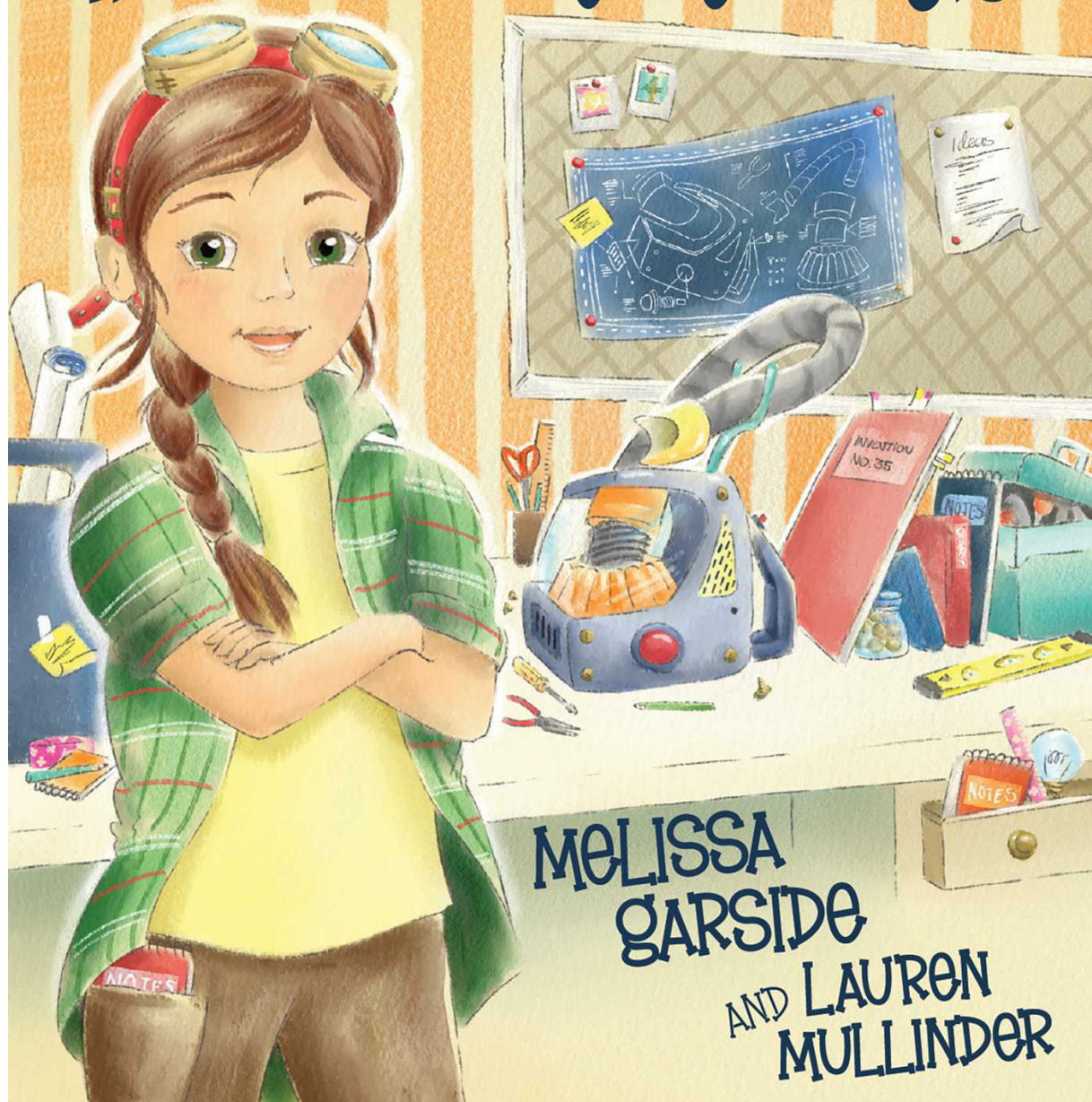


LEXIE MOON

& the Word Burgling Bungle



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Teaching Resources for Years 1-4

ABOUT THE BOOK



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Lexie Moon built her latest invention, The Vocabuliser, to help people learn to say tricky words, like spaghetti and Worcestershire. She secretly tests it on her little sister with amazing results. But the device is stolen by infamous gadget thief, Gizmo Lightfinger, who sees other people's inventions as his ticket to glory.

Out for revenge on the Inventors' Guild after a lifetime ban, Gizmo goes on a gadget stealing spree across town. With Grandad's help, Lexie devises a plan to catch the gadget thief and get her invention back. The pair use her Nose-Knows sniffer tracker device to follow Gizmo's trail and along the way they meet several more victims—all with something in common ...

The trail soon leads them to the thief, who has attached a stolen power booster to The Vocabuliser and renamed it The Word Grabber 9000! An unknown glitch in Lexie's original design has transformed it into a device that steals people's words—all of them—the exact opposite of what Lexie intended!

Determined to bring Gizmo to justice before he can cause anyone else to lose their speech—or claim her invention as his own—Lexie sets out with Grandad to stop the thief in his tracks. But when Grandad is zapped into silence, there is just one thing left to do! And when The Vocabuliser starts to creak and groan, Lexie knows her plan is well on track ... although that little glitch might have one more surprise in store!

Lexie Moon and the Word Burgling Bungle is the first book in the Lexie Moon series.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Melissa Garside brings together her lifelong love of language with a deep understanding of what children love to read, drawn from her years as a teacher.

Melissa lives south of Sydney with her family, their hilarious golden retriever and some entertaining free-ranging chooks.

When she's not writing or teaching, she enjoys getting her hands dirty in the garden, immersing herself in nature and using her family as guinea pigs for her recipe-free kitchen experiments. Melissa also sheepishly admits to collecting books about words and subscribing to online dictionaries.

Lexie Moon and the Word Burgling Bungle is Melissa's debut junior fiction book.

Find out more about Melissa at: www.melissagarside.com

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Lauren is an illustrator, graphic designer, artist and educator. Based in her home studio in Adelaide, South Australia, Lauren spends her time illustrating children's books, exploring the natural world and developing workshops in art, drawing fundamentals and environment design.

Lauren has illustrated a number of children's books, with her latest junior fiction released in early 2025. With a background in advertising, marketing and graphic design, she has developed graphics for a number of educational publications, programmed marketing campaigns and contributed to a number of commercial projects. She loves visiting schools and running illustration workshops, where children have a hands on experience creating their own designs and characters.

Lauren is currently the Regional Coordinator, South Australia for SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writer's and Illustrators), a member of Adelaide Illustrators and CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) and was previously the Program Manager for Writers SA.

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VOCABULARY BUILDING

Choose words from the list to complete the worksheet.
Use a dictionary or thesaurus to help you.

A.

CHOOSE A WORD

invention	diagram
machine	slurp
cutlery	concentrate
fabulous	swirl
vanish	grin

Circle the correct part of speech

noun	verb	adjective	adverb
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Meaning: _____

Examples: _____

Synonyms: _____

Sentence: _____

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CREATIVE CATEGORIES!

This is a game for 2 or more players and is great for teams!
One player (or teacher) chooses a letter of the alphabet. Write down all the words you can think of that begin with that letter in each category in 5 minutes.
After 5 minutes, circle any words that are different to other players'/teams' answers.
Each circled word scores 1 point.

Letter: _____

Gadgets	Types of pasta	Hobbies	Snacks
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Tools	Words for 'good'	Transport	Shops
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

WORDSEARCH



Can you find all the words from the list?

Brainstorm	Grandad	Notebook
Build	Handkerchief	Oaxaca
Burglar	Inventor	Spaghetti
Create	Lexie	Toolbox
Design	Lightfinger	Vocabuliser
Gadget	Machine	Worcestershire



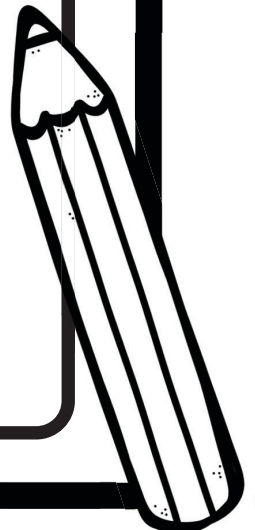
DESIGN YOUR OWN GADGET

If you could invent your own gadget what would it be?
Draw and label a diagram of it in the box below.

My gadget is called:

What my gadget does:

My gadget looks like:



INVENTION INVESTIGATION

Investigate an invention that helps people.
Fill in the table below with the information you find.

Name of invention: _____

Name of inventor: _____

Year invented: _____

Draw a diagram of your chosen invention.

Describe your chosen invention.

What does it look like? What does it do? How does it help people?



That's interesting!

Write down 3 interesting facts about the invention.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What are the pros and cons of your chosen invention?



PRO



CON

Do you think it is a good invention? Why or why not? _____

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Nominative determinism is when people choose jobs that suit their names. For example, in Lexie Moon and the Word Burgling Bungle, Gizmo Lightfinger is a gadget thief.

A. What jobs do you think would suit people with these names?

Name	Job	Name	Job
Mr Green		Mrs Blizzard	
Ms Burns		Madame Graves	
Prof Brain		Mr Forrest	
Mr Rush		Miss Cash	
Miss Cable		Mr Flowerdew	

B. What names would suit someone with these jobs?

Job	Name	Job	Name
Doctor		Zookeeper	
Cleaner		Shop owner	
Chef		Scientist	
Hairdresser		Astronaut	
Accountant		Acrobat	
Newsreader		Weightlifter	
Pirate		Bus driver	
Teacher		Football player	

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

After reading Lexie Moon and the Word Burgling Bungle, think of an event from the story and rewrite it as a newspaper article.

The Daily News

Price: _____

Date: _____

Write your headline here

Article by: _____

Draw your picture here