

SWINDON STORIES

LOST WORDS TRAIL



Can your family find all the words hidden around the town?
You could win prizes!

This trail is inspired by the book *The Lost Words* by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.

Inspiring change through words



For trail dates and further information visit swindonstories.org.uk.

1. GWR Park, Faringdon Road



Lost word:

How many animals can you name that

2. STEAM – Museum of the Great Western Railway



Lost word:

This word is prickly! Can you name three other things you don't like to touch?

3. Wyvern Theatre



Lost word:

This plant can grow really tall! Do you know how tall you are?

4. Museum of Computing



Lost word:

Draw a picture of the word you find.



Take a walk around Swindon town centre to find the lost words!

Can you answer the questions with your family as you go?

Share your photos on social media as you enjoy the trail using **#SwindonStories**

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5. Swindon Central Library



Lost word:

Can you name three more birds?

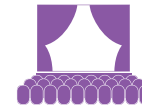
6. Swindon Museum and Art Gallery



Lost word:

What is your favourite colour?
Why do you like it?

7. Swindon Arts Centre



Lost word:

One for sorrow, two for joy, three for a girl, four for a boy... Can you think of three words that rhyme with 'art'?

8. Swindon Town Gardens



Lost word:

Do you think this word is a plant or a flower?

When you have found and written down three or more lost words, complete your details below and hand in the map at Swindon Central Library. You could win prizes including a bundle of books and shopping vouchers!

Parent/carer's name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Talking tips for parents and carers

Walk and talk.

Have a conversation with your child about what you see as you're walking around. Ask open-ended questions so that the answer is not just a yes or a no.

Use language you are comfortable with when speaking with your child.

It will help you and your child communicate well.

Introduce new words into the conversation.

If you use a new word, explain what it means and keep using it as you talk to your child.

Talk about the day on your way home.

Ask your child what part of the trail they enjoyed the most and what their favourite thing they saw was.



Inspiring change through words

The National Literacy Trust Hub in Swindon is known locally as Swindon Stories. In partnership with Swindon Borough Council and WHSmith, Swindon Stories encompasses a range of programmes and activities to equip children and young people in the town with the literacy skills they need to succeed in life.

For more ideas on how to support your child's learning please visit swindonstories.org.uk.