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A KID'S GUIDE TO MOVING HOUSE

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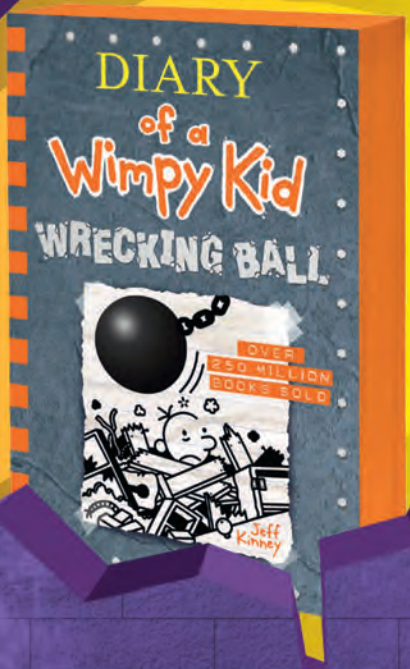
With a little help from Greg Heffley and the team behind the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books, we've written a guide full of top tips to prepare you for everything you'll need when moving home. You'll find lots of fun activities in this booklet that will help you prepare, from packing to discovering your new neighbourhood, there's loads of fun to be had!



PURPLEBRICKS SAYS:

Moving home can be a strange experience, but also really exciting! There might be lots of different reasons why you're moving, but one thing's for sure, it'll be a really big adventure...

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN THAT BRAIN?

Use the brain below to write down or draw some of the things you're thinking about for your house move.

PURPLEBRICKS SAYS:

It's totally normal to feel a bit scared when you're facing a big change, so don't worry if you're feeling a bit wobbly about your move. Chat to your parents or guardians about your fears. Sharing and talking about your issues can often make you feel a lot better. Maybe jot down any questions so it's easier to chat them through.

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PURPLEBRICKS SAYS:

It feels good to have a sense of control over what's happening in your world, so why not sit down and list all the fantastic things about moving house? Making new friends, learning new activities, or starting a completely new life can be hugely exciting. The more positive you think, the more positive you will feel.

INCREDIBLY AWESOME THINGS ABOUT MOVING TO A NEW HOUSE!

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PURPLEBRICKS SAYS:

Ignoring your worries can make things worse. So why not make a space for them by creating a worry box? Decorate an old shoe box and cut a letter box shaped hole in the lid. If you think of anything that's worrying you, you can post them in here and then go through them with an adult later on.

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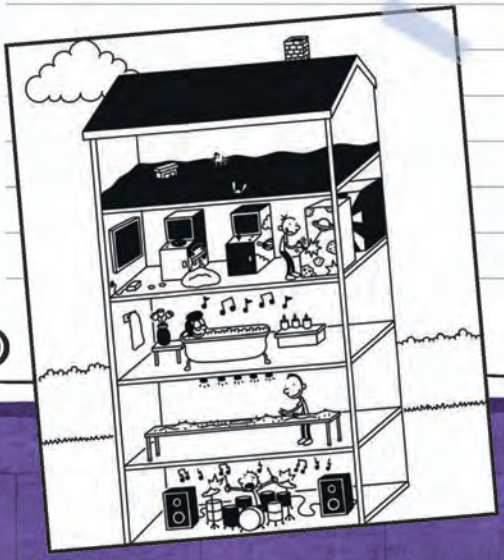
Design your DREAM HOUSE

Your family might have already picked your new home, but if you were to design your own dream house, what would it look like? In *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball*, Greg has big plans for his dream house! What kind of cool home would you build for yourself? Draw it below:



Ask a grown-up to take a photo of your dream home and share it with us

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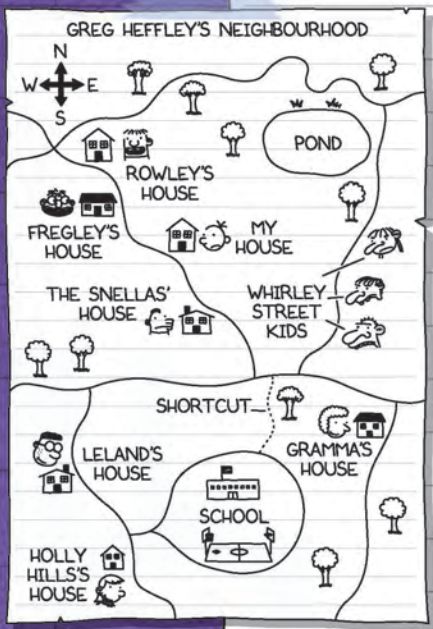
PURPLEBRICKS SAYS:

If you are moving to a completely new area, it can be really helpful to spend some fun days there before you move. Knowing where all the fun places are, like the local parks, can make a new place feel much more like home.

MAP YOUR NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD

Once you've visited your new neighbourhood, use the space below to draw a map of where the new, fun places are located.

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



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PACKING UP

In *Wrecking Ball*, Greg and his family start to prepare for moving home. Can you spot 10 differences in this *Wrecking Ball* cartoon?

ANSWERS

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CREATE A PACKING LIST

Write down some of the things you need to pack up in your bedroom.

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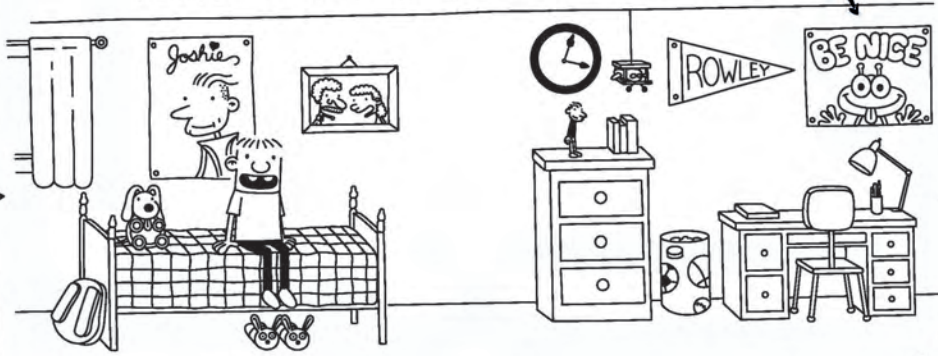
THEN, GIVE ROWLEY'S ROOM A COOL NEW COLOUR SCHEME



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PURPLEBRICKS SAYS:

Before you move, pick a plant that you can take to your new home. When you arrive, get your parents or guardians to help you plant it, because this will make you feel that you are putting down new roots, whilst remembering those you have left behind.

HOUSE AND HOME

Can you find all of the household objects in the word search?

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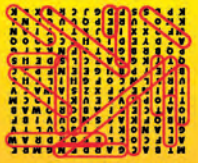
SOFA BATHTUB COOKER FRIDGE
TOILET BED TABLE WARDROBE
BOOKSHELF GARDEN SHED CURTAINS
TELEVISION SINK CHAIR HOT TUB

ANSWERS



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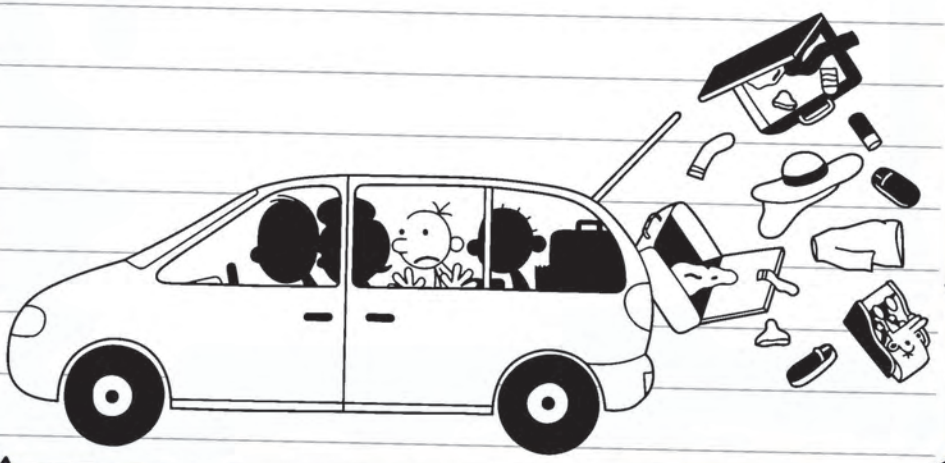
YOUR TRAVEL MUST-HAVE

What's one thing you can't travel without? Draw it below!



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Make your own TIME CAPSULE

Before you move to your new house, you could create a time capsule filled with memories of how you lived your life in your old home. Many years later you could open the capsule with your family and share your memories! Write down your favourite memories of your old house and the item you'd put in the time capsule to represent that memory.

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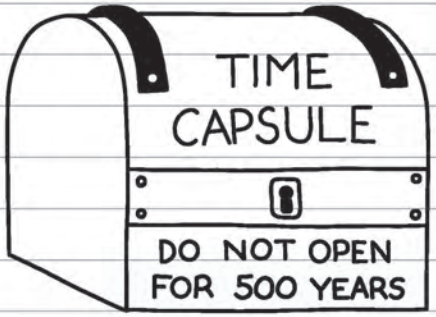

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PURPLEBRICKS SAYS:

Create a wish list of all the things you might want to try when you move house. You might want to join a new football or gymnastics team, start to learn a musical instrument, or join a local drama group. A move can be a fresh start so why not try something new?

A SUPER AWESOME LIST OF THINGS TO DO ONCE YOU MOVE

Write a list of the new things you'd like to try when you move.

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PURPLEBRICKS SAYS:

It might be hard to believe, but sometimes scaring yourself can be good for you, because it builds a thing called resilience. That means you'll get better at handling difficult things in the future. Ask your parents or guardians to take you rock climbing, or decide to overcome a fear of creepy crawlies – you might find out you have the courage to cope with things you thought you were too scared to try.

GREG AND ROWLEY'S BIGGEST FEARS

Greg and Rowley have had to overcome a lot of fears in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books!

Test your Wimpy Kid knowledge and try and remember which book each of the cartoons below is from.

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A) The Last Straw
B) Double Down
C) Hard Luck

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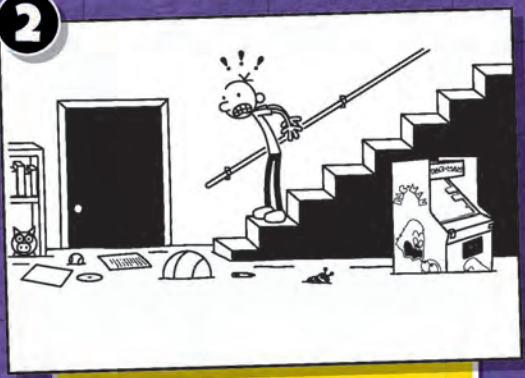

A) Dog Days
B) Cabin Fever
C) Rodrick Rules

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A) The Third Wheel
B) The Getaway
C) Cabin Fever

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A) Old School
B) The Long Haul
C) The Ugly Truth

ANSWERS: 1 B 2 B 3 C 4 A

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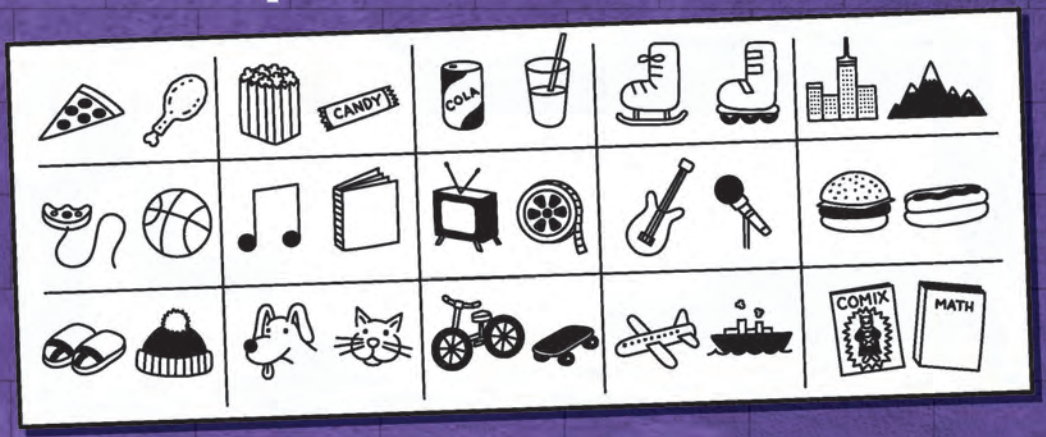
FRIENDSHIP COMPATIBILITY TEST

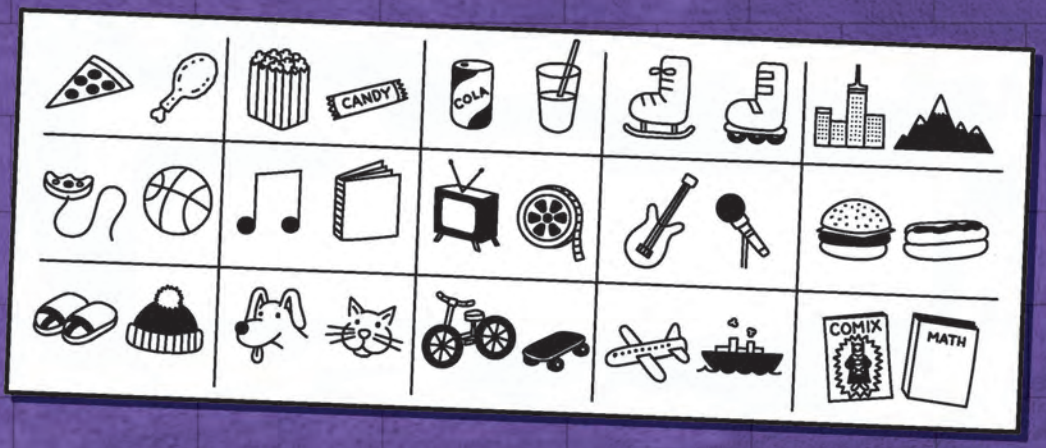
Want to see if you and your friends are a good match? First, go through each pair of items below and circle the one you like best. Then have your friend go through the same list and make their selections. See how well your answers match up!

PURPLEBRICKS SAYS:

Your new area may be buzzing with loads of activities and fun things to do. Think about all the new friends you can make and experiences that you are going to have. The possibilities are endless!

Friendship COMPATIBILITY TEST





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PURPLEBRICKS SAYS:

It's completely normal for new changes to sometimes feel a bit scary. But give them a little time, and things can slowly become familiar. Thinking about all the new things you have coming your way can be exciting! Looking at them as an opportunity to learn new experiences can really help you to feel positive about your new move.

WRITE A MOVING HOME STORY : PART 1

Imagine there is a new Wimpy Kid book where Greg and his family actually move home. What would you call the new book? Design a cover for the story below and include your title!

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WRITE A MOVING HOME STORY: PART 2

Use the next two pages to write your own moving home story. You could include funny moments and lots of drawings, like the Wimpy Kid books. If you're struggling for ideas, have a look at *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball* for inspiration!

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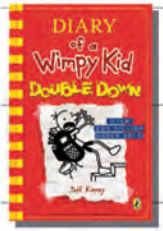

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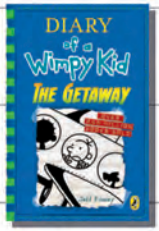

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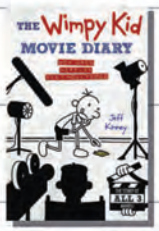

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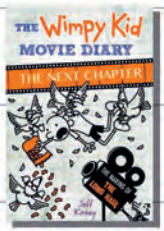

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