

## HUGO'S RUNAWAY LEGS



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Alys' short stories and poetry regularly appear in magazines in Australia, Ireland and the UK and she is the author of two picture books and a book of poetry. But she wasn't always a writer. After studying biology in Scotland, she took off on trip that lasted 12 years. She has been chased by an elephant, swum with piranhas and once fell out of a bunk bed. In 2000, she arrived in Adelaide with a suitcase
 full of notes and has been writing ever since. When not writing, she can be found tending 7 chickens, 3 bee hives and a lazy cat called Leo.

## AUTHOR MOTIVATION

As much as we all understand the importance of physical health and fitness, getting off the internet and exercising isn't easy. We are all guilty of spending less time outdoors than ever before. In Hugo's Runaway Legs, Alys takes a light-hearted look at the consequences of refusing to exercise.

In Hugo's Runaway Legs, it's the legs that are the stars. What a beginning! What a funny and fabulous idea to draw attention to an important issue. Kids' Book Review, 2021.

## HUGO'S LEGS WORDSEARCH

Name $\qquad$

Legs help us to do many things. Find all the doing verbs in the grid below.

| a | p | c | a | b | h | o | r | u | x |
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| f | l | f | p | o | r | z | n | u | e |
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| e | w | a | l | k | t | s | p | w | z |
| r | s | i | k | i | c | k | j | a | h |
| e | f | f | s | p | r | i | n | t | k |

Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden $\square$ and $\square$

Hop
Climb

Sprint
Kick
Walk
Skip

Run
Shuffle

## HUGO'S LEGS QUIZ

How much do you know about legs? Try taking the QUIZ below.

1. Write down 5 animals that can hop?
2. Complete these sentences using the words in the box. Legs help to $\qquad$ an animal's weight.
bones Muscles
support foot

At the bottom of a leg is a $\qquad$ make legs move and make them strong.
3. How many legs does a kangaroo have? This is tricky!

4. How many legs do spiders have?

5. How many legs do ants have?


Answers: kangaroos have 3 legs, if you count the tail/spiders have 8 legs/ants have 6 legs

## HUGO'S LEGS PICTURE

Poor Hugo lost his legs because he was lazy? Can you draw him another pair?

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## GUESS THE ANIMAL

Which animals do these legs belong to? Match the legs with their owners.


Elephant
Tiger
Flamingo
Pig
Elf
Skeleton
Giraffe

Zebra
duck


## ANIMAL CROSSWORD

Can you remember the story? Hmm, I wonder. Try the crossword below.


## Across

Down

1. This animal's legs were long and fast.
2. Hugo skipped and frisked with this animal's legs.
3. This animal's legs refused to move!
4. Which animal's legs were too tall?
5. Whose legs were way too fat?
6. Whose legs ran away?
7. Who laughed at Hugo?
8. Whose legs were too slow?



This cute deer by Leigh Brown never made it into the picture book.

