

"Once upon a time, words began to vanish from the language of children..."



You are now being trusted with a huge secret. The raven is the guardian of The Lost words, a set of words with a powerful magic to bring nature back to life. However, naughty magpie has stolen the Lost Words and raven needs your help to find them.

Will you help raven?

The fate of the planet is in your hands...

Help the raven, save the world and become a guardian of the Lost Words.

Lost words are hidden around key locations in Penhill. When you find one, capture it by writing it down on the reverse. See if you can answer the questions as you go!

The trail takes about 30 minutes from start to finish. Don't forget to share pictures as you take part using the hashtag #SwindonStories on social media.

Unscramble the hidden word using the letters in the boxes and enter the competition for a chance to win prizes for your school. The school that submits the highest number of entries will win £150 in vouchers and a set of books for their school library. The school coming second will receive £100 in vouchers and a set of books, and the school in third place will receive £50 in vouchers and books.

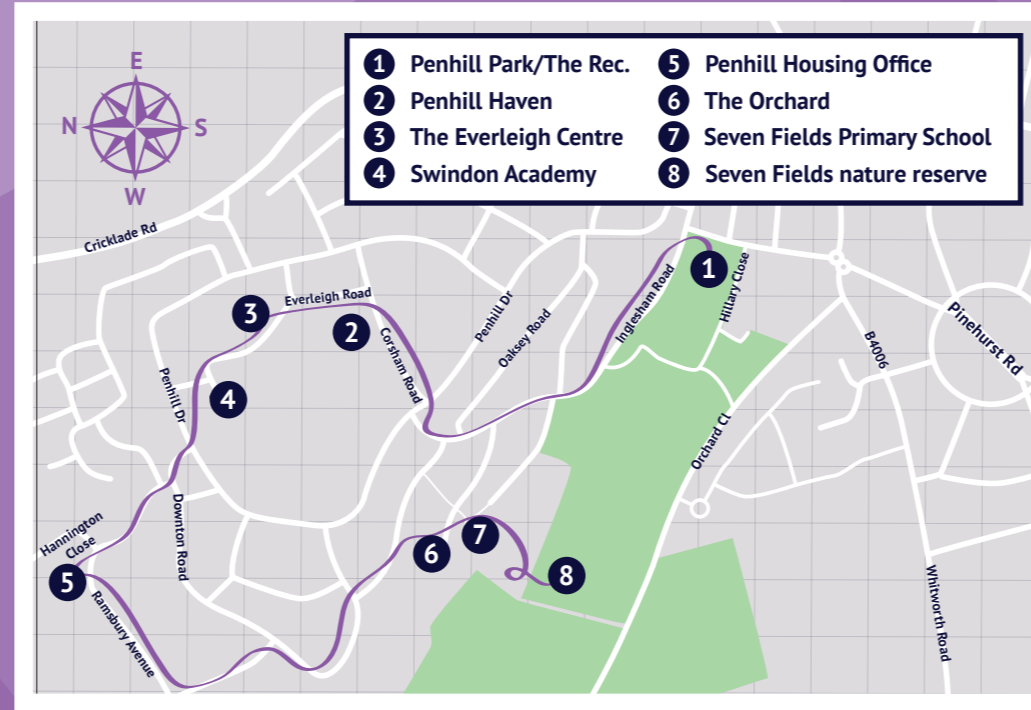
Hidden word:

Parent/carer's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hand your map in at Penhill Library or John Moulton Hall or email your details and the hidden word to [swindonstories@literacytrust.org.uk](mailto:swindonstories@literacytrust.org.uk) to enter. Competition closes at the end of the summer holidays. T&Cs apply.



### Top tips for families

**Walk and talk.** Chat with your child about what you see on the trail. Ask open-ended questions so that the answer is not just a yes or a no.

**Introduce new words into the conversation.** When you use a new word, explain what it means. If your child is interested, encourage them to do some research about the word when they get home.

**Talk about the day on your way home.** Ask your child which part of the trail they enjoyed the most and what their favourite new word is.



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Find out more at [swindonstories.org.uk](http://swindonstories.org.uk).

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## SWINDON STORIES



Inspiring change through words

# THE LOST WORDS TRAIL!

## Penhill, Swindon

Can your family find all the words hidden around the town? Complete the trail and you could win prizes!

#SwindonStories

### 1. Penhill Park/The Rec.

Lost word:

\_\_\_\_\_ [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Can you list three words that rhyme with this animal?

**Unscramble the letters in the boxes to create a new seven-letter word and you could win a prize!  
Hint - it relates to books!**

### 3. The Everleigh Centre

Lost word:

\_\_\_\_\_ [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

This lost word has its own prickly jacket – can you think of any other prickly animals and plants?

### 5. Penhill Housing Office

Lost word:

\_\_\_\_\_

This bird has long legs – can you think of any other birds that have long legs?

### 7. Seven Fields Primary School

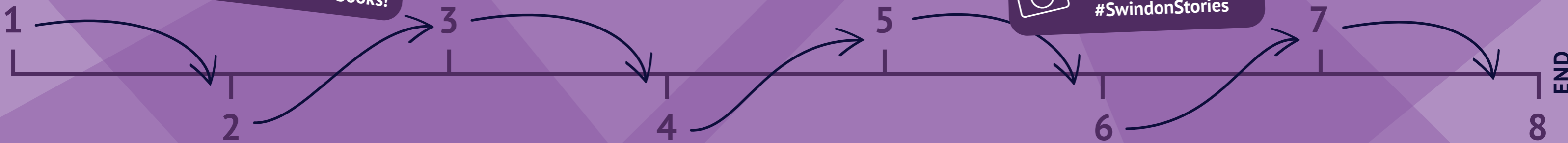
Lost word:

\_\_\_\_\_ [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Can you think of three describing words for this animal?

 Share your photos with us on social media **#SwindonStories**

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### 2. Penhill Haven

Lost word:

\_\_\_\_\_ [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

This plant has a musical instrument in its name. Can you think of any places you might hear it?

### 4. Swindon Academy

Lost word:

\_\_\_\_\_ [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

"One for sorrow, two for joy ..."  
Can you complete the rhyme about this bird?

### 6. The Orchard

Lost word:

[ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Can you think of another plant that has an animal in its name?

### 8. Seven Fields nature reserve

Lost word:

\_\_\_\_\_ [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

This animal is all black. Can you think of another animal that is black too?