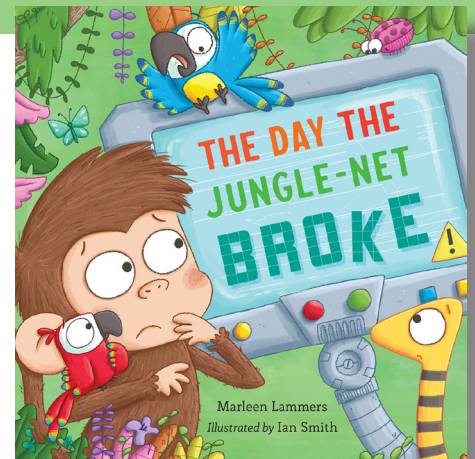
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## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Ian was born and raised in a little village in the West Midlands. While growing up, he spent much of his time playing in the mud with his plastic dinosaurs, reading about dinosaurs or chasing his little sisters while pretending to be a dinosaur. But even more than dinosaurs, he loved to draw. With a box of crayons, he could be happy for hours – in fact, some of his best work has been in crayon on his mum's walls! He always knew he wanted to be an artist (or a dinosaur!). When he got a bit older and the house had run out of walls for him to scribble on, he moved to Bristol to study for a BA in illustration at the University of the West of England. Since then, he's continued to draw and write funny stories, creating characters like the ones that had fired his imagination as a child, and before he knew it, he'd turned into an illustrator (and not a dinosaur after all). Ian can be contacted on Instagram: [@ian\\_smith\\_illustration](#)

## EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

*The Day the Jungle-net Broke* is a fun way to introduce children to the importance of boundaries with technology. With fun animal characters and a jungle setting, readers are taught that it's good to apply some moderation when it comes to screens and that they can benefit from both worlds.

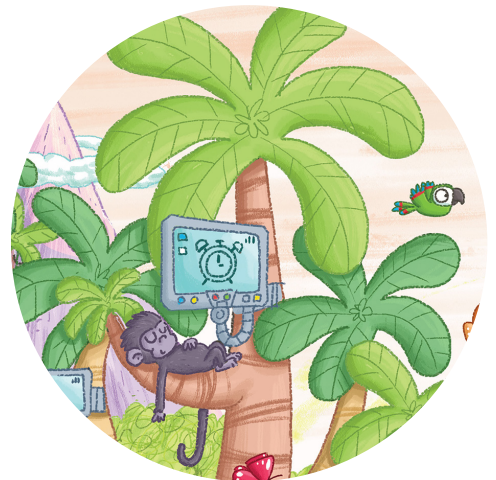


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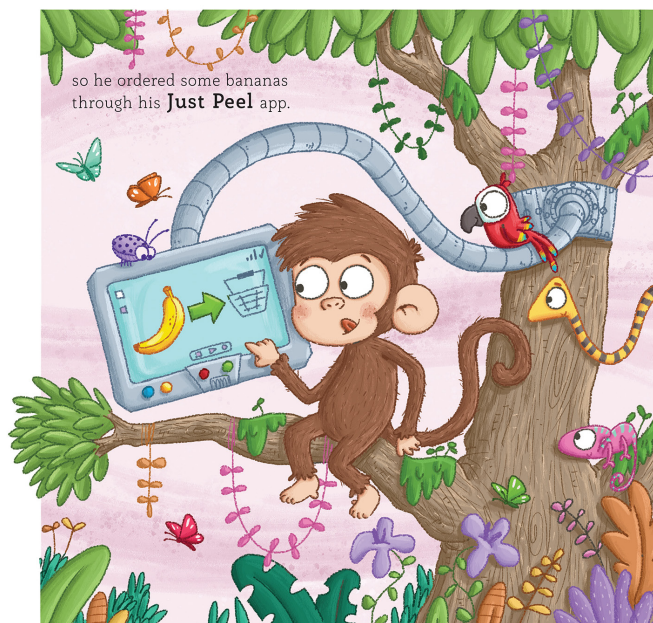
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# DISCUSSION TOPICS

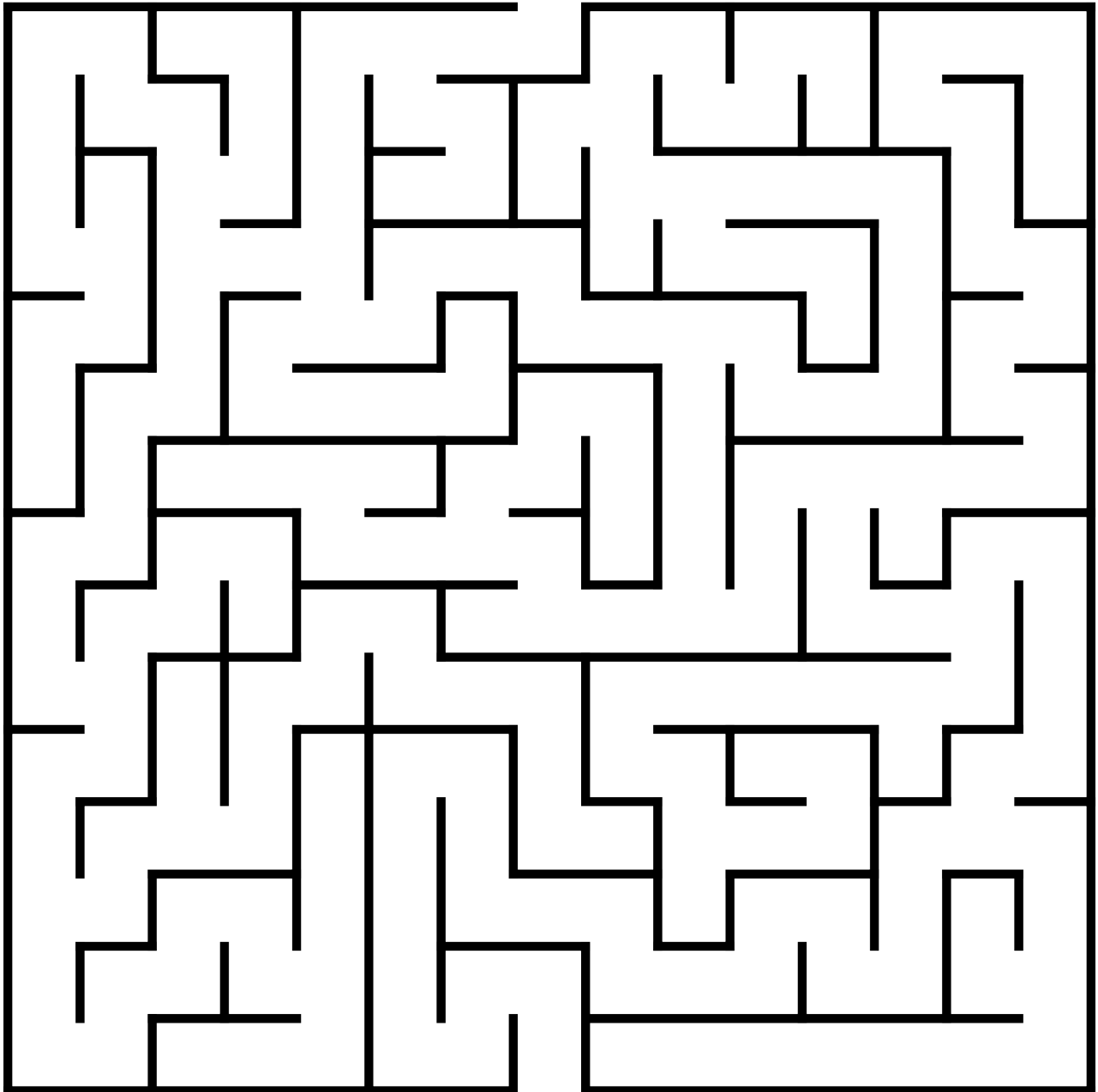
Before, during and after reading the book

1. Introduce *The Day the Jungle-net Broke* to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about.
2. Ask the children what they think the 'jungle-net' is.
3. Ask the children if they spend time on their screens every day. How much time?
4. Ask what they do when they aren't on screens.
5. Why is Miles the Monkey upset? How would you feel if you couldn't go on a screen when you wanted to?
6. What does Miles the Monkey get up to when there is no screen time?
7. At the end of the day, what does Miles the Monkey realise?
8. Ask the children what they would do with their time if they couldn't use screens for a week. This might get their imagination going and inspire some fun active play.
9. After reading the book, ask them what they thought of the story. Which was their favourite part and why?

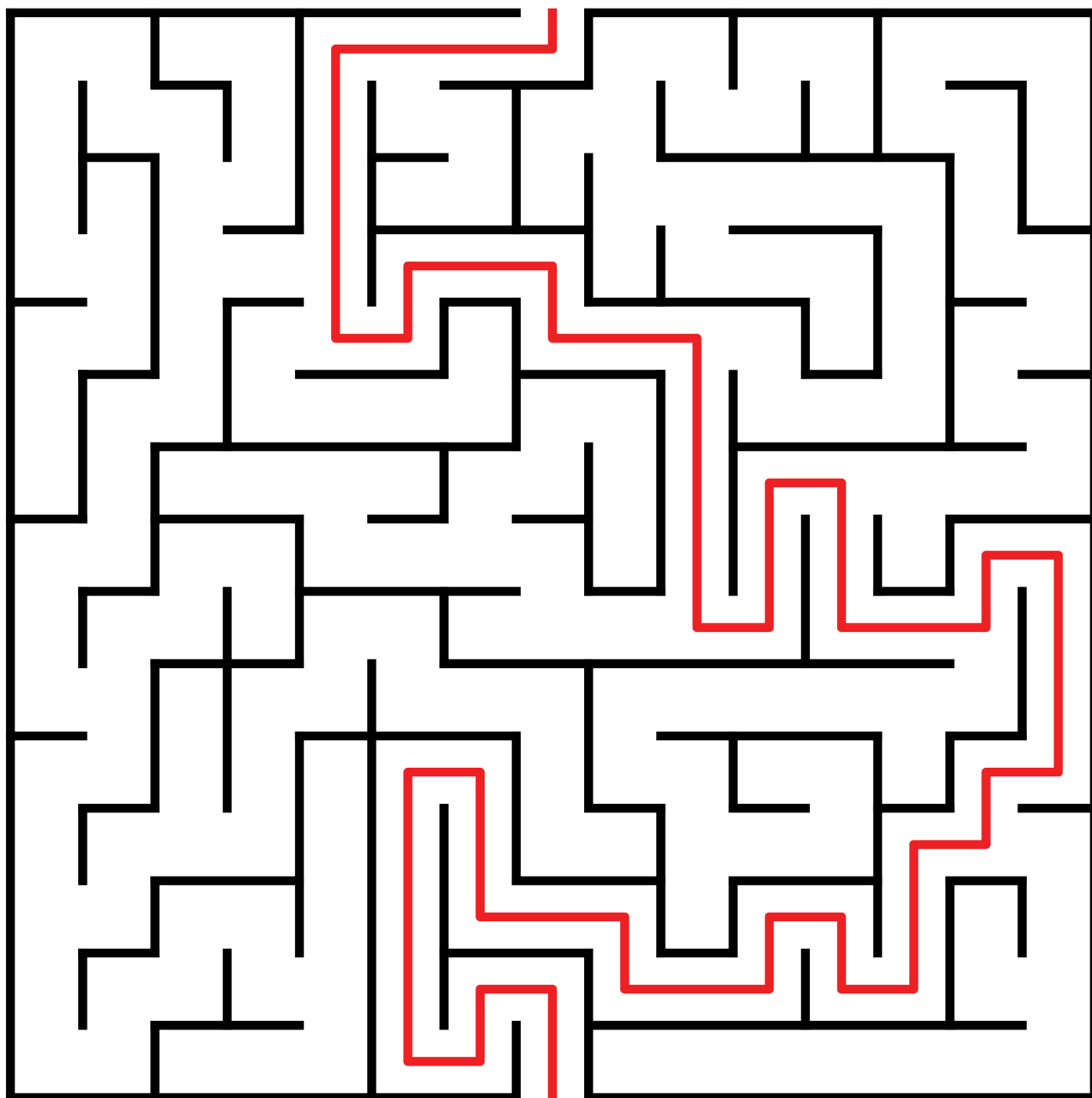


# A-MAZE-ING MILES

Can you help Miles the Monkey meet up with Matha?



# SOLUTION TO THE WORDSEARCH ACTIVITY





# WORDSEARCH

Find all the words below in the *The Day the Jungle-net Broke* wordsearch.

Name:

Class:

Date:

## word search

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T	P	V	L	E	O	T	U	R
N	M	O	N	K	E	Y	N	S
L	M	A	R	T	H	A	F	M
E	I	N	L	O	G	R	A	M
T	L	A	E	C	I	S	S	L
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E	S	A	T	Q	J	L	S	S



FRIENDS  
JUNGLE  
LETTER  
MAIL

MALCOLM  
MARGO  
MARTHA  
MASON

MILES  
MONKEY  
SCREEN  
SNAIL



# SOLUTION TO THE WORDSEARCH

## Answer Sheet

### word search

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T P V L E O T U R  
N M O N K E Y N S  
L M A R T H A F M  
E I N L O G R A M  
T L A E C I S S L  
T E G M E O R S I  
E S I N N R L H A  
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# DRAWING ACTIVITY

Have a go at drawing all the fun activities that you do with your friends.







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