

Words can be fun

Some people like sport. Some people like reading. Some people like cooking. Lots of people play word games such as crosswords, but some people just like words.

Look at the word 'madam'. Can you see anything odd about it? One reason 'madam' is odd is because it can be read, or spelled, backwards and forwards and it still stays 'madam'. Words like 'madam' are called palindromes.

There are lots of palindromes in our language. In fact there might be three or four in your family. Your parents might be called Mum and Dad. Is there someone in your family called Bob, or Eve, or Hannah?

Can you answer these questions? The answers are all three-letter words and palindromes.

What do we call a young dog? What is the word for a small part of the face?

Some *sound* words can be read forwards and backwards.

A balloon might **pop**. A tug can **toot**. And when something good happens I say, '**Wow!**'

What is another name for a joke? **g _ _**.

Another name for a baby is a tiny **t _ _**.

Palindromes can be longer than three letters. A quick look is called a **peep**.

When you do something good, it's a good **deed**. A helicopter has a **rotor**.

This note  is a **minim**.

This box is red  but this box is **redder** .

Elle can say **abbadabbadabba**.

Can you find four palindromes in the next question? Did Dad pop his balloon in Tumut?

A whole sentence can be a palindrome: **Was it a rat I saw?**

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