

# Discussion/Activity Ideas

## Chapter One

a.

At the beginning of book one, Dil is getting very frustrated with her sewing. Dil ends up giving her sewing to Mamapapa Dandel to do. Do you think this is a good idea? Why/why not? What could Dil do differently next time?



b.

The gollogeen boys once dared Gurrem to walk to the end of the weakest branch of a tree. Gurrem broke his leg. This was not a good dare. What does the word “dare” mean to you? Have you ever carried out a dare? When is a dare “good” or “bad”?

## Chapter Two

a. Russet eats something that upsets his stomach. Have you ever had an upset stomach? What happened? How do you decide which food is good to eat?

b.

Bottlebrush decides to run away from Chaser, but Russet decides to hide in the drey instead. Who do you think made the best choice? What would you do yourself?

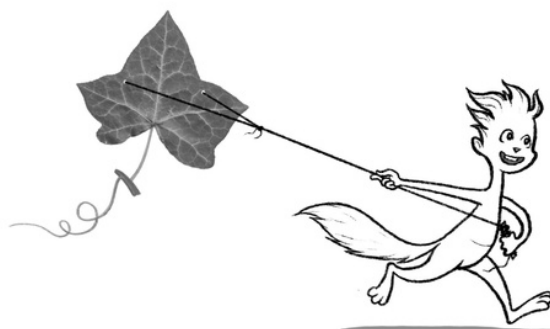


## Chapter Three

a. Monty likes to play hide-and-seek with the woodlice. What playground games do you think these insects would be good at?

- a bee
- a snail
- a grasshopper

b. When she runs to call the antbulance, Dil has to be very brave and do something she thinks she can't do. When have you had to be very brave? How did you feel afterwards?



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## Chapter Four

a. Which of these adjectives do you think best describe how Indigo and Gurrem feel when Evie and Jake spot them? Why? Which adjectives don't sound right at all? Why?

nervous	excited	happy
terrified	curious	thrilled

b. If you wanted to spot some gollogans, how would you go about it? What things might you bring with you? Draw a picture of your gollogan-spotting kit.

## Chapter Five

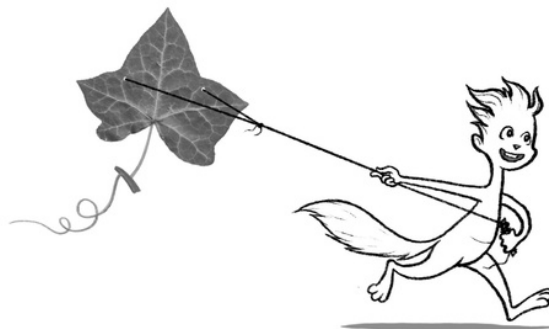
a. In this chapter, we learn about what gollogans drink from and what their beds are made of. Invent your own gollogan toy or game. What things from nature will you use? Can you draw a picture of it?

b. Would you have followed the gollogans into the tunnel? Why/why not? What would you do if a gollogan offered you some elderberry cordial in an acorn cup?

## Chapter Six

a. When setting off for the giant's house, Dil realises she has forgotten her bravery cape. What things make you feel brave? What would you do without them?

b. Dil and Indigo play a game of naming all the yellow flowers they know. Play a game of seeing who can say or write down the most flower names in one minute. You could play it in pairs or as a class. Play it again naming insects or woodland animals.



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## Chapter Seven

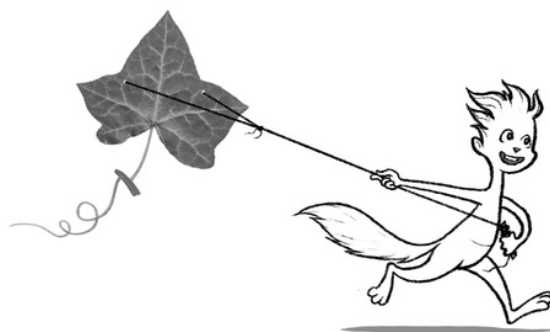
- a. Imagine as soon as you arrived at your classroom, you shrank to the size of a gollogan.
- What things would you like to do if you were that size? Where would you like to explore?
  - What things would you do when you got home?
  - What things would be easier if you were tiny? What things would be harder?
- b. What do you do with your rubbish?
- Come up with a list of all the things that could happen when people don't put their rubbish where it belongs.
  - Imagine you are Evie or Jake and make a large poster for the gollogans to tell the giants about the problems their rubbish is causing.

## Chapter Eight

- a. Dil is nervous about sleeping away from home. Have you ever slept away from home? How did it make you feel?
- b. What would you do if two gollogans came to you asking for help cleaning up the woodland?
- How could you help them with cleaning up the woodland?
  - How would you look after the gollogans while they were in your house?

## Chapter Nine

- a. Evie has a lot of things lying around her room. Do you like tidying? Why/why not? What are some of the good things about keeping things tidy?
- b. If a gollogan came into your classroom, would they think it was tidy? What things might they spot? (You can wear your gollogan mask to help with the spotting, if you like!)



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## Chapter Ten

- a. Head out on a litter hunt around the school playground or in a local woodland.
- b. Learn how to call the emergency services.

## Chapter Eleven

- a. The gollogans enjoy playing “dogapult” at the Quinns’ house. What exciting game do you most like to play? Can you draw a picture of it?
- b. The gollogans enjoy living in a house for a change. What might you enjoy about living like a gollogan out in the wild?

## Chapter Twelve

- a. The gollogans have had to say goodbye to Carrickgollogan and Evie has to say goodbye to the gollogans. Paint a picture of a time when you have had to say goodbye. What colours will you use?
- b. Think about the book as a whole and consider the following questions:
  - Which of the following is your favourite character? Why?
    - Dil, Daffi, Indigo, Gurrem, Monty, Bretia, Verdant, Evie, Jake, Mam.
  - What is your favourite part of the book? Why?
  - What is your least favourite part of the book? Why?

