


# THE ADVENTURES OF AVA + LEO



By: Chocolate Audacity





# Write a Book in a Day



## PARAMETERS FORM

### TEAM DETAILS

STATE: NSW  
 DIVISION: Middle School  
 SCHOOL/GROUP: Tumut High School (TUMUT)  
 TEAM NAME: Chocolate Audacity  
 TEAM ID: 262

### PARAMETERS AND RANDOM WORDS

#### Parameters

Primary character 1 Courier  
 Primary character 2 Skateboarder  
 Non-human character Dolphin  
 Setting Sporting stadium  
 Issue Fashion crisis

#### Random words

Tiptoe  
 Fresh  
 Community  
 Delight  
 Bruised

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Start at 8am
- Write an original story:
  - based on all **five parameters** (above)
  - including all **five random words** (above), and in bold type
  - with some identifiable **Australian content** (in theme or setting or characters, etc)
  - keeping within the allowed word count (remember every word on every page counts)!
  - include this parameters form in your book **immediately after the front cover**
- Remember: **Every** word on **every page** counts. This includes your front cover, back cover, blurb, acknowledgements and copyright form.
- **Be sure to give yourself enough time to submit your book and complete the following checklist before 9pm.**

Log on to the Team Coordinator Portal to:

- ☐ Check the spelling of your team name and team members' names (how these are spelt on submission will be how they are displayed on certificates)
- ☐ Complete the Declaration
- ☐ Submit your finished book in **both** PDF and plain text format by 9pm

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## **Chapter 1 : The Adventure**

“Go Stallions!” shouted Leo.

Leo stayed in that same spot for hours making sure his favourite team won, they had too, it was the last game of the season. There was 15 minutes left until the game ended, whether he would win the \$5 from his dad for winning the bet or if his team lost he would have to do extra chores for a week.



Leo sat there joyfully watching as they got closer and closer to the goal until he finally felt those hotdogs and lemonade

kick in. He stood up fighting the urge to run as he would trip over the million stairs still waiting underneath him, the crowd around him stares but he doesn't care.



He starts walking faster and faster, he reaches the bottom of the stairs and runs to the bathroom. After about 2 minutes he walks back out but things don't seem the same. Leo looked around and found that he was lost and all alone. There was no noise, no cheering fans, just silence.

## **Chapter 2 : The Birthday present**

The sun started to stream through the window, and the birds were starting their morning chimes. Ava had been waiting for this for so long. She could barely sleep that night, she was so excited. It was finally her birthday. She layed in bed, waiting for it to turn at 7.00am. As soon as her alarm went off, she snoozed it. she was off. Running out of her room, down the stairs and into the living room. Her parents were already waiting for her, they had known how excited she was. Every morning she would say “ 265 down, 100 to go!”. All the way down to this one moment. Where she would finally receive her gift. She was so excited she was literally jumping up and down. Her parents had been calmly watching her, sipping away at their coffee and waiting for her to calm down a little bit so they could give her Her present. When she finally piped down, her mother went and got her present from its hiding place. She came walking in, purposefully walking as slowly as she could without being noticed.

Ava was trying to be patient. Whilst her mother slowly brought the present in a room. It was in a white, rectangular box, with beautiful shiny red and orange ribbons on it. It was the moment she had been waiting For so long for. You could see the excitement in her facial expressions. Her mother had handed her the box, and stepped back. Waiting

for her to open the box. She carefully undid the red and orange ribbons. Trying not to cause damage to the precious box that lay before her, despite her excitement. She took off the lid and saw a wondrous, brand new skateboard. With a big slab of Turkish **delight** resting on top of it. She took the chocolate out and placed it on the ground. She then took the skateboard in her hands holding it in front of her. “A skateboard?” she asked, confused.

Their smiles faded, “don't you like it, you've wanted one since you were young?” said her mother. “I love it!” she yelled. She put the skateboard down gently, took the Turkish delight, and ran back upstairs. Her parents looked at each other with confused looks on their faces, and giggled a little. She came running down the stairs again with the chocolate in her mouth, boots on with a jumper tied around her waist, and with her hat, ofcourse. She'd never go out anywhere without it. She grabbed the skateboard and ran to the door, almost tripping on the way out too. “Wow wow wow, calm down old sport!” said her father, holding out his hand and walking towards the door as he said so. Her mother followed behind him. “Huh”? She turned around now, facing them both, she was standing in the driveway with the skateboard already on the ground and her foot standing on it, ready to go. “You can't just ride a skateboard, you need practice first.”



She had never told her parents this, but she had a friend who had practised with her when they went over for playdates. He had a skateboard and she had always ridden on it when she went over, she knew her parents didn't want her to, so she never told them. "I'll be fine!" she prompted. "No you will not be fine, you should practise with us first, please" said her mother in a caring voice. "We don't want our baby getting hurt," said her father, agreeing with her. Time for the child's charm. She brought out the best baby doll eyes, "please?" she said in a pleading voice. "It is my birthday after all?" she said to persuade them more. Her father looked at her, then at her mother, and back again. He sighed. "I'll give you half an hour," he said slowly and deeply. "Yes!" she squealed, she picked the skateboard up and started walking further up the driveway. She thought she would walk the first little bit till the skate park, then she would ride it. She did think it might be dangerous to have no practice at all though. I mean I only ever practised a little but with him, and that was a long time ago.

She arrived at the skate park and decided that she would only go up and down the slopes once she had gotten the hang of riding it again. So she walked to the empty driveway and started riding, remembering the similar movements and the rhythm of the skateboard. It had been so long she had thought. Some kids started giggling at her, or at least she thought they were. They were laughing at a

kid getting swooped by a plover, but from her angle it looked like they were laughing at her. She thought they were teasing her because she couldn't ride the track. She mustered up all the courage she had and walked towards the start of a track, with lots of twisting turns and small concrete hills. The bird flew away now and the kids were watching her, wondering why it took her so long to start. She was nervous, looking at those twists and turns. But she was determined to show those kids that she could do it. The first few slopes were pretty easy, she thought.

The next part was not so easy though. She almost fell multiple times and she instantly regretted her decision, unfortunately, there was nothing she could do right now. She went up a big slope, and maybe got too much speed on the way down. There was a straight path after this, she was surprised that she had made it this far, she barely made it past though. But now she was going down the big slope, she was going too fast, she couldn't control the board anymore and she could see sparks coming from the thin line of metal around the board as she was leaning on the sides too much. The next thing she knew, she was off the board, flying in the air, propelled by the speed of the board, and she crashed to the ground. Then it all started going downhill. She woke up at the skate park still with bruises and cuts all over her body. She felt weird. The atmosphere had changed around her.



### **Chapter 3 : The Reunion**

Leo walks around a skate park when he spots someone he recognises. He doesn't know why but he decides to follow her

until she realises she's being followed. She turned around and confronted him. They look at each other up and down until they both light up like a lightbulb realising that they've met before. They walk through the park in **delight** that they've found each other. They walk past an old couple who seemed to be confused, they walk up and ask why Ava was wearing old clothes. Leo and Ava just walked past and ignored it but then it seemed like everyone was staring at them. A group of kids they passed started



laughing at them and staring but Leo and Ava still didn't know why. It's like the whole **community** was staring at them, as if they were dressed like circus clowns. They decide to go somewhere quiet and sit on a park bench.



#### **Chapter 4 : The find**

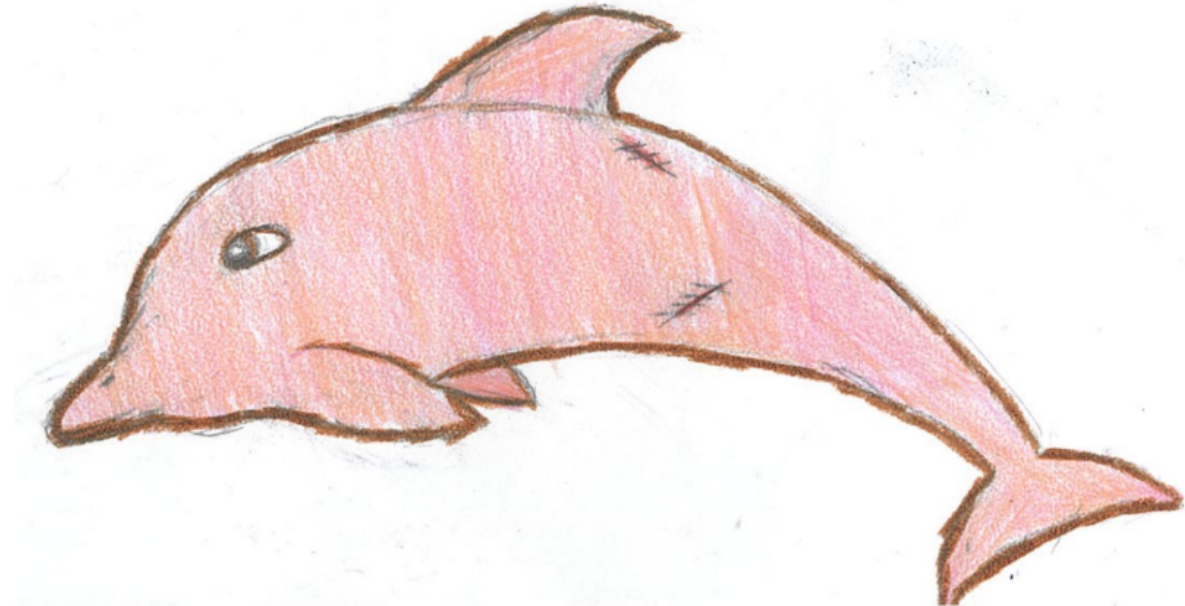
“Hey, want to go for a walk in the forest with me?” Leo asked. Ava didn't have much else to do so she accepted. As they walked around Leo said “remember the old days when we would walk around the woods?” She was





about to reply when they saw a building so they decided to go have a look. It seemed to be an old aquarium. They decided they would have to **tiptoe**. As they looked around they saw so many poor animals that did not make it but as they tiptoed around a corner they saw movement but weren't sure if it was something safe or not but as they looked closer they saw it was a dolphin in a small tank. It was so **bruised** and cut up, as it thrashed around they could see a **fresh** cut on it that had opened when it was thrashing. They stood there watching it for a min before Leo said "i

think we have to do something for it otherwise it won't make it.



### **Chapter 5 : The Rescue**

Ava knew her fastest mode of transport was on her skateboard so she got on and pushed off as fast as she could. As she turned a corner she looked behind her, she was leaving her brother behind. She thought about waiting for him but decided not to because the dolphins life depends on it. As she rode she was thinking of what she was going to say and who she was going to tell. She realised she would figure that out there and then right now she just has to get there.

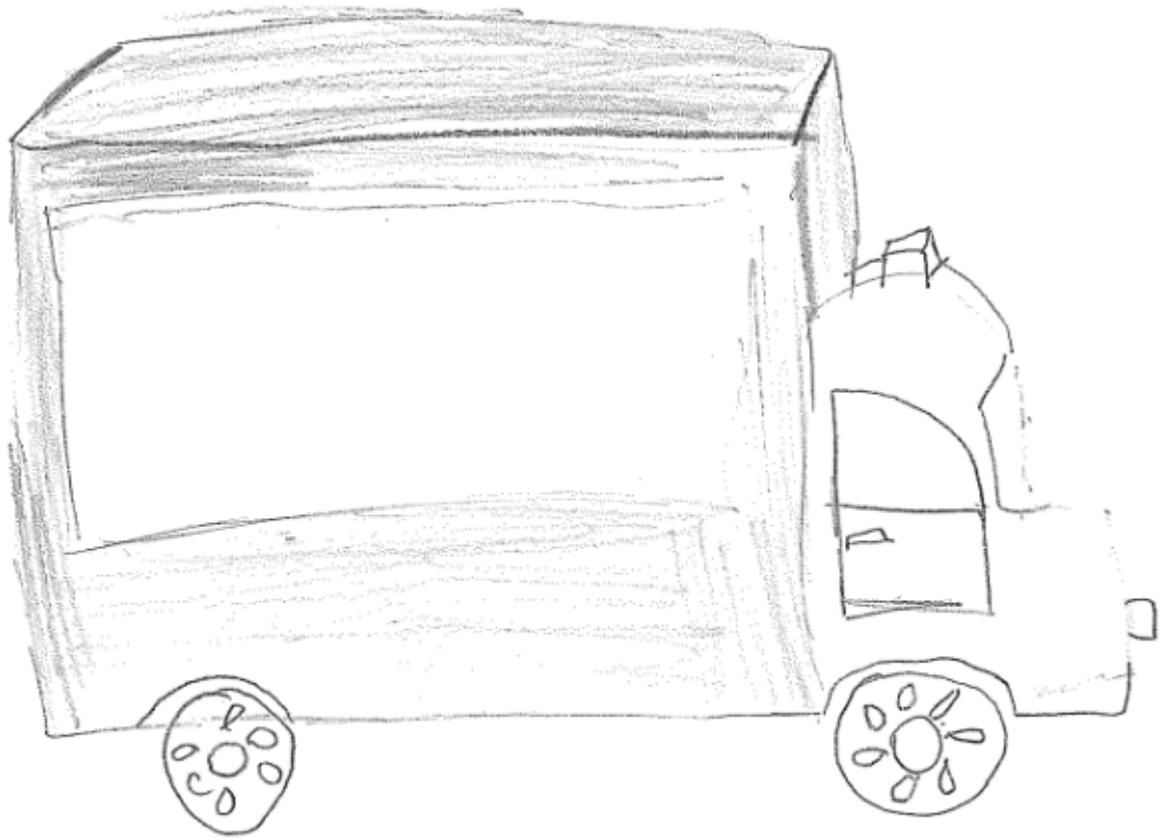
As she rode in everyone was looking at her but she had to find someone to tell. She ran up to one young man and told him. He stood there staring at her before smiling trying no

to laugh but he couldn't hold it in. He burst out laughing and between laughing he tried to say "w w w what hahaha are.. You w w w wearing". She turned red from both anger and embarrassment. She could tell that this 'man' was not going to be much help so she tried someone else they also had the same reaction. She ran around trying but none believed her, she got more and more desperate when finally someone asked what she needed and she spoke really fast to try and tell him. He stopped her and told her to say it again but slower. "Please help me! There is a pink dolphin at the old sea world and it needs help please!" The man just stood there. She thought he was going to laugh at her so she turned to find someone else but he stopped her and said "That place has been deserted for a long time and they said that all the animals have either died or been taken out and pink dolphins are really rare i don't think they would leave that" but the look she gave him was a look of please believe me. So he said that he would like to see it because they had a lot of jokes about things like that. She happily grabbed him and started to drag him with her. He was able to stop her and run beside her. He was surprised how fit she was but he didn't say anything.

After a long run there they were both puffing. Ava put her skateboard down against a wall and led the way inside. Her brother was standing there with a concerned look on his face when they came around the corner. The dude who came to have a look stood there with a surprised and

concerned look on his face. He said almost immediately that he needed to call a truck to come pick it up.

He went back around the corner and called the truck people then the zoo vet to get a place for it to say ready. 10 min later the truck came and they put it in, the truck driver asked what they called it and they stood there looking at each other before Ava said 'Bubbles?' They both agreed on it.



### **Chapter 6 : The Save**

“Are the doors secure?” Leo asked. The truck driver nodded, “for the 20th time, yes it is secure. Now can we please just



go? I have other things to get on with today y'know.” he said with an annoyed tone. “Let's go then!” said Leo excitedly. Ava got into the truck, she had to squeeze right up next to Leo to fit in. “Hey, how are you doin?” said Leo as she got in, with a funny tone in his voice, and she couldn't help but laugh. It was a long, awkward ride to town, not much talking. There was the occasional cough on the way over there. There was a little game and Leo made up. Everytime one of us would see a kangaroo we would shout and say that we had seen it before the other, and the first person to reach ten kangaroos wins. The truck driver even joined in at one stage. It was a rather confusing game.

When we finally got into town the driver took the dolphin to the vet and helped us transport her. The vet had already been informed about the arrival some time prior so they had already prepared a tank for her to transport her to the inspection room. It wasn't the biggest tank ever but it would have to do. It was the only thing that was there when they had had a look. They wheeled her into the inspection room where the vet was waiting. The truck driver said his goodbyes and left. We didn't pay him, but we didn't remind him of that. We wheeled her over. “We're going to have to move her tank onto the table.” He said. “Cant have a proper look at him down there now can I?” he said sarcastically.



I gotta say he didn't sound at all pleased or anything that we were here. "Actually it's a she," Ava corrected him. "Whatever, male or female, get it on the table already. I have other appointments." he said angrily. He sat down and waited for US to move the heavy tank. "You go on that side and I'll go here, we'll lift at the same time to pick it up," said Ava. "Okay" he replied, and he quickly walked to the other side of the tank. "Alright, I'm ready!" said Leo quickly. Pick it up in "1 , 2 , 3 , go!" They both tried as hard as they could

to lift it up off the ground. They made little progress. “Come on, just a little further!” it was just at the table's height and they both went to place it down at the same time. Then they were breathing deeply. “Very heavy for a small tank huh?” said Leo, out of breath.

The vet stood up then and walked towards the table once more. A little help would be appreciated, they thought to themselves. He reached into the tank and grabbed her fins and gently moved them to see old scars, new scars, deep cuts and bruises. “Has she eaten?” he asked, lightening his voice a little to ease the tension. “Not that we know of, we found her like this in the old aquarium. No idea what happened to the poor girl.” Ava replied, also speaking in a light tone. The vet looked like a nice man, despite his anger issues, he had deep blue eyes and light, soft brown hair. He wore basic clothes that vets usually wear, a long white shirt and a greenish-bluish shirt over it with short sleeves and pockets at the top. Usually these would have tools of some sort in them but not with this guy. He wore a stethoscope around his neck. Not that he could use it now anyway.

He checked if anything serious had been damaged, and luckily not. “I'll take care of her from here” he said reassuringly. We watched a little as he was giving her medicine and tending to her wounds, making sure nothing serious was wrong and all. We decided to start looking for

where to release her. I mean it's not like we could keep her with us. We started naming ideas, like the beach or something. We would definitely not take her back to the aquarium. We can release her in a river, definitely not. "I think we should just take her to the beach, let her go free there. It's her natural home anyway." said Ava softly. "Yeah I think that's the best bet, we can come visit her that way too." Leo replied. "I'm gonna miss her " even though we're in a different century now, and we're far away from everyone they know and spent time with, at least they found her. After they decided where to release bubbles, they decided to pay her a visit. They walked back to the vet, using the same route they had driven with that guy. When we made it, we immediately went to the inspection office where she was being tended to and saw her in the tank. She had barely any space to move in the small tank.

The actual vet was no longer there, it was noticeable that he had helped her though, it was about an hour of discussion and walking while we were thinking about where to let her go so there was a considerable amount of time to help her with her wounds and scars. "Sorry girl, it won't be long now, then you'll be back in the sea. Where you belong." Despite the fact that she was a dolphin, it almost seemed as if she could understand exactly what you were saying, you just get a feeling. "So anyway, what's for lunch?"



## **Chapter 7: The Goodbyes**

“So we're going to let her go to the gold coast then?” Ava asked. “That's the plan” Leo replied dully. She had been at the vet, healing, until most of all her worst scars and wounds have healed, she was also moved to a bigger tank whilst she was healing. They have spent as much time with her as they could while she was getting better so at least they would have plenty of memories with her. But now the truck driver was coming back to pick her up and take her to the beach. He arrived and we slowly wheeled the heavy tank up and into the truck. “So we meet again,” said the truck driver with a smile on his face. He had warmed up alot to them at least. He wasn't as mean as he was when they first transported them. “Hey.” He said, staring through them. As he glared at the truck driver, Ava observed him, trying to analys what his next move might be. “How have you guys been?” he questioned.

“Busy,” the truck driver replied. “Cant say I'm surprised” said Ava, cutting in. there was a brief moment of silence. “Is it secure?” Leo asked jokingly with a broad grin beginning to form on his face. The driver looked over at him, glaring his eyes and smiling. “Are you guys ready to get her back?” he asked, suddenly being serious. “As ready as we'll ever be,” said Ava, again cutting in. “right let's go then shall we, just try not to flatten your brother if you would.” he said. He seemed to have a dry sense of humour sometimes. They

squeezed back into the seat once more and started driving towards the sea. Once again there was like, no speaking during the ride, the occasional cough.

Once they finally got out of the compact seat, they made a joke of it and pretended to gasp for air. The driver smiled. "Alright then, she's all yours to free then, I'll be on my way! Nice seeing you kids again." he said with a sweet voice. "Cya buddy!" they both said in sync. They watched as he drove away, waving from inside the truck, then closing the window. They turned and started wheeling the tank closer and closer to the water. They opened the tank and brought it all the way into the water so that they could slowly tip it over. She slowly swam out, appreciating the open space at last. "Goodbye girl" Ava said with tears welling up in her eyes. "Nice adventure we had girl, see you again!" she turned once more before swimming back to her home. They watched as she swam into the ocean with the sun reflecting off the blue waters surface.

### **Chapter 8: The News Crew**

After releasing bubbles Leo goes to work delivering parcels while Ava goes for a ride on her skateboard when a news van pulled over in front of her. They wanted to interview her, they asked her why she cared about a dolphin and why she wore such old clothes. she just ignored the part about her clothes and answered the question about bubbles.








### **Chapter 9 : The prize**

She was walking to get back to her beloved skating when the mayor came up to her and said he had something for her because she saved a pink dolphin and there are only 30 of them left. She was about to ask what he had for her when lots of people came up and congratulated her and thanked her for what she did. The surprise was 1,000\$. She was so happy but confused, she asked why they gave her the money. They said so she can get some better clothes. She took no offence from that and they all laughed



This story is about Leo and Ava who save a pink dolphin from extinction. Leo and Ava have a secret power and that is to time travel into the future as they explore Australia in 2023 they discovered the change in the world.



Ages : 10 - 12

