

The Great Singapore Creature Challenge

An activity of "Stories that take on lives of their own"

Read "Stories that take on lives of their own" (page 20-21, *What's Up* September 2026). The article shows how stories can become meaningful parts of real places and cultures.

1. Stories can give objects and places special meaning. Match each item to the correct meaning as mentioned in the article:

Object / Place	<u>Match the two...</u>	Meaning
Dobby's sock		 Singapore's early connection with the sea and "Lion City"
221B Baker Street		 The home of the Greek gods
Mount Olympus		 Dobby's freedom
Merlion		 Sherlock Holmes' famous home

Symbols are not only found in stories. We can find them around us every day.

3. Create a new symbol that, like the merlion, could represent Singapore. As you go about your daily life, look around you for what has become meaningful to you. Pick any two.

Think about why you picked these two. Is it because they have become so familiar? When you look at each one, are there special memories? Does each one remind you of something or someone you care about?

4. Use the organiser on the next page to combine both symbols to make your very own Singapore Icon!

DESIGN SINGAPORE'S NEXT ICON

1 Choose 2 ideas about Singapore

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|--|------------------------------------|
| ☐ Place | ☐ Animals |
| ☐ People | ☐ Plants |
| ☐ Everyday life | ☐ Food |
| ☐ Objects | ☐ Festivals |
| ☐ Culture | ☐ Others |

Specific Idea 1: _____

Specific Idea 2: _____

2 Turn your ideas into symbols

Idea 1  Symbol: _____

Idea 2  Symbol: _____

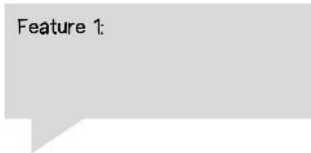
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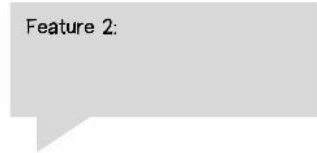
3 Draw your new icon

Name: _____

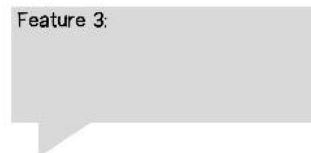
Feature 1:



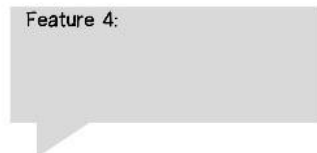
Feature 2:



Feature 3:



Feature 4:




4 Explain your design

It combines a _____ and a _____.

The _____ represents _____

The _____ represents _____

Together, they show that Singapore _____

5 Where in Singapore would you put it?

Location:

Why this place?



5. Present your creation to the class. Explain the meaning behind it.