

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

1. Reading time

Read the poem *The Spangled Pandemonium* by Palmer Brown.

2. Rhymes in poetry

Explore rhyme patterns in *The Spangled Pandemonium*.

- Use a felt pen or crayon to highlight the rhyming words in each verse
- On *Rhyming Words*, add as many words as you can to each set and score some points!

3. Writing

What on earth actually IS a spangled pandemonium?!

- On *My Spangled Pandemonium*, draw what you think the creature looks like. Colour in your drawing.
- Now write a description of the creature using full, correctly punctuated sentences.
- Use lots of really good adjectives (describing words) in your writing.

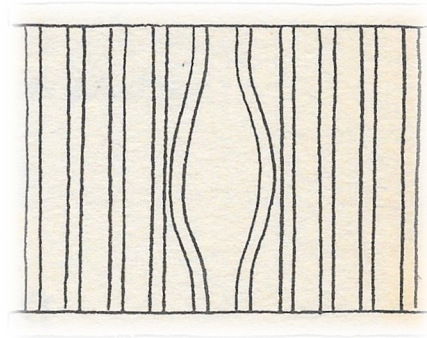
Now try these Fun-Time Extras

- How many words can you make from the letters of the word

p a n d e m o n i u m

- Get a piece of paper, Draw and label a bird's eye view map which shows the route the spangled pandemonium took after he had broken out of his cage. Add your own places and things that are not mentioned in the poem.

The Spangled Pandemonium



The spangled pandemonium
Is missing from the zoo.
He bent the bars the barest bit,
And slithered glibly* through.

He crawled across the moated wall,
He climbed the mango tree,
And when the keeper scrambled up,
He nipped him in the knee.

To all of you a warning
Not to wander after dark,
Or if you must, make very sure
You stay out of the park.

For the spangled pandemonium
Is missing from the zoo,
And since he nipped his keeper,
He would just as soon nip you.

Palmer Brown

* glibly – *easily, smugly, like a show-off*

Rhyming Sets

Give yourself 1 point for each new word you can think of. Give yourself 2 points if you use a different spelling pattern to make the same sound. How many points did you manage to score altogether?

zoo through you	tree knee	dark park

Points:

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Grand total points:

My Spangled Pandemonium

