

Ed's Reading Room Word Search

The Madman of Venice

by Sophie Masson

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Matthew Ashby

Celia

Ned

Venice

lagoon

canal

merchant

servants

secret

mask

gondola

palace

conspiracy

betrayal

surprise

characters

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Either... or...

Many situations can be interpreted in different ways. The straightforward explanation is not always the only one. Try and think of another interpretation for these situations.

You got a higher mark in English than in Maths. You are **either** more skilled in English **or**

A light moving in the sky is **either** an aeroplane **or**

The book at the top of the bestseller list is **either** the best book **or**

The friend who doesn't arrive at the airport has **either** missed the aeroplane **or**

You won the hurdles event at Sports Day. You are **either** the best hurdler **or**

Anagrams

Find words from *The Madman of Venice* from these muddled letters. Remember to write a capital letter for names.

o d n o s g l a _____

a u c l d a a p l e c _____

n m s o o o l _____

s s g t h o _____

i n d p x e e i t o _____

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Ed's Poetry

Venice is often known as La Serenissima which means 'most serene'. Think of different aspects of this amazing city then complete this acrostic poem, finishing with a line that sums up the spirit of Venice.

La Serenissima

Swaying sea, twirling with legends of old,

E

R

E

N

I

S

S

I

M

A

La Serenissima

When you have finished your poem you could read it to a friend or learn and recite it.

Ed would enjoy reading your poem. You could email your poem to him.

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There are many beautiful, evocative words and phrases in this book. Choose some of your favourite words and phrases.

Ed's examples: ...the calm sea sparkling like jewelled brocade...

...Ca' d'Oro, a fantastic gilded palace of Gothic grandeur...

Do an illustration for this story. Decide whether it would be more effective in black and white or in colour.

