

# THE STORY

The Mallard family is in a bit of a rut. While dad Mack is content to keep his family safe paddling around their New England pond forever, mom Pam is eager to shake things up and show their kids-teen son Dax and duckling daughter Gwen-the whole wide world. After a migrating duck family alights on their pond with thrilling tales of far-flung places, Pam persuades Mack to embark on a family trip, via New York City, to tropical Jamaica.

As the Mallards make their way south for the winter, their well-laid plans quickly go awry. The experience will inspire them to expand their horizons, open themselves up to new friends and accomplish more than they ever thought possible, while teaching them more about each other– and themselves–than they ever imagined.

# TIC-DUCK-TOE

With the help of a parent or guardian, cut out the tokens below. Choose which character you're going to be, and your opponent will be the other character. Taking turns, place one of your character tokens on an empty space on the board. The first player to place three of their character tokens in a row, whether it is horizontal, vertical or diagonal, has won! If neither player is able to get three in a row, the game ends in a tie!



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## WORD SEARCH

Find all 12 hidden words or phrases below by searching forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally!

### PAM

Open-minded, level-headed and quick-witted, Pam is the natural leader of the family. She constantly sticks up for the children and wants to see them grow and experience life beyond the comfort of their pond.

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## COLOUR IN PATCHES

Colour in all of the six patches to bring the characters to life.





Ducks lay more eggs when they are exposed to more daylight.

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## POND MAZE

Can you help Gwen find her way to the centre of the maze?

### GWEN

The youngest and most adorable member of the Mallard family, Gwen is a duckling that is as impressionable as she is cute. Her sweetness and wide-eyed naivety occasionally land them in less-than-ideal situations, but also inspire her family to accomplish things they never thought possible.





## UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

Can you rearrange the letters to spell out words?

### DAX

The elder child of Mack and Pam, Dax is on the edge of adolescence and yearns to be independent. Thrilled they're finally leaving home and going somewhere new, Dax leaps at any chance to be the hero, only to be reeled back in by his dad.

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City ducks have different accents and have a much louder QUACK than country ducks.

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FTHEAERS	
2. LYFING	
3. PDON	
4. LBIL	
5. FILAMY	
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7. ENGW	
8. DCKU	
ARDMALLS	
10. INGWS	

#### **ANSWERS**

I. Feathers6. Migration2. Flying7. Gwen3. Pond8. Duck4. Bill9. Mallards5. Family10. Wings

# **COLOUR IN**

Colour in the picture to bring the characters to life.



Scientists believe most ducks' favourite colour is green.



# **COLOUR IN**

Colour in the picture to bring the scene to life.



Ducks can see 360 degrees around them, and their eyesight is three times more powerful than a human's.



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# FIND AND COUNT

Can you find and count all of the ducks? See how many of each duck you can find, and write the number in the box below.



The average lifespan of a duck is between five and ten years. If properly cared for, though, some breeds can live for up to 20 years!



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## CROSSWORD

By checking all the duck facts in this activity pack, help the Mallards work out the answers to all 8 questions!

### MACK

Mack is the overly-cautious patriarch of the Mallard family. Harbouring irrational fears of the outside world and insisting the family stay in the safe confines of their pond, his character and comfort zone are tested when he finally opens up to the prospect of adventure alongside his family.

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#### DOWN

- 1. HOW LONG CAN DUCKS LIVE?
- 3. WHAT IS A BABY DUCK CALLED?
- 6. HOW MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF DUCKS ARE THERE?

#### **ACROSS**

- 2. HOW FAR CAN DUCKS SEE AROUND THEM?
- 3. WHAT IS A MALE DUCK CALLED?
- 4. WHAT IS A DUCK'S FAVOURITE COLOUR?
- 5. WHAT TYPE OF DUCK HAS A LOUDER QUACK THAN A COUNTRY DUCK?
- 7. WHEN DO DUCKS LAY MORE EGGS?



Ducks have incredibly water-resistant feathers-water simply rolls off them!

**ANSWERS** 

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