



## Teaching Notes: THE BEST MUM

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### SYNOPSIS

There are so many AMAZING mums in the world: the chefs, the singers, the athletes. But every mum does one special thing that makes her The Best Mum. What makes YOUR mum the BEST mum?

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Penny Harrison is a children's author, book reviewer, garden writer and lifestyle journalist. A professional writer for more than 20 years, she has contributed to a variety of leading magazines, newspapers, guides and books, writing about everything from raising toddlers to raising chickens. Penny grew up on a cattle farm in Australia and spent her days exploring the bush and planning treasure hunts with her four brothers and sisters. Nowadays, she lives in a rambling old garden in the Yarra Valley with her husband, two young children and an ever-growing menagerie of animals and plants.

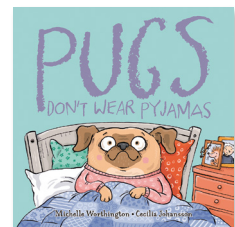
### ANOTHER BOOK BY PENNY



### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Sharon Davey is a children's illustrator and author, with a past in theatre design. As a child, she spent family occasions under the table drawing characters and tying people's shoelaces together. Aged nine, she promised to 'Draw for a living!' With a departure into set and costume design for theatre lasting 15 years, she has always drawn, created and illustrated. If Sharon is not at her desk working, you can find her drinking tea and baking cakes.

### ANOTHER BOOK BY SHARON





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### EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

*The Best Mum* is a fun and thoughtful story which celebrates mums everywhere. There is a strong emphasis on teaching children to appreciate all the things their mums do for them, both big and little.

### DISCUSSION TOPICS

Before, during and after reading the book:

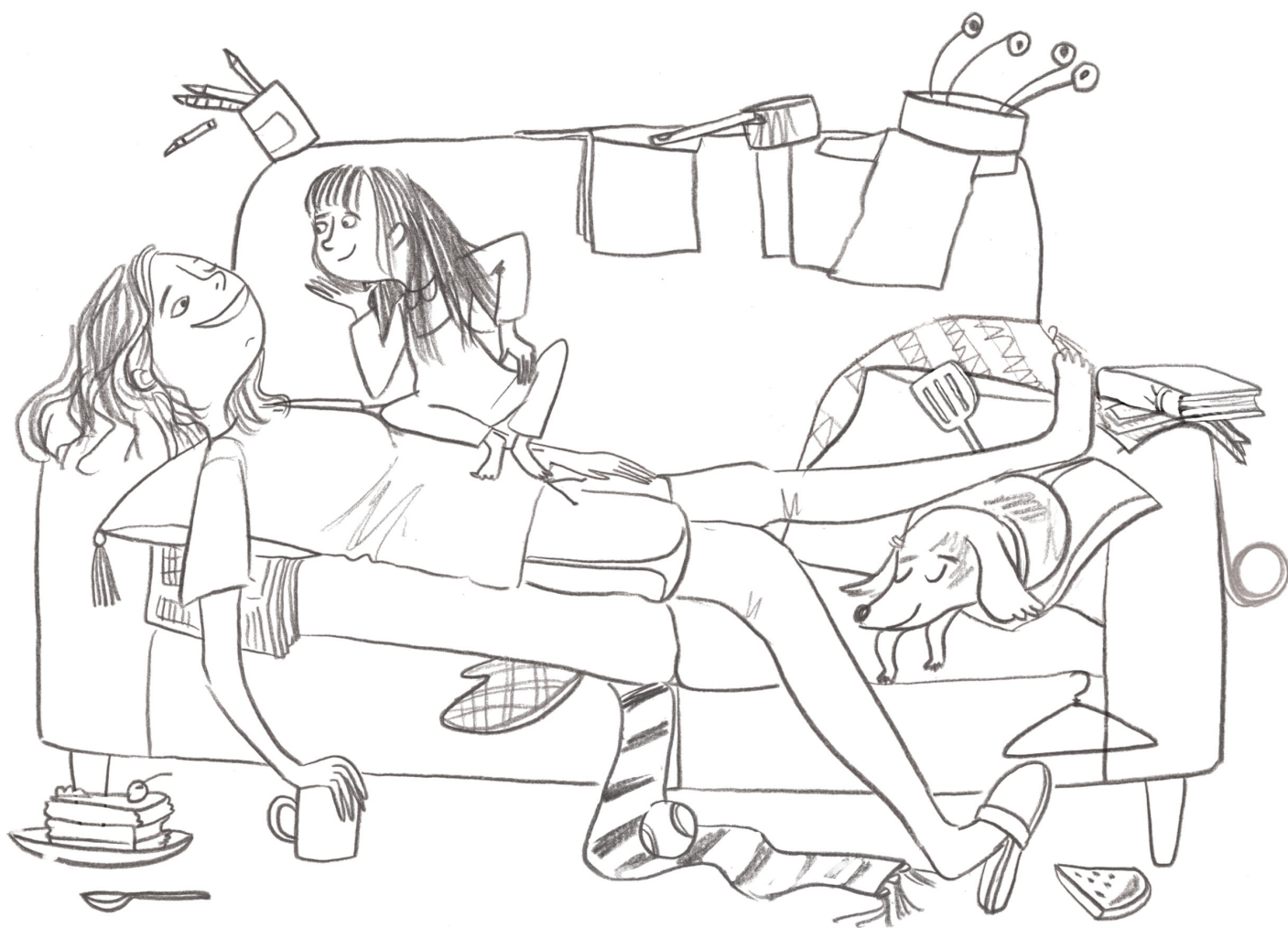
1. Introduce *The Best Mum* to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about.
2. What do they think is the definition of a 'good mum'?
3. How does the girl in the book feel about her mum?
4. Ask the children what they think are the best qualities of their mums or carers?
5. Ask the children if they ever find their mums (or carers) embarrassing? What sort of things do they do?
6. Has their mum done anything like the best mum in the book?
7. What sort of parent do they want to be when they grow up?
8. After reading the book, ask them what did they think of the story? Which was their favourite part and why?



# COLOURING ACTIVITY

Give this picture some colour!  
You can copy the colours in the book or choose your own!

Extra activity!  
Draw some fun  
pictures on the wall.



## CARD ACTIVITY

Why don't you design, create and give your mum a card to tell her that she's the best! She'll definitely appreciate it!  
Remember to ask an adult to help you.



YOU ARE  
The  
Best  
Mum



WORD SEARCH

The Best Mum

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 H I S D P X A F C C  
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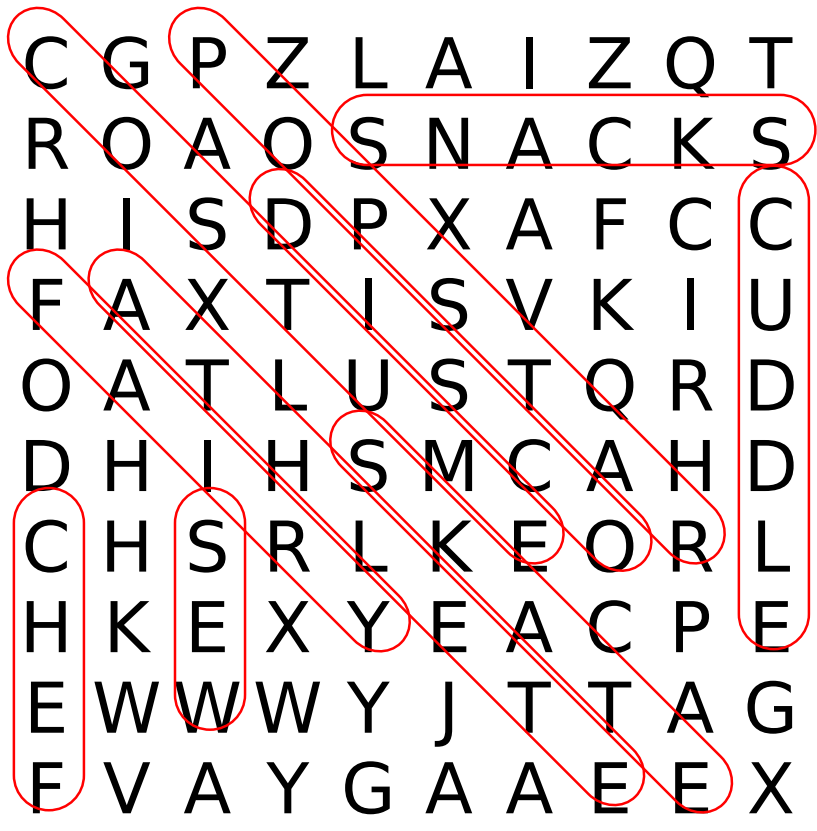
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