

# TEACHING NOTES:

## RUBY'S REPAIR CAFE

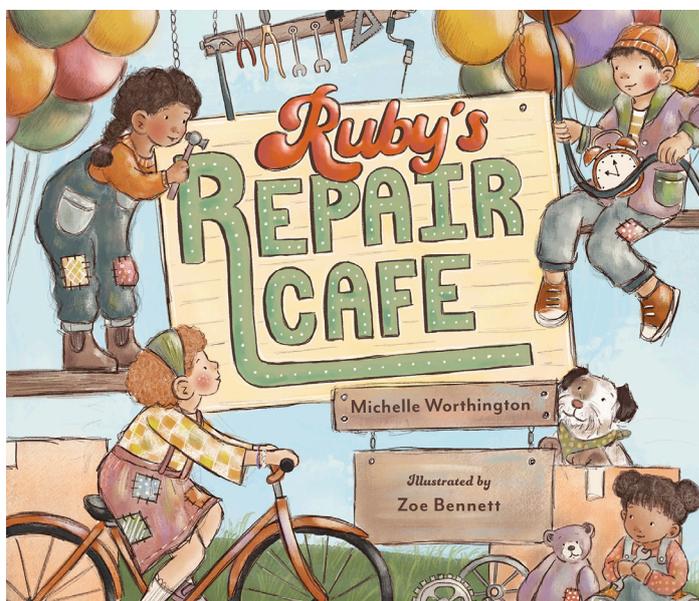
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### SYNOPSIS

Ruby loves to fix things, rather than throwing them away. When a shiny new department store opens next door to *Ruby's Repair Cafe*, everyone in town soon forgets about fixing things. But will Ruby be able to save her family business from big business before the rubbish takes over the town?

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michelle Worthington is an internationally published and award-winning author and screenwriter and global guest speaker. A full-time writer based in Brisbane, Michelle credits her three sons for giving her an endless source of inspiration, as well as her wrinkles. Two-time winner of the International Book Award, Michelle has twice been shortlisted for a CBCA Picture Book of the Year Award and Australian Speech Pathology Award. Michelle is dedicated to encouraging a strong love of reading and writing in young children and enjoys working with charities that support the vision of empowering youth through education. As a mentor and editor, she helps aspiring authors find pathways to publication and enjoys working as part of a team in projects that are purposeful, innovative and inspirational.

### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Zoe Bennett is a children's illustrator from Sydney. She creates character-driven watercolour, gouache and digital illustrations which capture the playfulness, curiosity, candidness and diversity of childhood. Designing unique characters and worlds with tailored colour palettes and style is her favourite thing to do. *Ruby's Repair Cafe* is her second picture book. Outside illustration, Zoe is passionate about animal welfare advocacy and is finishing a degree in Animal Health and Welfare from the University of Sydney. When she's not in the studio, Zoe loves spending time surrounded by animals, the ocean and good books.

### EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

*Ruby's Repair Cafe* is a topical story about fixing things. This book offers a crucial starting point for children to talk about sustainability and learning about it can be lots of fun. Thinking about getting something fixed instead of throwing it away is a positive way we can all contribute with our actions every single day. Key themes are sustainability, friendship and community.



## DISCUSSION TOPICS

Before, during and after reading the book

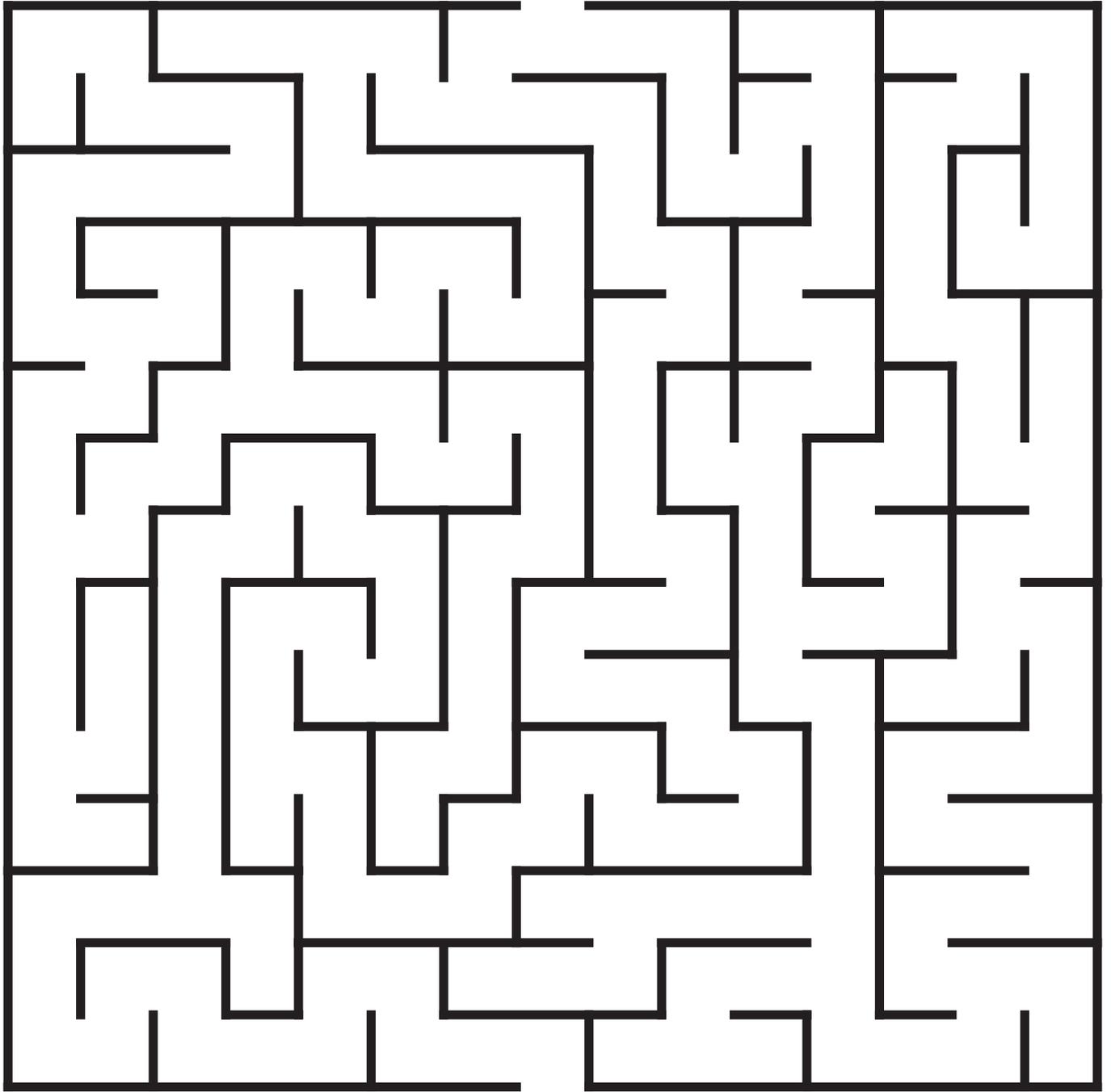
1. Introduce *Ruby's Repair Cafe* to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about.
2. Name some of the things that Ruby fixes. Have you ever had anything fixed? Do you think it's better to buy something new or have the broken item fixed?
3. Why do you think people go to Biggs Department Store instead of Ruby's Repair Cafe?
4. Why does the dump get bigger and bigger?
5. What happens to the department store after the storm?
6. What does Ruby suggest doing? How does she involve everybody? What do they all do?
7. What is the new department in Biggs Department Store?
8. After reading the book, ask them what they thought of the story. Which was their favourite part and why?



# ACTIVITIES

## A-MAZE-ING RUBY

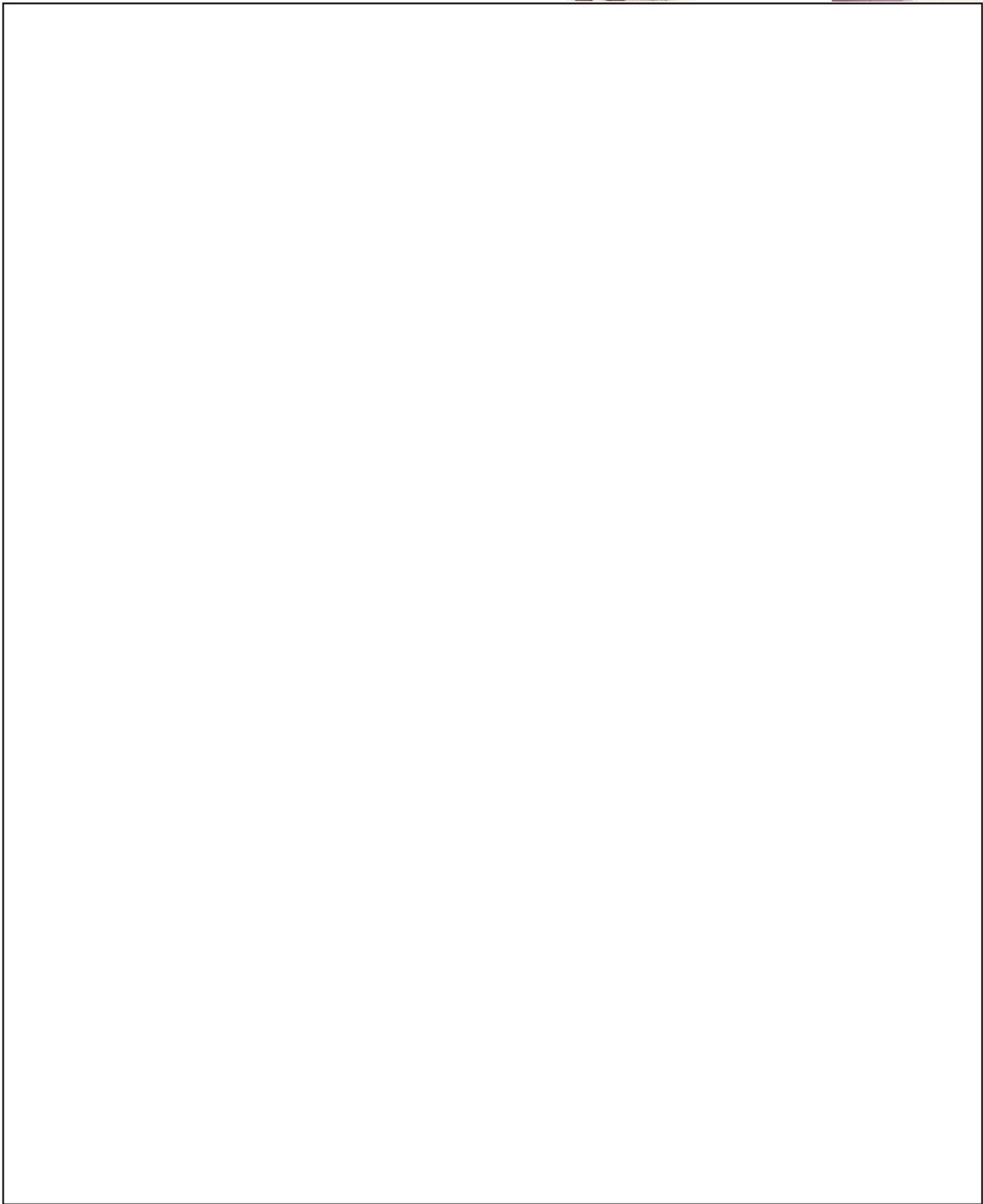
Can you help Brock get his clock repaired?





# DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of Ruby repairing or fixing something.



# RUBY'S WORDSEARCH

Find all the words in the *Ruby's Repair Cafe* wordsearch.



Name:

Class:

Date:

## word search

### RUBY'S REPAIR CAFE

U E H E D T S C L Z G A W U  
M I R T T B U U G S T C T I  
R U I E R E S A F M A H N H  
O N J Y F N T S E F S T S P  
T N E M T R A P E D E I B T  
L F O K O I I A E I P L C A  
A E R C O A N E R O T S E I  
N A D H T R A U N U O H N W  
Y T S G G I B R M D B O R R  
O V H A P B I I N M S Y R O  
F H I R I A L F Y X O H O A  
E N S S P L I N G N S C I S  
H D H E Q X T O W T D O C P  
Y P R M I K Y L I E A S D O

BROKEN  
CAFE  
COMMUNITY  
DEPARTMENT

FIX  
FRIENDSHIP  
MRBIGGS  
REPAIR

RUBBISH  
RUBY  
STORE  
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# SOLUTION TO RUBY'S WORDSEARCH



Answer Sheet

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M I R T T B U U G S T C T I  
R U I E R E S A F M A H N H  
O N J Y F N T S E F S T S P  
T N E M T R A P E D E I B T  
L F O K O I I A E I P L C A  
A E R C O A N E R O T S E I  
N A D H T R A U N U O H N W  
Y T S G G I B R M D B O R R  
O V H A P B I I N M S Y R O  
F H I R I A L F Y X O H O A  
E N S S P L I N G N S C I S  
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