

The PolygonPat 'some days "R" better than others'

interactment introduces the concept of a virtual school classroom. The 'classroom' is identified as a school, home or distance education setting.

Symmetrical Malady is the class teacher and **Branching Bookitus**, the Librarian, at this virtual PolySchool. Together with PolygonPat as the main character, teachers and students share a typical school day.

The interactment begins by introducing student PolygonPat and Teacher, Symmetrical Malady, by reading the background of Teacher Symmetrical Malady and at the same time looking at how PolygonPat starts the day, finally making it to PolySchool and discussing and writing about how **'some days "R" better than others'**.

Symmetrical Malady helps students tackle issues that affect feelings of self esteem/image/worth. This is achieved through the use of 'hands on' polygon based art and maths activities, achievable by all levels and ages, enabling everyone to take part in the interactment. These activities are conveyed through the use of stories, which communicate the various issues and solutions e.g. helping PolygonPat start the day by designing a PolyQuilt, a PolyPlate to eat breakfast from and designing a maze that signifies the hurdles and problems that we all have when starting a new day, adventure, activity, or even a new school.

The PolygonPat school interactment encourages self worth/esteem and allows participants, through their creativity, to express their abilities and to see their endeavours as a meaningful experience.

The PolygonPat interactment uses art resources to help self manage and promote wellbeing, mental health and student connectedness. Furthermore, the interactment helps to develop skills in social competency and endeavours to establish links to business/industry and the community.

The interactment continues with activities that would occur in a school day; meeting and helping PolygonPats' classmates, who have their own unique story about an issue they struggle with and try to manage.

The PolygonPat interactment is different inasmuch as the majority of stories, characters and art works produced are the work of participating students. GoldenHope sees this as a powerful motivational experience, students helping other students.

Apart from the initial introductory activities the complete PolygonPat interactment is accessed through the PolySchool Library with teacher Branching Bookitus. The PolySchool Library concept allows the interactment to continue to evolve in response to students' needs.

The PolygonPat interactment is computer based with downloadable work sheets and activities, which can be carried out in the classroom.

The format of the interactment is designed to be user friendly and assistance is available from GoldenHope.

GoldenHope edits and publishes the material for students to use and helps to facilitate teacher, parent and community involvement. This is done from GoldenHope Headquarters housed in the historic Jubilee Primitive Methodist Church building of 1861, situated in the Central Victorian gold fields town of Chewton, Australia.


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Outline and Contents

The complete PolygonPat **'some days "R" better than others'** interactment is available as a series of computer downloadable blackline masters, available from www.polygonpat.com
The introductory part of the PolygonPat interactment is contained in this publication. The interactment is divided into a series of specific Work Books. Each Work Book page is a self-contained work unit.

Guidance help notes are included for each Work Book.

The Work Books are best done sequentially.

Work Book 1: PolygonPat Arrives at PolySchool
sets the background and underpins the rest of the interactment.

Work Book 1a: PolygonPat Gets Ready for PolySchool
deals with PolygonPat getting ready for school and finally making it out the front door.

Work Book 2: PolygonPat's School Mates
introduces PolygonPat's school mates and focusses on teacher Symmetrical Malady.

Work Book 2a: PolygonPat in the School Library
Is the springboard for the rest of the PolygonPat interactment.

Note! You can go from Work Book 1 to any of the Library books found as a supplement to Work Book 2a. Access the complete library at www.polygonpat.com/workbook2apolylibraryindex1

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