

## Activities sheet 9: The dragon that couldn't fly

Let's do some funny activities related to the chapter " *The dragon that couldn't fly*" from the book "*Nico, the little detective*". The first activity should be done before reading the chapter of the book.

### Activity 1: Help Nico solve his case



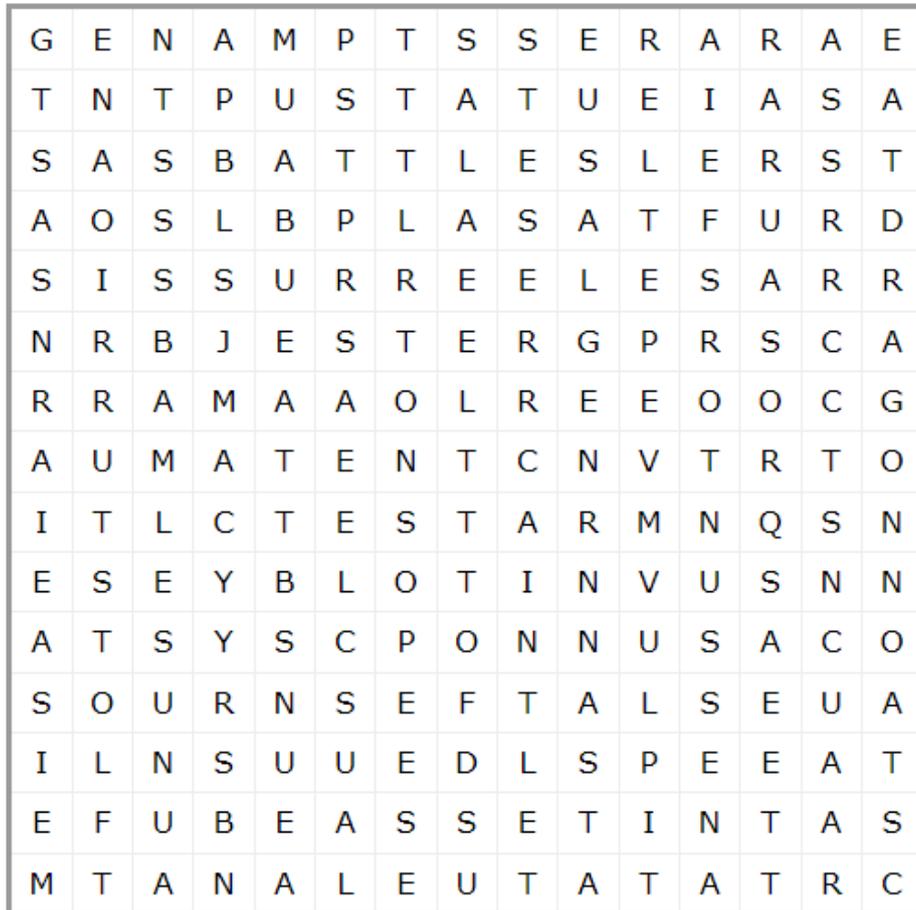
The children in Nico's class are rehearsing a play to be performed at the school's end-of-year festival, called "The dragon that couldn't fly", and Jaime's pants fall down during rehearsal because someone has torn them. Jaime is very angry because the whole class has laughed at him and he's going to tell the teacher that he suspects that the person who broke his pants is one of Nico's three friends: Andrea, Dani or Martina.

Nico tells Jaime not to tell the teacher anything, and he promises to find out who is the guilty one. How will Nico find out which of his friends has done the prank and why? And when he finds out, what will he do to prevent his friend from being punished?

*Imagine a solution to solve this case and write it down to help Nico.*

## Activity 2: Find the words that have been lost

Search for the following words in this word search puzzle: *pants, dragon, Rosaura, jester, suspect, Ulysses, statue, battle.*



## Activity 3: Tell Nico your opinion

In this chapter Nico promises to find the person responsible for a prank, knowing that all the suspects are his friends and that if he discovers the guilty one he will surely be punished.

- How would you act upon this conflict that Nico has? Would you keep your promise or would you prefer that your friend not be discovered?
- Have you ever had a hard time keeping what you promised because it might cause something negative and you decided not to keep your promise? Or have you always kept your promises?
- Discuss with your family and friends what they think about whether promises should always be kept or in some cases not. If in any case it occurs to you that a promise should not be kept, give an example.

### Activity 4: The challenge of Nico's questions

Nico challenges you to answer some questions related to this chapter of the book:

- In this chapter, Nico and his classmates perform a play called "the dragon that couldn't fly", explain the plot of the play in your own words.
- How does Nico manage to discover the person who broke Jaime's pants?
- What scene from the book "The Iliad" about the Trojan War gives Nico the idea for his plan to find out who is to blame?
- Why did they torn Jaime's pants?
- Nico keeps his promise to find out who is guilty of breaking Jaime's pants and at the same time he manages to avoid the punishment for the one who has done the mischief. How does he manage to do both things at the same time?

### Activity 5: Solve Nico's problem

- Imagine that Nico is interrogating his friends to find out who has torn Jaime's pants and this is what his friends answer:
- Dani: Andrea did it.
- Andrea: Guille did it.
- Martina: I did not do it.
- Guille: Andrea lied when she said I did it.

If only one of these statements were true, which of Nico's friends would be guilty?

## Activity 6: Draw Nico's adventures

Draw the scene from the play "The dragon that couldn't fly" where the evil Radurulf is caught by the dragon that has finally learned to fly.



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