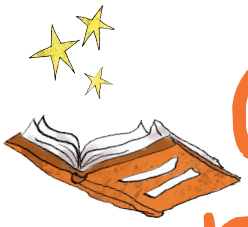

Can you beat our reading challenge?

Reading for Readathon? Anything goes... but if you're looking for a challenge, how many of these can you say you've read:

1. **A newspaper, magazine or comic**
   There'll be lots in your local library - pick one up that you've never tried before, it might surprise you!

2. **Read with your ears!**
   Listen to a podcast, audiobook or ask your mum to read to you. You're never too old for a bedtime story!

3. **Brilliant biographies!**
   Think of someone you admire and read their story. From Michelle Obama to David Attenborough - there's no shortage of inspiration!

4. **Every song tells a story**
   Read the lyrics to your favourite song, then sing it!

5. **Read it before you see it!**
   Check out upcoming film releases and challenge yourself to read the book first. It might bring out your inner Spielberg!

6. **Going for gold!**
   Love sport? Read the sports pages of a newspaper or seek out the life story of your sporting hero.

7. **Poems, please!**
   If you're looking for a quick reading fix, why not try a poem or six!

8. **Old favourites**
   Re-read a favourite book from your younger years. Ours include *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen.

9. **Top Trumps!**
   Challenge your best mate to a classic game of Top Trumps – you could even have a go at making your own!

10. **And a classic is born...**
    Find a book published in the year you were born and give it a read.

11. **An award-winner!**
    Take a look at the shortlists for a reading award like Oscar's Book Prize or the Carnegie Award - and see if you agree with the judges!

12. **A trip of a lifetime!**
    Where would you love to visit? Use travel brochures and guides, the internet and atlases to find out more about your dream destination.

13. **It's the way you tell 'em!**
    Read a joke book and test out your favourites on friends and family.

14. **Family favourites!**
    What did your parents or grandparents enjoy reading when they were your age? Maybe you could both read it at the same time.

15. **Read it, then eat it!**
    Find a cookery book or look online and be inspired by the recipes. Bake it, and enjoy the results over another good book.

16. **'To be or not to be?'**
    Read a playscript - from Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* to J.K. Rowling's *Fantastic Beasts* original screenplay - it'll bring out the actor in you!

17. **Truth is stranger than fiction**
    So said Mark Twain in 1897. Find fascinating facts in an encyclopaedia or wonder at weird record breakers.

18. **Reading rules, ok!**
    No literally, try reading some rules - dig out the instructions to a game you've never played, and then give the game a go!

And don't stop there... what's your next reading challenge!

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