

## GiggleIT Come and See My Place

*Email Gigglecritter* says “Hi!” and invites you to take part in our new GiggleIT **Come and See My Place Writing Safari**.

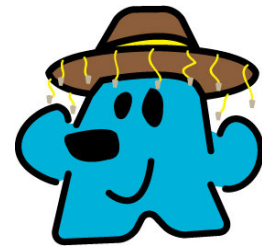
*Email Gigglecritter* is having big problems and needs your help. IT belongs to the children of the world and would love to visit, but doesn't know where to begin.

Do you think your country would be a good place for *Email Gigglecritter* to visit? What is it like to live in India? What does it feel like to be a Canadian? What does it mean to be an African?

Would you like *Email Gigglecritter* to visit your school? What is your country like? Write a poem, a short story, a personal story, a letter or even a joke that tells *Email Gigglecritter* what it is like at your place.

Ask your teacher to join the **GiggleIT Project** and email your entries now to [giggle\\_it@live.com.au](mailto:giggle_it@live.com.au)

## Come and see our place!



These poems are from children in Soweto, South Africa

### **Soweto My Kasi, by TM**

See different people,  
Different cultures,  
Township culture.

Top shayela, pantsula, tsotsi, vandals,  
All assorted,  
I love my kasi.

The good, the bad,  
The rich, the poor,  
The famous and the nonentity,  
All come from Soweto.

Uprisings, success, crimes,  
You name it.  
Music, style, fashion,  
You name it.

My hood, my township, my ghetto  
South Western Township

**My Nation, by JB**

My nation.

I love my nation,  
My nation loves me.

I love that you can't buy love.  
I keep my nation clean,  
Love everything about my nation

My nation is like a diamond,  
A treasure to me.  
My nation glows gloriously,  
Because I love it.



**A land of Faerie Downunder by BC**

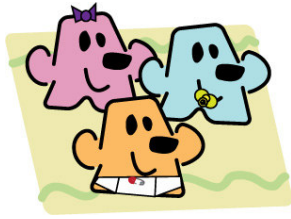
Fingers of mist curling softly,  
Swaying, rising, stretching sunwards,  
Drifting sluggishly through blue-green trees,  
Peeking in and around hollows,  
Leaving sparkling footprints on spiderwebs.

The sighing of flowing waters,  
The restless swishing of leaves in the wind,  
The smell of new earth and coming rain  
Colour the sky and the senses,  
And add a promise of things to come.

Sparkles of light and flitting, glinting rainbow wings  
Just outside my line of sight,  
While ghostly giggles tease  
The stillness of interrupted birdsong and,  
Whisper this is a place of magic and faerie for sure.

This is my place, Tasmania wild and untamed.  
'But faerie?' I hear you say.  
'Surely not downunder!'  
'But why not?' I reply.  
'After all faeries have wings don't they!'

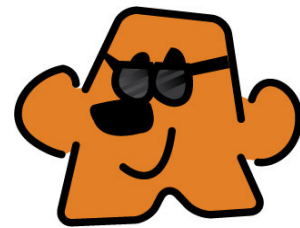




## How will it work?

- Step 1: Complete a **registration form** for the GiggleIT Project @ <http://www.iasl-online.org/sla/giggleIT/contact.htm>
- Step 2: Check out the **Getting Ready** section in the **For Teachers** section on the web site @ <http://www.iasl-online.org/sla/giggleIT/ready.htm>
- Step 3: Send in your student contributions to [giggle\\_it@live.com.au](mailto:giggle_it@live.com.au) clearly stating the name of the project and your school.
- Step 4: **Email Gigglecritter** will visit your school with some goodies and instructions on what to do next.

## Suggested Resources



For more ideas and resources go to the International Children's Digital Library @ <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

Look at the EXHIBITIONS PAGE @ <http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/ExhibitionList?ilang=English>

Here are selections of children's books in thematic order. Let's read some of the books under the theme called:

Celebrating Differences @ <http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/ExhibitionPage?exhibition=1&ilang=English>

Seasons of Change @ <http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/ExhibitionPage?exhibition=6&ilang=English>

Forever Friendship @ <http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/ExhibitionPage?exhibition=5&ilang=English>

These books give us ideas about what it is like to live in another country, make new friends in different countries, or just be different from everyone else. Do you see any books here that give you ideas about how to write about your OWN country?