

An illustration of a magical street scene at night. In the center, a large, bearded man in a brown fur coat (Hagrid) stands with a white owl (Errol) perched on his hand. To his right, a young boy with glasses (Harry Potter) stands looking towards the viewer. The street is lined with stone buildings, lit by candles and street lamps. Other characters, including a witch in a red robe and a wizard in a blue robe, are visible in the background. The title 'Harry Potter' is written in a large, white, stylized font across the top, with a lightning bolt through the letter 'P'.

Harry Potter

Summer Reading Event Kit

For ages 8+

This Harry Potter Summer Reading Event Kit is the perfect way to get young readers excited about books! Inside you'll find everything you need to host a magical Harry Potter summer reading extravaganza—from group games to printable activities.

The Magical World of Harry Potter

This bestselling series by J. K. Rowling follows boy wizard Harry Potter and his faithful friends as they embark on an epic battle to save the wizarding (and non-magic Muggle) worlds from the truly evil Lord Voldemort. From his first trip to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, to the suspenseful conclusion of the series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, Harry and his fascinating world are sure to capture your summer readers' attention.

Your Event Kit Includes:

- Event Sign
- Suggested Social Media
- List of Books
- Reproducible Activity Sheets:
 - 1A & 1B: Who Have I Transformed Into? (group)
 - 2A & 2B: More Things That Must Not Be Named (group)
 - 3: King's Crossword Puzzle (individual or pairs)
 - 4: Wand-Making Craft (individual)



Set the Scene

Give your event space a Hogwarts feel by creating Golden Snitch ceiling decorations: paint foam craft balls gold, add a feather to each side, and suspend them from the ceiling using clear thread or fishing line. You can also suspend brooms to serve as Nimbus 2000s and hang banners with House names: Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, Slytherin, and Gryffindor. If you plan to serve refreshments, you can find inspiration from favorite Hogsmeade spots like The Three Broomsticks and Honeydukes. A cream soda or root beer float makes a great stand-in for butterbeer. It might be hard to find Chocolate Frogs and Pepper Imps, so turn up the imagination and create substitutes with things like malt balls and red-hot cinnamon candies.

Read Aloud

To get attendees in a magical mood, begin your event with a reading from your favorite Harry Potter book. Any book from your shelves will do!



Fun and Games

Use the following reproducible activities to turn what is sure to be a fun day into a spectacular event!

Activity #1: Who Have I Transformed Into? (handouts 1A and 1B, group)

In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Harry, Ron, and Hermione are convinced that Draco Malfoy is the Heir of Slytherin. To hear him admit this, they drink Polyjuice Potion and pose as Malfoy's friends, Crabbe and Goyle.

For this activity, attendees will imagine that after taking a sip of Polyjuice Potion, they've been transformed into a character from the Harry Potter series!

To find out which character they are supposed to be, attendees will have to ask each other a series of "yes" or "no" questions. This activity can also be used as a simple icebreaker to get kids up, moving around, and talking to one another.

Prepare Ahead:

- 1) Print out one copy of the **Who Have I Transformed Into? (1A)** handout and cut out the nametags.
- 2) Photocopy the **Who Have I Transformed Into? (1B)** list of character names for attendees to reference.
- 3) Have tape available.

During the Activity:

- 1) Make sure that attendees have space to move around the room.
- 2) Discuss the activity and rules, making sure that everyone understands how to play.
- 3) Read the list of names aloud. If there are more attendees than names on the sheet, use the blank spaces to come up with additional character names as a group.
- 4) Use tape to attach a nametag to each attendee's forehead or back, making sure that no one sees his or her own nametag.

Rules:

- 1) The goal is to be the first person to figure out whom he or she has transformed into.
- 2) When you say "go," players will begin to move around the room asking each person they encounter a yes-or-no question (e.g., "Am I a professor?" or "Do I wear glasses?") to help them guess the name on their nametag.
- 3) When players meet, each person should ask only one question and answer only one question before moving on to question another player. If they run out of people to ask before figuring out their name, they may start again.
- 4) The first person to figure out his or her character's name wins the privilege of being the first player in the next group game, or you may choose to award other prizes. Repeat the game as many times as you would like, as time allows.



Activity #2: More Things That Must Not Be Named

(handouts 2A and 2B, group)

Wizards in the world of Harry Potter will do anything to avoid saying the word “Voldemort” out loud. In this game, each participant will get a card. On each card will be the name of an item from Harry Potter’s world and a list of forbidden words that the participant is not allowed to say in their description of that item.

Prepare Ahead:

- 1) Photocopy one **More Things That Must Not Be Named (2A)** handout for the host to read to participants.
- 2) Photocopy two **More Things That Must Not Be Named (2B)** handouts. (One is to be cut into cards, and one is for the host to reference during the game.)
- 3) Have a hat or box available.
- 4) Cut out the cards on the **More Things That Must Not Be Named (2B)** handout and place them in the hat or box.

During the Activity:

- 1) Gather attendees in a circle.
- 2) Have attendees come up one by one and pick a card from the hat or box.
- 3) Have them attempt to describe that word without using any of the other words on the card, while the rest of the group tries to guess the word.
- 4) Use your own copy of **More Things That Must Not Be Named (2B)** handout to follow along and alert them if they use any of the forbidden words.

Activity #3: King’s Crossword Puzzle

(individual or pairs)

Test fans’ knowledge of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* with this challenging crossword puzzle. Attendees might find it fun to put their heads together in pairs for this activity.

Prepare Ahead:

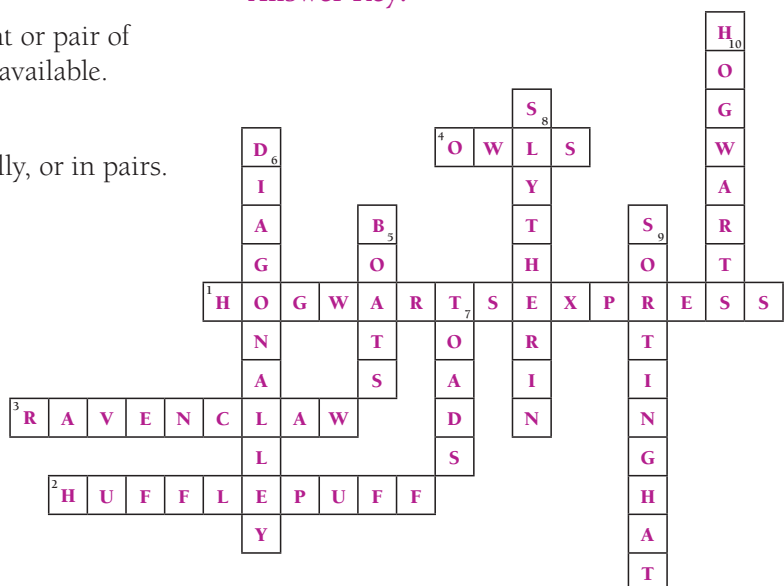
Photocopy one handout per participant or pair of participants and have pens or pencils available.

During the Activity:

- 1) This activity can be done individually, or in pairs.
- 2) Use the answer key to offer help.



Answer Key:



Activity #4: Wand-Making Craft (individual)

Have attendees design their own wands! Encourage them to think of what materials would best match their personalities.

(Optional) Then have attendees make their own wands using items like straws, paper-towel tubes, chopsticks, or other similar items. Afterwards, they can take their wands home or display them in your window or event space.

Prepare Ahead:

- 1) Photocopy one handout per participant.
- 2) (Optional) Collect wand-making supplies:
 - One wand base per participant (such as straws, paper-towel tubes, or other similar items)
 - Glue and/or hot glue gun for you to assist
 - Various decorations like feathers, glitter, pipe cleaners, stickers, etc.

During the Activity:

- 1) Ask participants to imagine which wand would choose them, and sketch it on the handout.
- 2) (Optional) Distribute craft supplies so participants can build their wands. In *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, Mr. Ollivander explains that each wand gains its power from a magical core, such as a phoenix tail feather, unicorn hair, or dragon heartstring. Encourage participants to find an item with special meaning to them and hide it inside their wand to provide the magical core!



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Leave the Muggle world behind and join us for a magical Summer Reading Event!

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

Contact: _____



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Social Media for Your Harry Potter Summer Reading Event

To promote your Harry Potter event, consider using these suggested social media posts—and get creative!

Things to include:

- Dates and times
- Pictures of the books
- Hashtags for the event and/or your community

Reach out to local schools and organizations and ask them to help spread the word, too!

Consider posting your first messages a week before the actual event, and when it's over, don't forget to post photographs of all the fun projects and activities that participants create. Summer reading is going to reach a whole new level of fun this year—so tweet, post, and let your neighborhood know about it!

Twitter:

- Bring your reader in to visit the world of **#HarryPotter** with us as we fly into **#SummerReading** on (date) !
- We may not have BROOMS, but we certainly have BOOKS! **#SummerReading** with **#HarryPotter** is even BETTER than Quidditch!
- **#SummerReading** is MAGICAL with **#HarryPotter** and **@Scholastic**! Bring your kids in on (date) for all the fun!
- What are you reading this summer? We love the world of **#HarryPotter**! **#SummerReading**
- Hey, **@Scholastic**! This summer, our favorite **#HarryPotter** book is _____
#SummerReading
- Anyone else going to school at **#Hogwarts** this fall? **#SummerReading** with **#HarryPotter** is making us cross our fingers!

Facebook:

- Know any kids that love Harry Potter as much as we do? Have them fly their brooms on over to our HP summer reading event on (date) !
- Bring your reader in to make summer reading magic with us on (date) as we host a Harry Potter event with games and activities!
- Check us out **@Scholastic**! We transformed our library into HOGWARTS at our summer reading event!



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ISBN	PAW PRINTS ISBN	TITLE	PUB DATE	RETAIL	FORMAT
978-0-545-58288-9	9781480614970	HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE	8/27/2013	\$12.99	YAD
978-0-590-35340-3		HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE	9/1/1998	\$24.99	HJK
978-0-590-35342-7		HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE	10/1/1999	\$10.99	PBK
978-0-545-58292-6	9781480614987	HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS	8/27/2013	\$12.99	YAD
978-0-439-06486-6		HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS	7/1/1999	\$24.99	HJK
978-0-439-06487-3		HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS	9/1/2000	\$10.99	PBK
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978-0-439-13635-8		HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN	10/1/1999	\$24.99	HJK
978-0-439-13636-5		HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN	10/1/2001	\$10.99	PBK
978-0-545-58295-7	9781480615021	HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE	8/27/2013	\$14.99	YAD
978-0-439-13959-5		HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE	8/1/2000	\$29.99	HJK
978-0-439-13960-1		HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE	9/1/2002	\$12.99	PBK
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978-0-545-58299-5	9781480615014	HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE	8/27/2013	\$14.99	YAD
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978-0-439-78454-2		HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE	8/1/2005	\$29.99	HJK
978-0-439-78596-9	9781439520758	HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE	9/1/2006	\$12.99	PBK
978-0-439-79132-8		HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE	8/1/2005	\$60.00	HC
978-0-545-02936-0		HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS	8/1/2007	\$39.99	JLB



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Who Have I Transformed Into? (A)

Host Instructions: Cut out the nametags below. (Note: Use only as many nametags as you have attendees. If you have more than twenty-four attendees, reuse some of the names. Or, ask them to come up with additional character names and fill in the blank nametags provided below.)

HARRY POTTER	DOBBY THE HOUSE-ELF	NEARLY HEADLESS NICK
RON WEASLEY	DRACO MALFOY	MRS. NORRIS
HERMIONE GRANGER	TOM RIDDLE	ARAGOG
RUBEUS HAGRID	ARGUS FILCH	DUDLEY DURSLEY
PROFESSOR LOCKHART	PEEVES THE POLTERGEIST	AUNT MARGE
PROFESSOR MCGONAGALL	MOANING MYRTLE	COLIN CREEVEY
PROFESSOR DUMBLEDORE	GREGORY GOYLE	PERCY WEASLEY
PROFESSOR SNAPE	VINCENT CRABBE	THE BASILISK



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Who Have I Transformed Into? (B)

Character Name List

HARRY POTTER

RON WEASLEY

HERMIONE GRANGER

RUBEUS HAGRID

PROFESSOR LOCKHART

PROFESSOR MCGONAGALL

PROFESSOR DUMBLEDORE

PROFESSOR SNAPE

DOBBY THE HOUSE-ELF

DRACO MALFOY

TOM RIDDLE

ARGUS FILCH

PEEVES THE POLTERGEIST

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More Things That Must Not Be Named (A)

Most wizards know not to say the word “Voldemort” aloud. In this game, there are lots of words you’re not allowed to say, so you’ll have to think of other descriptive words instead. To play, read the word on your card to yourself. Then, try to describe that word to the group without using any of the forbidden words listed on your card.

Good luck!

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More Things That Must Not Be Named (B)

Word You Want People To Guess:

WAND

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

MAGIC
FEATHER
OLLIVANDER

Word You Want People To Guess:

POTION

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

MIX
SNAPE
DRINK

Word You Want People To Guess:

PEEVES

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

GHOST
POLTERGEIST
FILCH

Word You Want People To Guess:

STONE

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

ROCK
SORCERER
ALCHEMY

Word You Want People To Guess:

DUMBLEDORE

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

HEADMASTER
HOGWARTS
BEARD

Word You Want People To Guess:

SCAR

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

LIGHTNING
FOREHEAD
HARRY

Word You Want People To Guess:

SORTING

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

HAT
SINGING
HOGWARTS

Word You Want People To Guess:

HAGRID

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

GROUNDKEEPER
MOTORCYCLE
GIANT

Word You Want People To Guess:

OWL

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

MAIL
HEDWIG
INVITATION

Word You Want People To Guess:

PLATFORM

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

TRAIN
THREE-QUARTERS
WALL

Word You Want People To Guess:

SNITCH

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

QUIDDITCH
FLYING
GOLDEN

Word You Want People To Guess:

CLOAK

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

INVISIBILITY
HARRY
FATHER

Word You Want People To Guess:

CHESS

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

RON
KNIGHT
BOARD

Word You Want People To Guess:

UNICORN

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

HORN
HORSE
FIRENZE

Word You Want People To Guess:

VOLDEMORT

Words You Can't Use To Describe It:

YOU-KNOW-WHO
SCAR
HE-WHO-MUST-NOT-BE-NAMED

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King's Crossword Puzzle

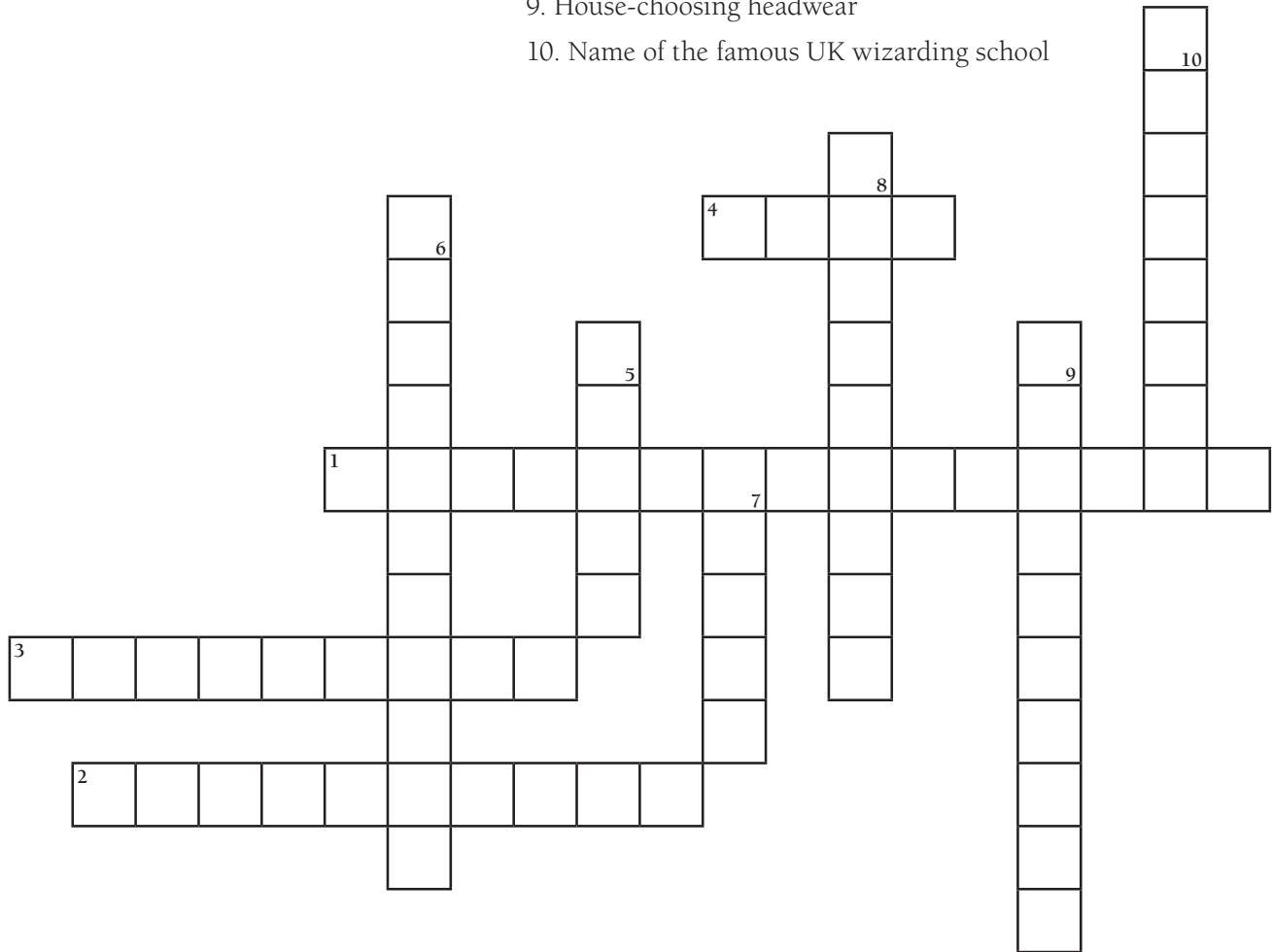
You don't need to be a wizard to know all the answers—but you do need to have read *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*! Test your knowledge of Harry Potter's first year at Hogwarts with the puzzle below.

ACROSS

- Name of the train Harry rides to school
- House that is just, loyal, and patient
- House of wit, learning, and wisdom
- Mail is delivered by these creatures

DOWN

- First year students travel from the train to school using these
- Harry and Hagrid shop for school supplies here
- One of the pets allowed at Hogwarts
- House for cunning folk
- House-choosing headwear
- Name of the famous UK wizarding school



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Wand-Making Craft

The wand chooses the wizard . . .

Maple and phoenix feather. Ebony and unicorn hair. Beechwood and dragon heartstring. Which wand would choose you?

In *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, Harry visits Ollivanders Wand Shop and leaves with the wand that chose him, an unusual combination of holly and phoenix feather. In the space below, sketch *your* wand. You can either draw the wand that chose you on Pottermore, or you can draw the wand you imagine would choose you. What does it look like? What special material would provide its magical core?

Draw your wand. What shape is it? Does it have any distinctive features?

My wand is made of: _____

Its magical core is: _____

My wand is particularly good for (Charms, Transfiguration, Defense Against the Dark Arts, etc.):
