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VIBE SCHOOL

HELPING OUT

Game for literacy

Let the box help them read

A NEW INDIGENOUS GAME SHOW FOR PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AIRS ON NITV ON WEEKDAYS AT 6PM.



LEFT TO RIGHT: SHLYEAH COXON, ELI MCQUIRE AND TANISHA BAKKER-HONEYMAN TEST THEIR SKILLS

The show *Letterbox* features energetic young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students aged between 10 and 12 in a game-show format hosted by rising country music star Adam James.

There are great hopes from the show's producers that the multi-platform format will improve its audience's literacy skills, particularly grammar and spelling. The show also includes Australian Indigenous language segments.

CEO of NITV, Pat Turner says *Letterbox* is a program families will be able to enjoy together.

"NITV is committed to children's television programming," she says. "Our channel helps our children learn and develop, not only English language skills



CONTESTANTS CHELSEY BARNEY & CIAH HUGHES

but cultural knowledge and the Indigenous languages of our people."

The games are a mix of fun and education, where each contestant has the opportunity to win.

It's a new direction for host Adam James, who has a new single, *Who's Counting Anyway?* He has previously acted in ABC's *The Wayne Manifesto* and Network Ten's *Medivac*. Adam also stars in the series *Intune Country Music*, premiering on NITV in July.

Letterbox is made by Carbon Media, the Indigenous production house based in Queensland.

Catch NITV on Channel 180 on Foxtel and Austar, as well as free-to-air in selected regional and metropolitan areas. For full broadcast details visit the NITV website www.nitv.org.au

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NITV has launched the new game show *Letterbox*, where contestants practise their English language skills, build their cultural knowledge and learn more about Indigenous languages.

ACTIVITY 1 READING

Read VibeSchool- Helping Out on page 18

Tick one box.

1. Which network does *Letterbox* screen on?

- ABC
 SBS
 NITV
 Channel 10

2. The target audience for *Letterbox* is

- primary students
 secondary students
 primary and secondary students

3. One of the aims of the *Letterbox* program is to improve students' literacy skills.

- TRUE
 FALSE



4. What is this text mostly about?

- NITV
- Adam James, host of Letterbox
- the new program on NITV called Letterbox
- how to improve spelling skills

5. The games are a mix of fun and education.

This suggests that

- The games are difficult to play.
- You can enjoy playing the games while you learn about spelling, culture and Indigenous languages.
- The games are easy to play.
- The games are fun to play.

6. Tick the correct statement.

- You can see Letterbox on NITV and free-to-air in selected regional and metropolitan areas.
- Selected regional and metropolitan areas means
- Letterbox is shown on all television stations.
- Letterbox is shown on some television stations.

ACTIVITY 2 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS - SPELLING

The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled.

Write the correct spelling for each word in the box.

1. Familys enjoy watching Letterbox together.

2. Watching Letterbox can improov your spelling skills.

3. Children lern new skills.

4. Each contestant has the oportunity to win.

5. All of the players look forward to wining .



The spelling mistakes on these labels have been circled.

Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

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Below is some writing from Vibe School – Helping Out

Each line has one word that is incorrect.

Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

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ACTIVITY 3

Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

1. ***** are great hopes for this show.

- there
- their
- they
- they're

2. Letterbox ***** a show to enjoy with the whole family.

- was
- is
- has
- were

3. Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

This program will be shown NITV.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| in | on | at | for |

4. Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Sam his homework before watching television.

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| did | done | does | doing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ACTIVITY 4 - PUNCTUATION

1. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

Tick one box.

- Are you going to watch Letterbox.
- Are you going to watch Letterbox?
- are you going to watch Letterbox.
- are you going to watch Letterbox?

2. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

Tick one box.

- Im going to try my best
- Im going to try my best?
- I'm going to try my best.
- I'm going to try my best

3. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

Tick one box.

- "NITV is committed to children's television programming," says Pat.
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- "NITV is committed to childrens television programming" says Pat.



Activity 5 - Writing a review.

The purpose of a review is to describe a text and make a judgement about it.

The common Stages and phases of an effective review include:

Stages	phases
Context	This tells the reader the type of text you are reviewing and outlines the positives and negatives of the text.
Description	Describes aspects of the text.
Evaluation	Makes a judgement about the text.

Write a review of your favourite television show, book, film or video game.

Think about:

- What you liked about the text.
- Some examples from the text to explain your ideas.

Remember to:

- Plan and draft your review before you edit.
- Write in sentences.
- Pay attention to the words you choose, your spelling and punctuation.
- Check and edit your writing when you have finished.