

ELI GRADED READERS



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Catalogue

The pleasure of reading

2019



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ELI has been a market leader in the production of foreign language materials for over 40 years. Its supplementary material, class magazines, as well as language courses and supplementary publications for Kindergarten, Elementary and Secondary Schools, and University, have created a world famous brand and a name that guarantees quality and reliability.

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Young ELI Readers



Teen ELI Readers



Young Adult ELI Readers



ELI READERS

General Features

The new ELI Readers present themselves as narrative texts of great literary prominence with a strong identity, whether they are classics, adapted or whole, or originals. The different sections which complement the text (notes about the author, analyses, activities...) aim to enrich reading and facilitate understanding and language learning, without diminishing the pleasure of reading.

The new ELI Readers are divided into three series: **Young ELI Readers**, **Teen ELI Readers**, **Young Adult ELI Readers**, according to the age of the readers and their language level, are in line with the indications set out in the Common European Framework of Reference for Language and include useful **language certification** exercises. The new ELI Readers are **available** in six languages: **English**, **French**, **German**, **Spanish**, **Italian** and **Chinese**.



First ELI Readers			
Kindergarten			
Young ELI Readers			
Stage 1	(100 headwords)	below A1	
Stage 2	(200 headwords)	A1	Starters/Movers
Stage 3	(300 headwords)	A1.1	Movers
Stage 4	(400 headwords)	A2	Flyers
Teen ELI Readers			
Stage 1	(600 headwords)	A1	Movers
Stage 2	(800 headwords)	A2	Flyers/Key (KET)
Stage 3	(1000 headwords)	B1	Preliminary (PET)
Young Adult ELI Readers			
Stage 1	(600 headwords)	A1	
Stage 2	(800 headwords)	A2	Key (KET)
Stage 3	(1000 headwords)	B1	Preliminary (PET)
Stage 4	(1800 headwords)	B2	First (FCE)
Stage 5	(2500 headwords)	C1	Advanced (CAE)
Stage 6	Unabridged Texts	C2	Proficiency (CPE)

Methodology

The three series present different methodological traits according to their language level.

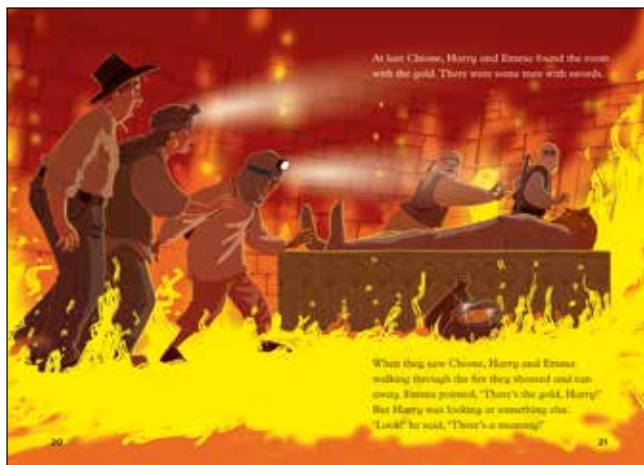
Young ELI Readers:

- Five pages of exercises for revision at the end of each book.
- An illustrated dictionary, on the inside of the cover, keeps the vocabulary the student needs within sight at all times.
- Fun cut-out bookmarks personalize each book.

Teen ELI Readers

Young Adult ELI Readers:

- The **Before You Read Activities** section contains pre-reading activities.
- The text is divided into **chapters** and is equipped with an on-page glossary where necessary.
- The **After-Reading Activities** section, at the end of each chapter, eases memorization and comprehension and rounds off with one or more **Pre-Reading** activities to pre-teach the vocabulary and structures in the subsequent chapter.
- Useful **dossiers** focusing on culture and the author are supplied in the classics series.
- The **Test yourself** section offers activities which take into account the whole story.
- **Syllabus.**



The text is divided into chapters and contains a glossary at the foot of the page.

Language Skills

Reading, speaking, writing and **listening** skills are fully practised and developed through exercises specifically designed for each skill. The text, either whole or partial, is narrated by native speakers on an Audio CD.

The Design

Some of today's most **interesting illustrators** have been chosen to illustrate each of the titles in the series with a visual 'commentary' designed to aid comprehension and draw the student into the stories.

The clear and captivating design of these elegant books not only simplifies the task of understanding the text but also makes them a pleasure to hold and read.



The dossiers provide extra multidisciplinary information on topics related to the historical, geographical and cultural contexts of the volume. In the Classics series, notes about the author complete the dossier.



The audio CD contains a narration of the text by native speakers.

To download the Multimedia files

- Use the ELILINK app  on your smartphone or tablet
 - Download the app from


 Download on the App Store


 GET IT ON Google Play
 - Scan the cover

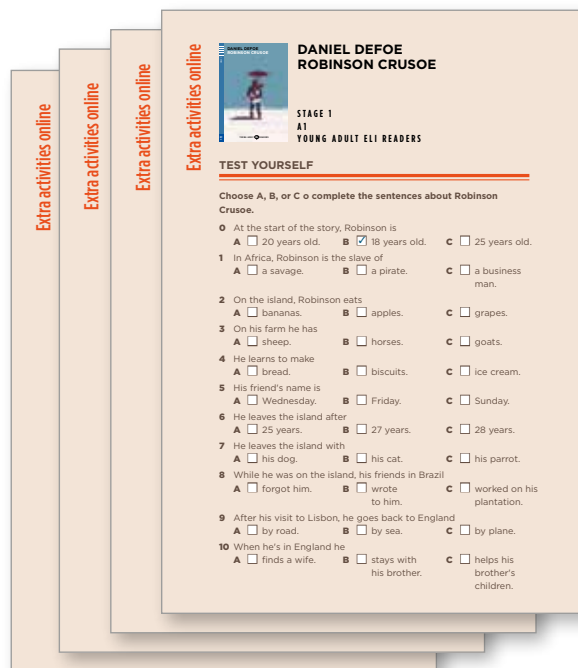
- Download the MP3 Audio tracks from www.eligradedreaders.com

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Extra activities online

To get the most out of each reader, you can find extra activities for each title on our website www.eligradedreaders.com

- Extra activities for students (activities, fact-files, exam preparation exercises, etc.)
- Extra activities for teachers (activities, fact-files, exam preparation exercises, assessment exercises, etc.)



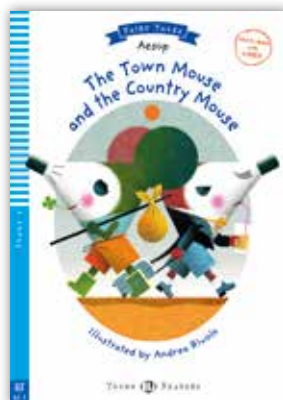
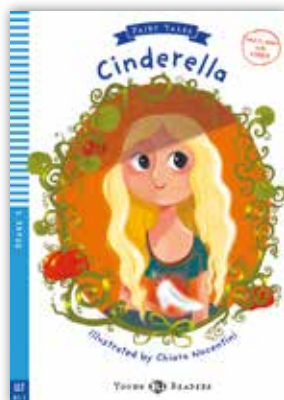
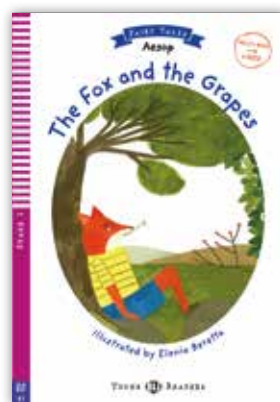
Fairy Tales

The **Young ELI Readers** series expands to include a collection of **Fairy Tales**, the ones which accompanied generations of young readers... and still fascinate them today!

The well-known and successful formula of the Young ELI Readers, with games and activities accompanying the text, is also adopted by the Fairy Tales titles, with the plus of some specific features.

Features

- 2 introductory pages of **pre-reading activities** enable the young learners to familiarize with the characters and the vocabulary of the story.
- Entertaining **while-reading activities** all along the story, in addition to the activity pages at the end of the book.
- Single and double **Picture Dictionary pages** present vocabulary and help to memorize it.
- A **song** is featured in every book: fun is guaranteed!
- Two **Make it Project** pages allow the young learners to make small object with the aid of authentic photos and simple instructions: they can thus create...while reading in a foreign language!
- Two or more pages are devoted to **dramatization of the story**. With the **Let's act!** section every pupil will get involved and take active part in an exciting drama project!
- Every reader is accompanied by a **Video Multi-ROM**, adding a new, digital dimension to reading in class with an IWB or at home on the PC. With the Video Multi-ROM children will follow fun animations of the story, listen to the recordings with a "karaoke" function, do engaging, interactive and auto-correcting exercises, and much more!



Video Multi-ROM



The Young ELI Reader series is designed to help children enjoy reading fun and engaging stories in English, both adapted children's fiction classics and specially-written books. The Video Multi-ROM CDs that accompany the Young ELI Readers add a new, digital dimension to reading in class with an interactive whiteboard (IWB), to reading in the school multimedia centre or to reading at home on the PC.

The Video Multi-ROM CDs allow children to:

follow fun animations of the story.

listen to the recordings on either a conventional CD player or a PC.

do engaging, interactive and auto-correcting exercises.



A flip-though version of the entire book.

A “karaoke” function that highlights the text as the recording is played.

An interactive game.

A “Record” function that allows children to record their own voices and practise pronunciation and intonation.

Multi-ROM



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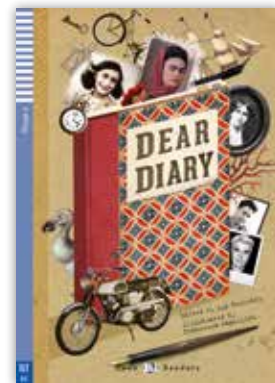
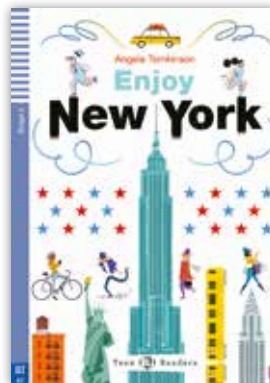
- Book browsable
- Interactive exercises
- Listen and repeat
- Full audio



Non-fiction

The ELI Readers catalogue offers a vast selection of *non-fiction* volumes, or to be more precise, the type of text that whilst not being fiction, nonetheless, are of literary value. These texts are suitable for presenting situations, daily-life facts, problems about life, biographies or descriptions of cities.

ELI proposes: *Great Friends*, a volume that describes friendship in various contexts: between cartoon characters, actors, musicians or historians, between man and animals. Each double spread looks in detail at the value of a story and quotations emphasise the theme it deals with. *Dear Diary* offers snippets from a famous diary, that of Anne Frank, to those of less-known diaries such as Bob Dylan or Salvador Dali. *Loving London* and *Enjoy New York* introduce the reader to these two cities in a fresh, lively way, offering original news and intriguing facts.



Real Lives

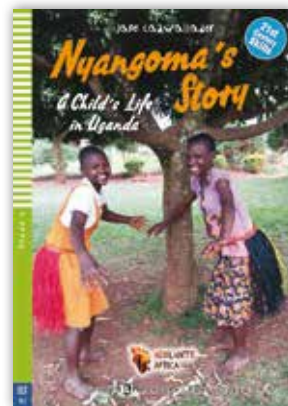
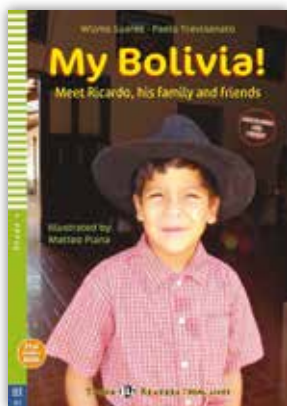
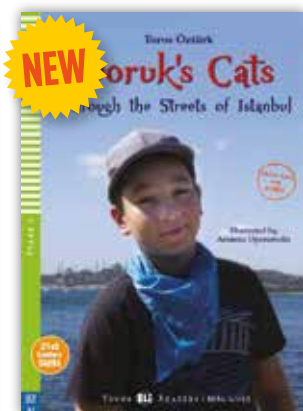
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Teen ELI Readers/
Real Lives

The **Young ELI Readers/Real Lives** series expands to include a collection of **Children True Stories**. It means that children from different and not so well known Countries tell ELI students about their daily life and Countries.

Features

- 4 introductory pages of **information** and **curiosities** about the country the children are from, allow the young learners to get to know the main characteristics and interesting aspects of the country.
- Stunning and authentic photos invite the reader into the children's world, their family and their everyday life
- an **authentic story** lets the reader become familiar with other cultures and different ways of living, while having fun
- a cooperation between ELI and an **NGO (non-governmental organization)** for each Book: ELI donates parts of the proceeds for relevant development and aid projects
- final **pages of activities**, including tasks dealing with **21st Century Skills**, help pupils to revise and analyse the story with a **critical thinking** approach, to **compare cultures** dealing with a great amount of information, to **solve problems creatively while working in teams or small groups**
- a **Video Multi-ROM** adds a digital dimension to reading in class, with an IWB, or at home on the PC. With the Video Multi-ROM children follow fun animations of the story, listen to the recording with a 'karaoke' function, do engaging, interactive and autocorrecting exercises, and much more.



Awards



George Eliot

The Mill on the Floss

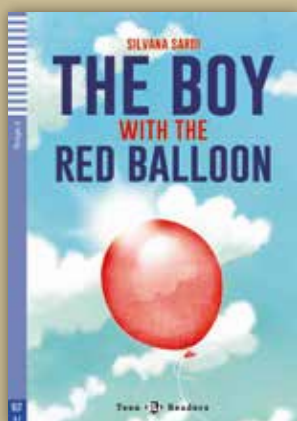
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Illustrated by Lorenzo Conti.



Jane Cadwallader

Granny Fixit and the Viking Children

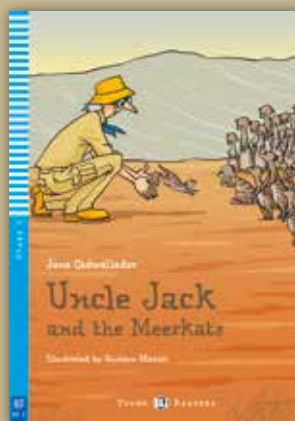
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali



Silvana Sardi

The Boy with the red Balloon

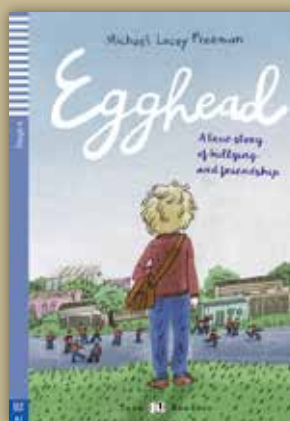
Adaptation by Silvana Sardi.
Illustrated by Maria Girón.



Jane Cadwallader

Uncle Jack and the Meerkats

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Michael Lacey Freeman

Egghead

Illustrated by Zosia Dzierzawska



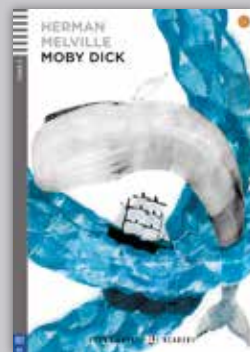
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Anne of Green Gables

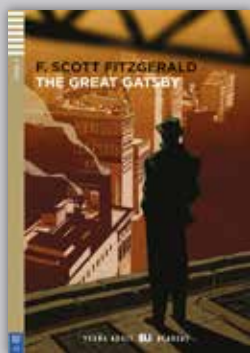
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Illustrated by Gaia Bordinchia.



Edith Nesbit
The Railway Children
 Retold by Michael L. Freeman.
 Illustrated by Zosia Dzierawska.



Herman Melville
Moby Dick
 Adaptation and activities by Sara Weiss.
 Illustrated by Arianna Vairo.



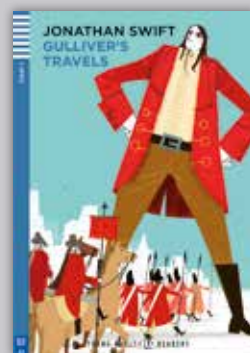
Francis Scott Fitzgerald
The Great Gatsby
 Adaptation by R. J. Larkman.
 Illustrated by Rodolfo Brocchini.



Oscar Wilde
The Canterville Ghost
 Retold by Jane Cadwallader.
 Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Jack London
White Fang
 Retold by Jane Cadwallader.
 Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



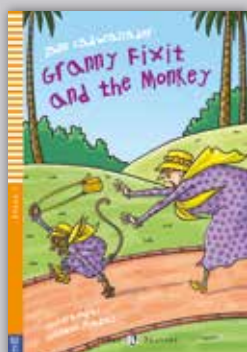
Jonathan Swift
Gulliver's Travels
 Retold by J. Borsbey and R. Swan.
 Illustrated by Simone Massoni.



Geoffrey Chaucer
The Canterbury Tales
 Retold by Michael Lacey Freeman.
 Illustrated by Simone Massoni.



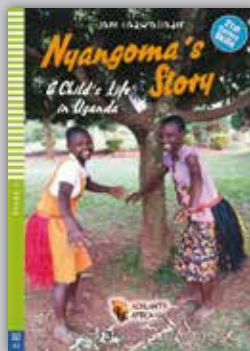
Dominique Guillemant
Hooray for the Holidays!
 Illustrated by Alistar.



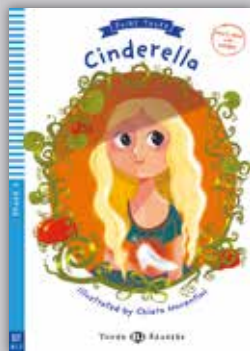
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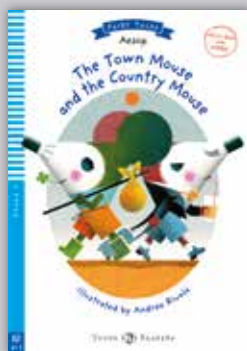
Geoffrey Chaucer
Little Red Riding Hood
 Adaptation by Lisa Suett.
 Illustrated by Elena Prette.



Jane Cadwallader
**Nyangoma's Story –
 A Child's Life in Uganda**
 Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Cinderella
 Retold by by Lisa Suett.
 Illustrated by Chiara Nocentini.



Aesop
**The Town Mouse and the
 Country Mouse**
 Adaptation by Lisa Suett.
 Illustrated by Andrea Rivola.

First ELI Readers

KINDERGARTEN

Jane Cadwallader **Aesop's Fables**

Jane Cadwallader **Martha and the Woolly Rhino**

Jane Cadwallader **Hans Christian Andersen's Stories**

Jane Cadwallader **Martha and the Tiger Party**



NEW 2019

First ELI Readers

Kindergarten

Jane Cadwallader

Aesop's Fables

Adapted from Aesop's classic fables.
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



A lion trapped in a net and an ant in a puddle. Who will rescue them and so gain a new friend?

These are two stories from the Aesop's Fables collection, which have stood the test of time and been read and loved by generations all over the world. At their heart, the stories have important lessons. The first is that, when we need help, it can come from the most unexpected of places! The second is an illustration of Aesop's own saying: 'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.'

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

animals, colours, feelings, adjectives

Grammar and structures

Present simple

Imperatives

Can

Articles

Adverbs

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story

Tags

Friendship | Helping others | Respecting and appreciating differences

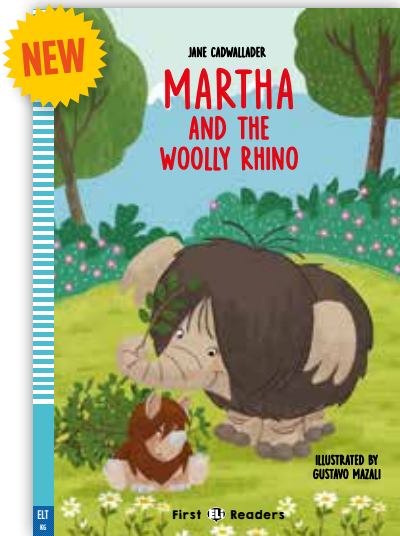
First ELI Readers | Classic

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2609-7 | Word count 248

Jane Cadwallader
Martha and the Woolly Rhino

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Martha the mammoth and her prehistoric animal friends are playing happily together in the wood when Martha discovers a baby woolly rhino called Ryan who has lost his mum and dad.

While Martha and her friends look after the baby rhino, Bella the butterfly sets off in search of Ryan's parents. The fear of getting lost is one readers of this age will readily relate to and the way the young animals look after the baby rhino and imaginatively solve the problem will delight and amuse children.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

animals, colours, family, friendship

Grammar and structures

Present simple

Present continuous

Imperatives

Articles

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story

Tags

Helpfulness Kindness to animals | Problem-solving

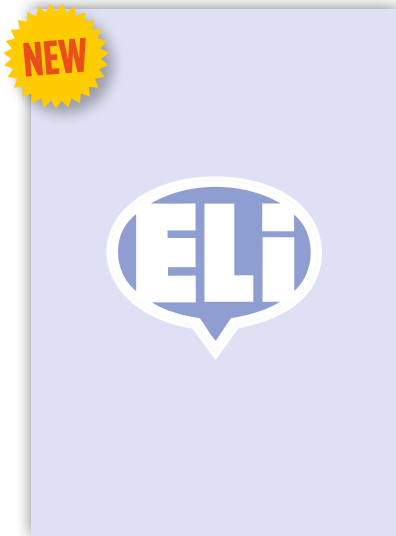
First ELI Readers | Original

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2611-0 | Word count ???

Jane Cadwallader
Hans Christian Andersen's Stories

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



These are two of Hans Christian Andersen's most popular stories.

In The ugly duckling the farmyard animals reject a little duck because he is different. In The princess and the pea beautiful princesses turn out to have not very beautiful characteristics and a poor girl turns out to be a true princess. In both stories children are led to be sympathetic to the unpopular characters. The lessons behind the stories are important for children. Think for yourselves, be kind and don't jump to conclusions; you can't always go by appearances!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

farm animals, colours, family, adjectives for describing people

Grammar and structures

Present simple

Present continuous

Has / Have got

There is / are

Adverbs

Question words: Who? / What? / Which?

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story

Tags

empathy | kindness to others | not jumping to conclusions | citizenship

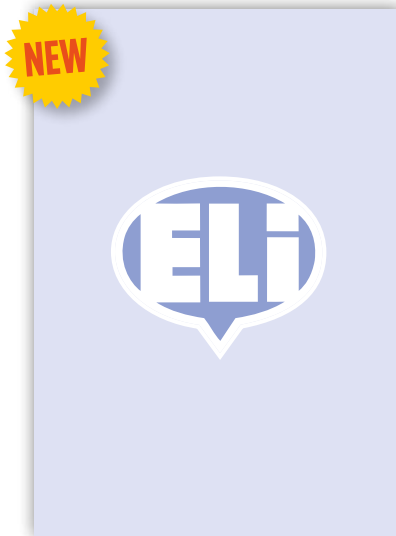
First ELI Readers | Classic

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2614-1

Jane Cadwallader
Martha and the Tiger Party

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Tessa is a very active sabre-toothed tiger! When she finds out there is a tiger birthday party she is very excited and ready to go straight away. However, the other animals feel she should definitely clean up first!

Martha and friends help her to have a bath, brush her hair and clean her teeth before they all set off together. On the way Sancho the squirrel and the communal present fall into the muddy river. Who is going to rescue them? And at what cost? The importance of hygiene is one theme of this story. The other is that we should always give a helping hand when we can.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

everyday hygiene, parts of the body, sports and leisure verbs

Grammar and structures

Present simple

Present continuous

Pronouns

Has / Have got

Adjectives

Can for ability

Like / love + verb -ing

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story

Tags

helping others | health | collaboration

First ELI Readers | Original

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2615-8

YOUNG ELI READERS

Stage 1

Anonymous **Aladdin and the Magic Lamp**
 Dominique Guillemant **Hooray for the holidays!**
 Jane Cadwallader **Granny Fixit and the Yellow**

String

Dominique Guillemant **Sophie's Dream**
 Jane Cadwallader **Granny Fixit and the Ball**
 Jane Cadwallader **Granny Fixit and the Pirate**
 Jane Cadwallader **Granny Fixit and the Monkey**
 Jane Cadwallader **Granny Fixit and the Viking Children**

FT **Little Red Riding Hood**

FT Aesop **The Ant and the Grasshopper**

Jane Cadwallader **Katie, the Pirate and the Treasure**

Mark Twain **The Prince and the Poor Boy**
 Aleksey Tolstoy **Two Stories About Soup**
 Jane Cadwallader **Katie, Teddy and the Princess**

Stage 2

Jane Cadwallader **PB3 and the Helping Hands**
 Lyman Frank Baum **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**
 Jane Cadwallader **PB3 and Coco the Clown**
 Jane Cadwallader **PB3 and the Vegetables**
 Jane Cadwallader **PB3 and the Jacket**
 Jane Cadwallader **PB3 Recycles**
 Oscar Wilde **The Selfish Giant**

FT **The Bremen town musicians**

FT Aesop **The Fox and the Grapes**

Jane Cadwallader **PB3 and the Fish**

FT Aesop **The Hare and the Tortoise**

FT **The Gingerbread Man**

Jane Cadwallader **School Detectives**
 Oscar Wilde **The Giant Rumbledumble**
 Jane Cadwallader **Maxi's Adventures**
 Anonymous **The Legend of Robin Hood**

Stage 3

Jane Cadwallader **Uncle Jack and the Amazon Rainforest**

Jack London **White Fang**

Jane Cadwallader **Uncle Jack and the Meerkats**

J. M. Barrie **Peter Pan**

Jane Cadwallader **Uncle Jack and the Bakonzi Tree**

Jane Cadwallader **Uncle Jack and the Emperor Penguins**

FT **Cinderella**

FT Aesop **The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse**

FT **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**

Jane Cadwallader **Dr Domuch and the Dinosaur Egg**
 Frances Hodgson Gurnett **The Secret Garden**
 Jane Cadwallader **Dr Domuch and the Huemuls**
 E. Nesbit **Five Children and It**

Stage 4

Jane Cadwallader **Harry and the Egyptian Tomb**

Oscar Wilde **The Canterville Ghost**

Jane Cadwallader **Harry and the sports competition**

Rudyard Kipling **The Jungle Book**

Paloma Bellini **The Secret Passage**

Lewis Carroll **Alice in Wonderland**

Jane Cadwallader **Harry and an Electrical Problem**

Jane Cadwallader **Harry and the Crown**

Anonymous **Robin Hood**

Mark Twain **The Prince and the Pauper**

FT **Hansel and Gretel**

FT Aesop **The Wind and the Sun**

RL Jane Cadwallader **Nangoma's Story**

RL Rossella Panuzzo **Juanita and her alpaca**

RL Wilma Suarez - Paolo Trevisanato **My Bolivia!**

RL ActionAid International Italia **My Name is Ça Depend**

RL Toros Öztürk **Doruk's Cats**

RL Silvana Sardi **Visit Saint Petersburg with Me!**

RL Anna Tarsetti **Discover Sri Lanka with US!**

RL Claudia Catitti **Music in Florence!**

Charles Dickens **Oliver Twist**

Jane Cadwallader **The Children of the Forests**

Jules Verne **Journey to the Centre of the Earth**

Jane Cadwallader **Our Water. Our World**

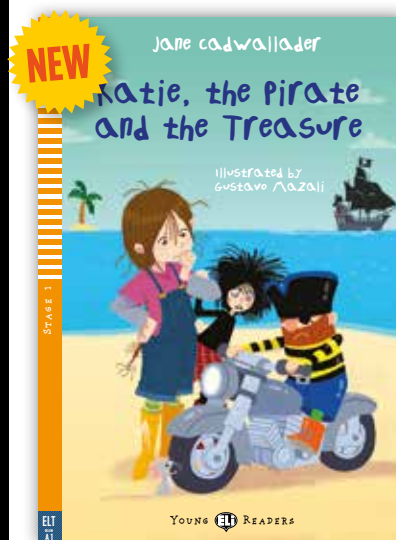
Stage 1

below A1

Jane Cadwallader

Katie, the Pirate and the Treasure

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Katie has some special friends: Regazza the doll and Monty the mouse.

They live in the Land of Forgotten Toys, the place where toys go when they are thrown away or are left forgotten in a toy box for a long time. One day Regazza and Monty go to find Katie. A pirate with a problem has just arrived in the Land of Forgotten Toys. Can she help him? This is a humorous adventure story about friendship and using co-operation to solve a problem.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

feelings, adjectives, fantasy, nature

Grammar and structures

Present simple

Present continuous

Imperatives

Can

There is / There are

Prepositions of place

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Citizenship | Resourcefulness | Friendship

Stage 1 | 100 headwords | below A1 | Starters | Original |

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2612-7 | Word count 670

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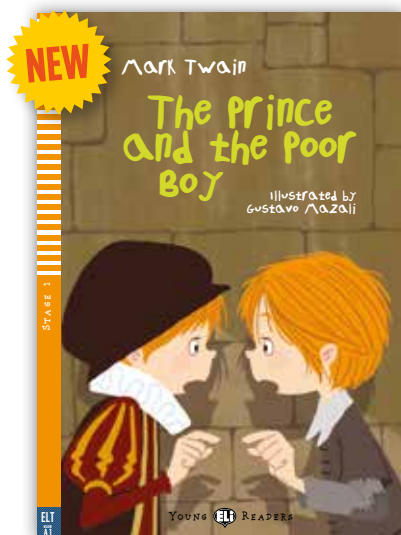
Stage 1

below A1

Mark Twain

The Prince and the Poor Boy

Retold by Jane Cadwallader.
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



This story by Mark Twain explores the saying: 'The grass is always greener on the other side!' A poor boy and a prince swap places with unforeseen consequences.

Through the story, the reader empathises with the boys' dilemma. They learn what it's like to live in the shoes of the other and their eyes are opened to a new reality. In the end, readers see how the boys take up their own lives again... but with lives enriched by the experience and the lasting friendship which has grown between them.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

rooms and furniture, feelings, food, adjectives

Grammar and structures

Present simple
Present continuous
Imperatives
There is / There are
Prepositions of place
Possessive 's

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Respect for other people | Curiosity | Friendship

Stage 1 100 headwords | below A1 | Starters | FClassic |

Audio | 32 pages

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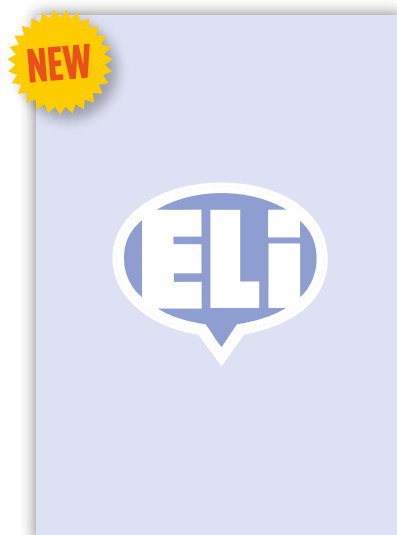
Stage 1

below A1

Aleksey Tolstoy

Two Stories About Soup

Retold by Jane Cadwallader.
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



These are two traditional stories around getting the ingredients to make soup.

In the first one, retold in a famous version by Aleksey Tolstoy, who will help grandpa pull up a huge turnip to make soup for his family? In the second, of central European origin, how can a poor man make a delicious soup? Both stories have a strong strand of humour but underlying them are important messages about being ready to ask for and to give help, about the importance of teamwork ... And about using your imagination and ingenuity.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

family and friends, food, animals, time and meals

Grammar and structures

Present simple
Present continuous
Has / Have got
Determiners
Can for ability
Would like

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

working as a team | resourcefulness | helping others | empathy

Stage 1 100 headwords | below A1 | Starters | Classic |

Audio | 32 pages

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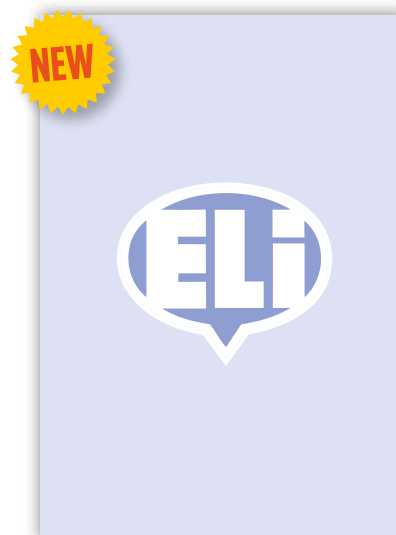
Stage 1

below A1

Jane Cadwallader

Katie, Teddy and the Princess

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Katie has some special friends, Regazza the doll and Monty the toy mouse. They live in the Land of Forgotten Toys, the place where toys go when they are left forgotten in a toy box.

In this story Katy and her friends help a teddy that has fallen in love with a princess. Will Teddy be strong enough to become a true hero? ... Will Katie and her friends manage to help him? This is a story about solving problems in a creative way and about the importance of being determined and not giving up.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

feelings, time of day, action verbs, fairytale vocabulary

Grammar and structures

Present simple
Present continuous
There is / are
Has / have got
Prepositions of place
Can for ability
Pronouns

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

determination | helping others | friendship | problem-solving

Stage 1 100 headwords | below A1 | Starters | Original |

Audio | 32 pages

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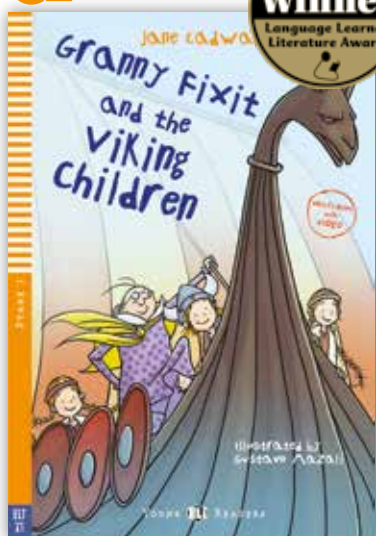
Jane Cadwallader

Granny Fixit and the Viking Children

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Video Multi-ROM



Can the children save a baby whale on the beach with the help of some Viking children? (And a little help from Granny Fixit, of course!).

When the children go with their mother to a Viking archaeological site Granny Fixit organises an interesting encounter for them with some Viking children. Together they find a baby whale on the beach. Will they be able to help the baby whale go back to its mother in the sea?

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Family and friends, sport, the world around us

Grammar and structures

Present simple - Present progressive
- Have got for possessions - Can for permission - Can for ability

Expressions

Would you like to ... / Let's ... - Thank you - Oops - Er... - Suddenly ... - Pronouns: I / you / we, my / our / your - Too - Descriptive adjectives - Question words: where, what - Look out! - Ah! Help! - Oh! - Shh!

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An video Multi-Rom of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Friendship across cultural boundaries | Resourcefulness | Kindness to animals

Stage 1 100 headwords | below A1 | Starters | Original |

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2226-6 | Word count 526

Little Red Riding Hood

Retold by Lisa Suett.

Illustrated by Elena Prette.



Video Multi-ROM



'I'm sorry, Grandma. Mummy is right. It isn't safe to stop in the woods,' says Little Red Riding Hood.

Once upon a time, there was a little girl who lived in a village near the forest. Her name was Little Red Riding Hood. One day, Little Red Riding Hood visits her grandma in the woods where she meets a big bad wolf. Look out, Little Red Riding Hood! Does Little Red Riding Hood get to grandma's house? Let's read and see!

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Animals in the wood, the face and body, colours

Grammar and structures

Present simple - Have got - There is / There are - Question words: Where / What / Who - Imperative - Conjunctions: and / but - Adjectives

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | A *Make it* section | A Let's Act! section | An audio recording of the story and the song

Tags

Adventure | Safety | The woods

Stage 1 100 headwords | below A1 | Starters | Fairy Tales |

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1894-8 | Word count 542

Aesop

The Ant and the Grasshopper

Retold by Lisa Suett.

Illustrated by Beatrice Cerocchi.



Video Multi-ROM



Ant house is small and very nice. In summer it's cool and in winter it's warm. Grasshopper hasn't got a house. She lives outside. She doesn't think about winter. She likes singing! She sings all day!

It's very hot in summer but the ant works hard. Grasshopper doesn't like working. She prefers singing. But then winter arrives and it's very cold. Ant has got lots of food. Her house is warm and nice. Grasshopper knocks at the door. She's hungry. She doesn't want to sing and dance now!

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

fruit and vegetables, food, the weather and the seasons

Grammar and structures

Present simple - positive, negative and interrogative forms - Present continuous (not with future reference) - Like + v + -ing - Determiners - a, an, the, some, these - Can for ability - Conjunctions (and, or) - Possessive adjectives (his, her)

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | A *Make it* section | A Let's Act! section | An audio recording of the story and the song

Tags

Comparing routines/habits | Nature

Stage 1 100 headwords | below A1 | Starters | Fairy Tales

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1895-5 | Word count 534

Jane Cadwallader Granny Fixit and the Monkey

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Granny Fixit, Lucy and Bill race through a bio park chasing a naughty monkey.

In this funny adventure in a biopark a monkey takes Granny Fixit's small yellow bag! What does the monkey take out of the bag? And What can Granny Fixit, Lucy and Bill do to get it back?

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Animals, family, clothes

Grammar and structures

Present, present continuous - there is / are - have got (for possession) - can for requests - like + ing - pronouns - adjectives to show feelings - expressions: *Naughty monkey! What now? Oh dear! - Be careful! Come here! Sorry! What an adventure*

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

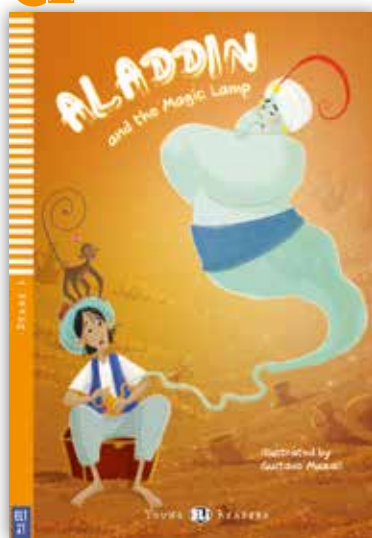
Tags

Adventure | magic | humour

Anonymous Aladdin and the Magic Lamp

Retold by Jane Cadwallader.

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Aladdin is a poor boy who plays all day long in the streets with his monkey, but something will change his life.

Aladdin loves Bulbul but his love is impossible. She is a princess and he is just a poor boy. But the magic lamp of a bad magician changes everything and helps Aladdin to get what he wants. Well, that's what he thinks! The bad magician has other ideas!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

The home, animals, numbers, fruit, the world around us

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present continuous, Prepositions of place, Question words, Let's, Like + v + ing, Adjectives of description and feeling

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Friendship | Fantasy | Good and bad | Persistence

Dominique Guillemant Hooray for the Holidays!

Illustrated by Alistar.



It's summertime! Jack's going on holiday to the seaside with his grandma and grandad.

Jack is on his summer holidays. He's at the seaside with his grandma and grandad. Alfie is Jack's dog. He's on holiday too!

Follow Jack and Alfie in their fun adventures at the beach.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

At the seaside, colours, clothes

Grammar and structures

Singular and plural nouns with 's', Possessive form ('s), Present simple (positive, negative, interrogative forms), Have got for possession, Can/Can't for ability, Let's

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

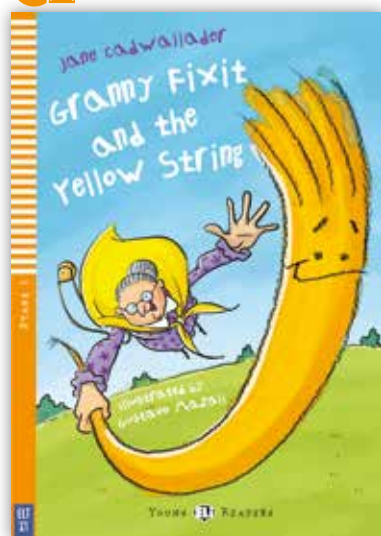
Tags

At the seaside | Free time

Jane Cadwallader

Granny Fixit and the Yellow String

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Ann is ALWAYS losing her things and her teacher is angry. But help is on the way! Granny Fixit and her piece of yellow string solve all her problems... or do they?

Anne is running to school. Her school bag is open! Her books are falling out of her bag. Ann is always losing her things! The teacher is angry. Ann doesn't have her book... again! Granny Fixit puts her hand in her small yellow bag. What is in there? Oh! It is a piece of yellow string!

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

School, family and friends, the home, toys

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present progressive, imperatives, There is / there are, Question words: Where? / What?,

Conjunctions: and / but, determiners: this / that / a / an / a lot of

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

School | Magic | Adventure

Stage 1 100 headwords | below A1 | Starters | Original

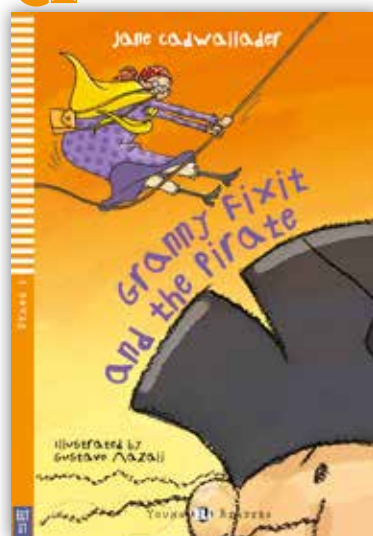
Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0621-1 | Word count 600

Jane Cadwallader

Granny Fixit and the Pirate

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



'Look at the parrots! Pink and blue Grey and purple Green ones too. Parrots parrots everywhere One on the wardrobe One on the chair.'

When Jill and Ahmed find themselves by magic on a pirate ship they meet sad Pirate Bill. He has no pirate hat, treasure or parrot! But with Granny Fixit around no one stays sad for long!

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Animals, furniture, numbers, colours

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present progressive, Imperatives, Have for possession, There is / There are, Can for ability, Question words: what? / where? / who?, Conjunctions: and / but

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

Friendship | Adventure | Magic

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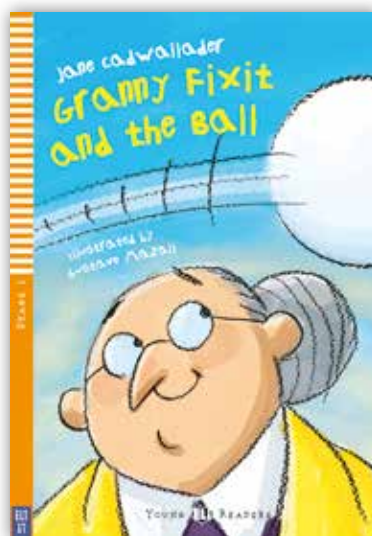
Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0422-4 | Word count 570

Jane Cadwallader

Granny Fixit and the Ball

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



'The small dog has the football! The small dog has the football! Granny Fixit, can you fix it? Granny Fixit, can you fix it? Can you get the ball for Paul?'

This is a story about Granny Fixit and a boy who loses his ball. There's a skateboard chase through the town when a dog, a cat and then a squirrel take the ball. Can Granny Fixit get the ball back for the boy?

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Sports and leisure, transport, animals, adjectives to describe feelings

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present progressive, Imperatives, Have for possession, There is / There are, Can for ability, Question words: what? / where? / who?, Conjunctions: and / but

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

Friendship | Adventure | Magic

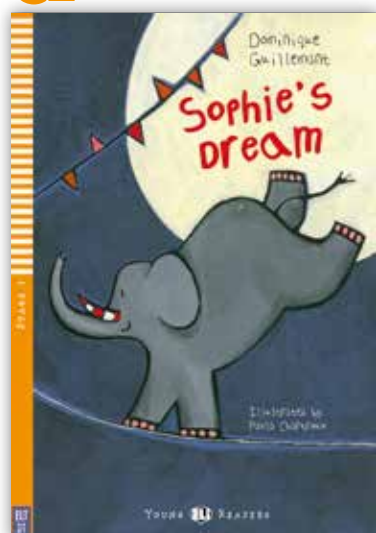
Stage 1 100 headwords | below A1 | Starters | Original

Audio CD | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0421-7 | Word count 570

Dominique Guillemant Sophie's Dream

Illustrated by Paola Chartroux.



'It's late. Sophie is asleep in her bed and she is having a lovely dream. She is dreaming about a day at the circus. In her dream she meets Giggles the clown and Juliet the ballet dancer.'

She is dreaming about a day at the circus. What would happen if during the night elephants and lions, musicians and entertainers, clowns and ballet dancers came in your little room? The never ending and fascinating show of the circus seen from the eyes of a curious child in a very poetic tale accompanied by artistic illustrations.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Circus, Occupations, Animals

Grammar and structures

Singular and plural forms with 's', Common irregular plural forms, Possessive form ('s), Simple adjectives, Positive, question, positive imperative forms, Present Simple, Present Continuous with present meaning (except negative questions)

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Fairy Tale and Fantasy | Animal Story

The Gingerbread Man

Retold by Lisa Suett.

Illustrated by Valeria Valenza.



Is it OK to trust everyone?

Read about the Gingerbread Man as he runs away from an old woman, an old man, a cow and a horse. No one can catch him! But then he meets a fox... Who is more clever? The fox or the Gingerbread Man?

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Vocabulary areas

Food and cooking

The rooms in the house

Parts of the body

Actions

Grammar and structures

Present simple

Present continuous (not with future reference)

conjunctions: because, and

Verb + ing

Verb + infinitive

Can / Can't for ability

Comparative and superlative adverbs

Have (got) for possession

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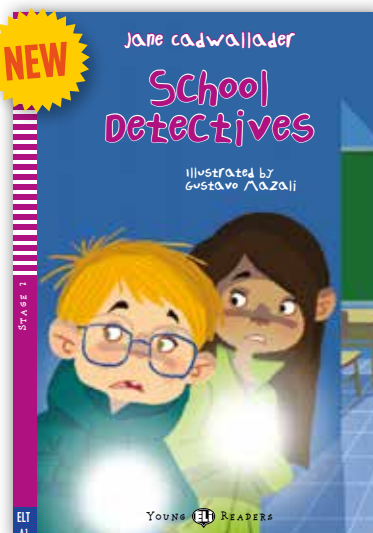
Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Adventure

Jane Cadwallader School Detectives

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



This story tells the adventure of two children.

One is studious and interested in all scientific things. The other is energetic and sporty. Although they live next door to each other and go to the same school, they never speak... until one day something changes all that. Kim and Tony learn to appreciate each other's skills and to bring these together to prevent a crime. Children learn through them that critical thinking and collaboration can solve problems and that you don't have to be the same to be friends.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

school, hobbies, body parts, feelings

Grammar and structures

Present simple

Present continuous

Imperatives

Can

There is / There are

Possessive 's

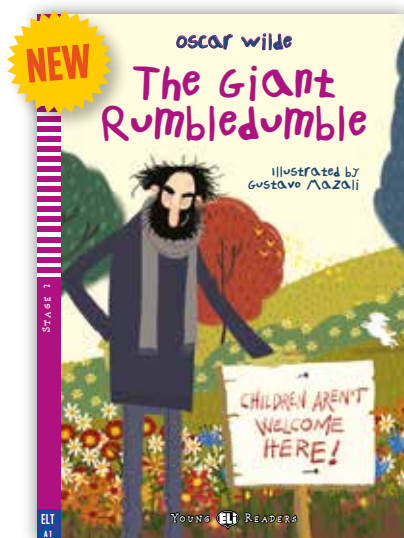
In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Respecting and appreciating differences | Initiative and inventiveness | Right and wrong

Oscar Wilde

The Giant RumbledumbleRetold by Jane Cadwallader.
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.

Young readers might well see themselves in the selfish giant, based on Oscar Wilde's classic, who doesn't want to share his favourite possession.

Through the story they see how our actions not only affect others, but can also boomerang back and affect ourselves. They can empathise with the sad and lonely giant locked into his own cold selfishness and celebrate with him the realisation that if we give happiness to others we feel it ourselves too. Above all, this story is a humorous look at accepting and correcting the mistakes we make in life.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

nature, animals, adjectives, feelings

Grammar and structures

Present simple

Present continuous

Imperatives

There is / There are

Possessive 's

Prepositions of place

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Sharing | Kindness | Appreciating our environment

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Classic

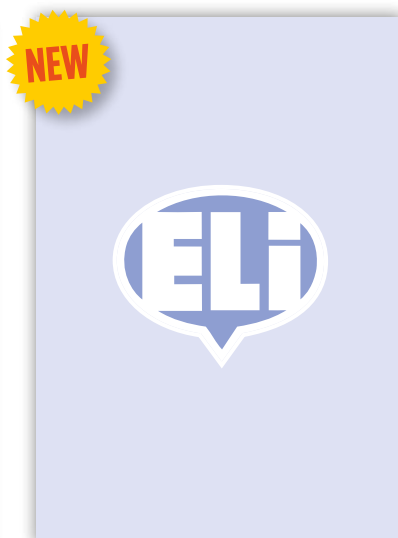
Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2622-6 | Word count 840

Jane Cadwallader

Maxi's Adventures

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Rumbledumble's greatest loves are: Anna and the other children, his garden and his little dog Maxi.

When Maxi gets lost Rumbledumble and the children search everywhere for him. But Maxi is far away in another, very different, world. Will Maxi get back? Will Rumbledumble find him? This is a story about the loyalty between a man and his dog, about determination and about how help is not all one way; sometimes children can help adults too! It's also about being kind to a stranger ...Even when that stranger is a little dog!

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

transport, sports and leisure, places and directions

Grammar and structures

Present simple

Present continuous

Prepositions of place

Verb + Infinitive

Determiners

Can / Can't for ability and possibility*There is / There are***In this Reader you will find:**

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

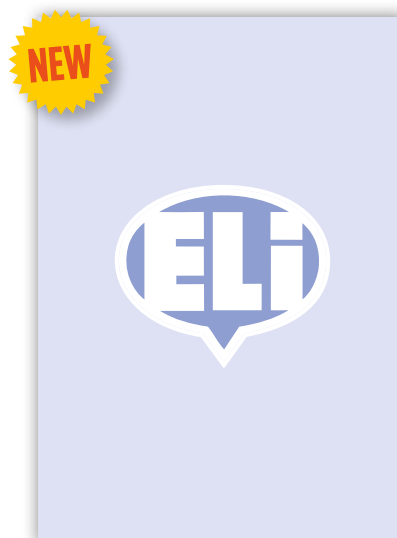
Using initiative | Kindness to strangers | Supporting friends

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Original

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2623-3

Anonymous

The Legend of Robin HoodRetold by Jane Cadwallader.
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.

This adventure story tells the beginnings of the legend of Robin Hood, a legend that has fascinated generations of children.

It starts when Robin Hood comes home to England after fighting for King Richard the Lionheart. He finds that his house has been taken over by the bad Prince John and his servant the Sheriff of Nottingham. Robin goes into Sherwood Forest where, along with Maid Marion, he forms a band to fight back against the bad Prince and the Sheriff and to defend the poor.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

physical descriptions, food and meals, everyday activities, action verbs

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present continuous

Adverbs, Comparative and superlative adjectives, Verb + Infinitive, *Can / Can't* for ability, Prepositions of place, Relative clauses**In this Reader you will find:**

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Recognising right and wrong | Sharing | Kindness

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Classic

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2624-0

Jane Cadwallader

PB3 and the Fish

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



PB3 finds that helping isn't always as easy as it seems and it's important to think before you act!

PB3 and his robot, Robin, are with their Earth friends, Ben and Sue finding out about life at the beach. Suddenly the evil OOs arrive in their spaceship and try to catch them. In their hurry to escape the two ETs dive into the water and discover another world under the sea. In their attempt to help some grey fish they put them in great danger. Ben and Sue help them to understand but can they put the situation right again?

Syllabus**Grammar and structures**

present simple, present progressive, have got for, possessions, verb + infinitive, conjunctions: and but prepositions of place, can / can't, there's / there are

Expressions

It's more difficult than, it looks, It's better, It's time for ..., I've got an idea!, Ooops!, Oh dear!, Goodbye, come again soon!

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

The natura | World | Helping Thinking about consequences

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Original

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2231-0 | Word count 770

Aesop

The Hare and the Tortoise

Illustrated by Andrea Rivola.



It's better to be careful and do things slowly.

Harvey the hare thinks he's the fastest and the best at everything! But sometimes it's a good idea to be slow and steady. One day Tilly the tortoise and Harvey the hare have a race. Who do you think wins? Read the story to find out!

Syllabus**Grammar and structures**

Present simple, Present continuous, Verb + -ing, Can /Can't for ability, Must, Comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs, Positive imperative forms, Let's, There is/are

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Picture dictionary pages | A Make it project | A Let's act! Section | A Video Multi-Rom with a song

Tags

Adventure

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Fairy Tales

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2385-0 | Word count 460

The Bremen Town Musicians

Retold by Lisa Suett.

Illustrated by Alessandra Vitelli.



The four Bremen Musicians like the little house in the forest. It's their home now. And every day they sing and play together!

This is the story of a donkey who runs away to Bremen to play music in a band. On the road he meets other animals. Who does he meet? On their way they find a house. But who is in the house? Read the story and see!

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

animals, musical instruments, prepositions of place, animal and instrument sounds, emotions

Grammar and structures

Present simple - Present continuous - Adjectives - Conjunctions: so, because - Can for ability - There is / There are - What (a/an) + adj+noun - Question words

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | A Make it section | A Let's Act! section | An audio recording of the story and the song

Tags

Adventure | Safety | The woods

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Fairy Tales

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

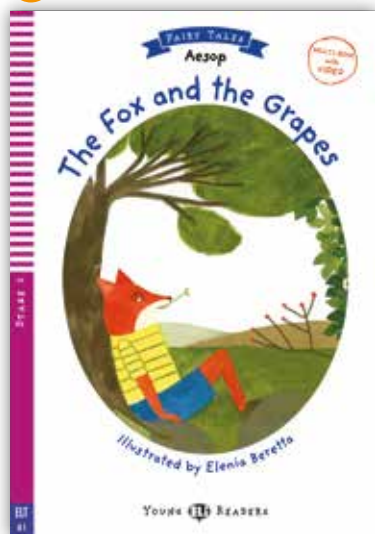
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Aesop

The Fox and the Grapes

Retold by Lisa Suett.

Illustrated by Elenia Beretta.



Do you always try hard to get the things you like and want? Well, this is the story of a lazy fox. Felix the fox doesn't always try hard!

Felix is a fox. She's very lazy and never wants to try hard. She's always got an excuse! When she can't do something, Felix blames other things and situations. But be careful! When you want something, you have to try hard to get it.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Members of the family, actions, the wood

Grammar and structures

Prepositions of place - Present simple-positive, negative, question forms - *Can/Can't* for ability

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | A *Make it* section | A Let's Act! section | An audio recording of the story and the song

Tags

Family | Free time

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Fairy Tales

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2227-3 | Word count 755

Oscar Wilde

The Selfish Giant

Retold by Lisa Suett.

Illustrated by Allegra Agliardi.



Why doesn't summer come to the Giant's garden? Find out how the Selfish Giant changes and learns about friendship.

A Giant lives in a castle with a beautiful garden. But the Giant is selfish and wants it all to himself. He doesn't want the children to play in his garden. Winter comes and never leaves until... something happens and the Giant learns about love and sharing!

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

seasons, nature, adjectives, feelings

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present continuous, *There is / There are*, Prepositions of place, Possessive 's, Adverbs of frequency

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Friendship | Sharing | How to treat others

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Classic

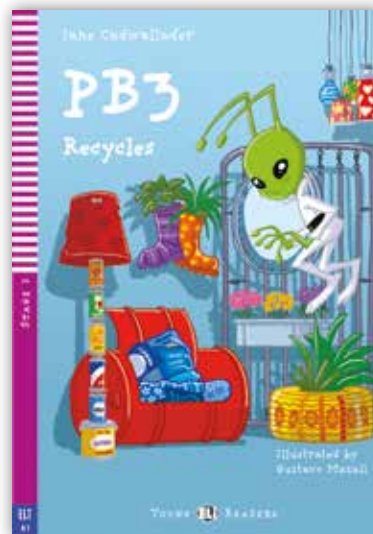
Audio CD | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1867-2 | Word count 720

Jane Cadwallader

PB3 Recycles

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



PB3 finds that recycling definitely has advantages! But will it help him find what he needs to fix Robin?

When PB3's robot, Robin, stops working, the doctor on Planet P3 tells PB3 to throw her in the rubbish and buy a new robot. There is a needle made of wood that is broken and cannot be replaced because there are now no trees on Planet 3. PB3 goes off to Earth to look for a needle made of wood to save his friend. During his search he finds out about recycling and also about children who collect things to sell on rubbish tips. Will the children be able to help PB3 and will PB3 and Robin be able to help the children?

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Furniture, toys, clothes, materials

Grammar and structures

Present simple - Present progressive - Going to future - Have got for possessions - Verb + infinitive - Conjunctions: and but Too - Adjectives of emotion - Question words: where, what, who

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Recycling | Friendship | Resourcefulness

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Original

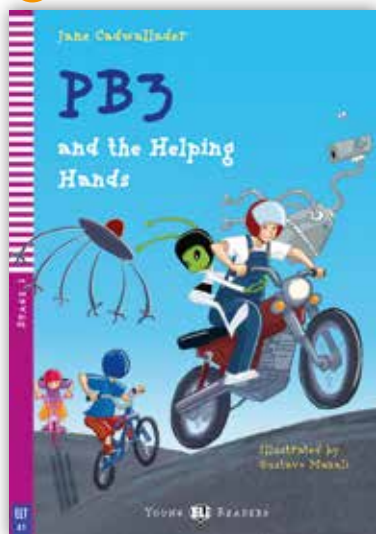
Audio CD | 32 pages

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Jane Cadwallader

PB3 and the Helping Hands

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Will the children be able to save PB3 and Robin from the OOs? And from the journalists?

PB3 and Robin are happily doing their Earth homework! Little do they suspect that the evil OOs are chasing them! It looks like the end for our ET friends but ... a band of Earth children come to the rescue. Will they be able to save them?

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Family, the home, sports and leisure, feelings

Grammar and structures

Present simple

Present progressive

Comparatives

Verb + infinitive

Conjunctions: and, but

Prepositions of place and movement

What (a/an) + adj + n

Too

Question words: who, what, why

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Solidarity | Friendship | Resourcefulness

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Original

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

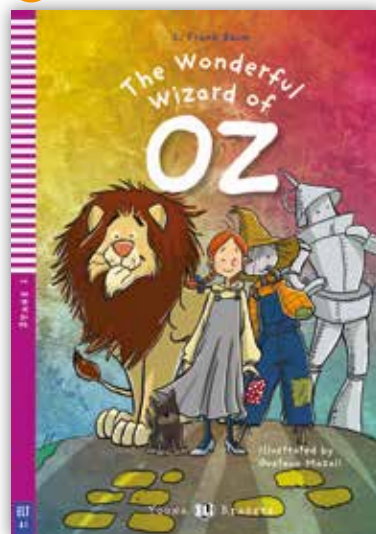
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L. Frank Baum

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Retold by Jane Cadwallader.

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Can you imagine being whooshed away by the wind to a magic land of witches and strange characters?

Have you ever met Munchkins or Winkies or monkeys with wings and an all powerful wizard? This is the story of how Dorothy made some wonderful friends in a magic land and how she tried to get back home to Kansas. Did she manage? You'll have to read the story to find out!

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Colours, clothes, parts of the body, directions

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Verb + infinitive,

Must and have to for obligation,

Determiners: some - any, Adjectives

of description and feeling,

Prepositions of place

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Friendship | Fantasy | Courage and persistence

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Classic

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0768-3 | Word count 805

Jane Cadwallader

PB3 and Coco the Clown

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



It's night. Sally is having dinner with her uncle, Coco the clown. Suddenly something lands on the roof of Coco's caravan! OH! It's a spaceship!

PB3 and his robot, Robin come down the stairs of the spaceship. They are very surprised. On Planet P3 they don't have animals, or caravans. Coco and Sally invite PB3 and Robin to visit the circus.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Family, time and meals, the body and face, clothes, colours

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present progressive, Verb + infinitive,

Infinitive of purpose, *There is / there are*, Prepositions of place and

movement, Possessive adjectives,

Descriptive adjectives, Question

words: *Who? / What? / Why? / Where?*

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

Circus | Friendship

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Original

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

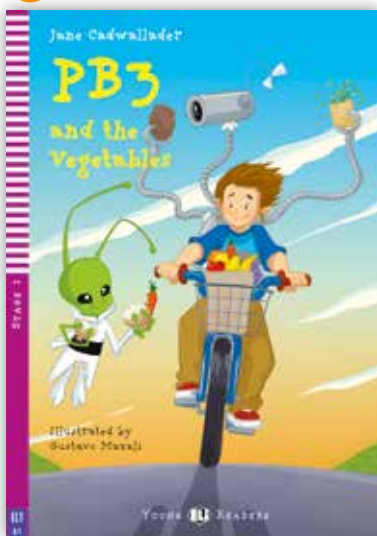
ISBN 978-88-536-0624-2 | Word count 780

Stage 2

A1

Jane Cadwallader
PB3 and the Vegetables

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



**'They don't have apples
Potatoes or beans
Or even a pea.
They don't have pears.
They don't have grapes.
They don't have grapes.
Poor Robin and PB3!'**

When Fred helps a friendly extraterrestrial, PB3, and his robot, Robin, to buy Earth fruit and vegetables he doesn't know that some sticky substance from outer space will come to his rescue and punish a school bully.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Fruit and vegetables, colours

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present progressive, Imperatives, Possessive adjectives, *Can / can't*, *There is / There are*, Question words: *what? / why?*, Conjunctions: *and / but*, Prepositions of place

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Friendship | Adventure | Human Interest

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Original

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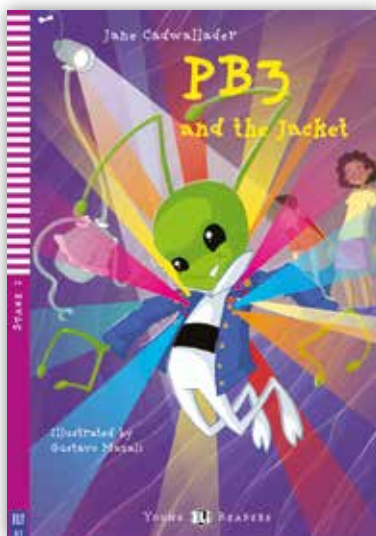
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Stage 2

A1

Jane Cadwallader
PB3 and the Jacket

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



**'These are animals from a farm.
A pig goes oink and a sheep
goes baa. There's a chicken and
a duck and a horse of course.
And a sad little goat with a
curly coat.'**

Two children, Sue and Ben, dive into the sea and meet PB3 and his robot, Robin. Together they come face to face with the bad OOs from Planet X011 and together they discover a terrible plan. Can they stop the OOs?

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Clothes, animals, colours, feelings

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present progressive, Imperatives, Possessive adjectives, Adverbs, *There is / There are*, Question words: *what? / why?*, Conjunctions: *and / but*, Prepositions of place

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Tags

Friendship | Adventure | Human Interest

Stage 2 200 headwords | A1 | Starters/Movers | Original

Audio CD | 32 pages

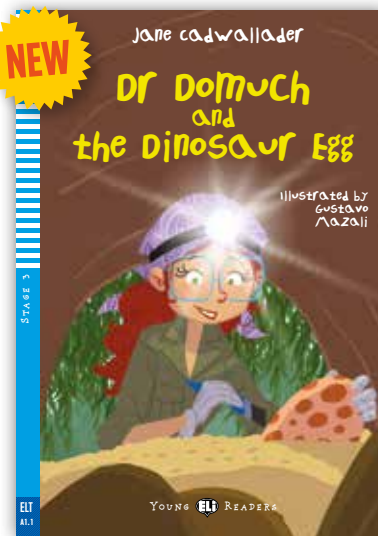
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Stage 3

A1.1

Dr Domuch and the Dinosaur Egg

Illustrated by Ilaria Urbinati



**What would you do if you found
a baby dinosaur in your oven?**

This is what happens to Sally and her brother and sister. Sally and Orry, the dinosaur, quickly make friends. But how can the children protect him from the rest of the world? Underlying this story are lessons about taking initiatives and working in a team as well as a few facts about dinosaurs. There is also a good dose of humour as the children, helped by Dr Domuch try to solve the problem of what to do with Orry.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

science, nature, physical descriptions, friendship

Grammar and structures

Present simple
Past simple (regular and irregular forms)
Imperatives
Can
There is / There are
Comparative and superlative adjectives

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Problem-solving | Kindness to animals | A positive attitude to learning

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Original

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2628-8 | Word count 960

Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Secret Garden

Retold by Jane Cadwallader.
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



In this story by Frances Hodgson Burnett, a young girl called Mary starts out as unloved and unlovable.

She moves home and, through her contact with country life and people, she gradually changes. She discovers an abandoned garden which gives her a driving aim in life: to bring the garden back to life. Mary is a changed child, so changed that, when she finds someone similar to her former self, she decides to change him too. Underlying this story are valuable lessons about the importance of kindness, physical exercise and contact with the natural world.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

family, nature, friendship, physical descriptions, feelings

Grammar and structures

Present simple
Past simple (regular and irregular forms)
Past continuous
Must for obligation
Adverbs of frequency

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Friendship | Overcoming difficulties | Health and happiness

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Classic

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2627-1 | Word count 990

Jane Cadwallader
Dr Domuch and the Huemuls

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Do you know what a huemul is? This story will take you on an adventure from the museum where Dr Domuch works to the land of the huemuls in the heights of the Andes in Patagonia. Do Domuch and the children, Ben Pat and Sally, become involved in trying to solve the mystery of who stole a necklace and how. At the same time the children meet some indigenous people, learn about the endangered huemul and are also encouraged to think about the philosophical concept of right and wrong.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

places and directions, time, the world around us

Grammar and structures

Present simple and continuous
Past continuous
Past simple (regular and irregular forms)
Must for obligation
Can / Can't for possibility
May for possibility
Relative clauses

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

right and wrong | respect for different cultures | caring for the natural world

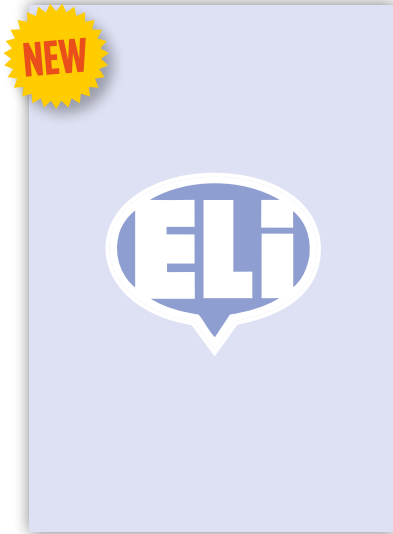
Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Original

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2626-4

E. Nesbit
Five Children and It

Adapted by Jane Cadwallader.
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Imagine you found a fairy at the bottom of your garden. And imagine the fairy tells you that your wishes will come true! This is what happens to the five children in this story. However, things don't happen exactly as expected and the fairy turns out to be quite a grump fairy! Readers though the generations have loved this humorous story by Edith Nesbit. Along with an appreciation for the funny side of life it teaches children that if not thinking things through properly can get you into trouble thinking carefully can usually get you out of it.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

family, parts of the body, animals, house and garden

Grammar and structures

Present simple and continuous
Past simple (regular and irregular forms)
Had to for obligation
Can / could for ability
Adverbs
There was / There wasn't
Comparative and superlative adjectives

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Family | Problem-solving | Dealing with surprises

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Classic

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2629-5

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Illustrated by Ilaria Urbinati



Video Multi-ROM



Real beauty comes from inside.

This is the story of a wicked queen and her magic mirror. Snow White runs away and goes to the forest. She meets seven kind dwarfs. But does the queen find Snow White? Who can save Snow White? Read the story to find out!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Physical descriptions, Parts of the face, In the kitchen, Ordinal numbers, Forest animals

Grammar and structures

Comparative form: as + adjective + as, Comparative and superlative adjectives, Past simple regular and irregular forms, Must for obligation, Adverbs, Adjectives, Question words

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Picture dictionary pages | A Make it project | A Let's act! Section | A Video Multi-Rom with a song

Tags

Friends Adventure Jealousy Emotions

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Fairy Tales

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2390-4 | Word count 900

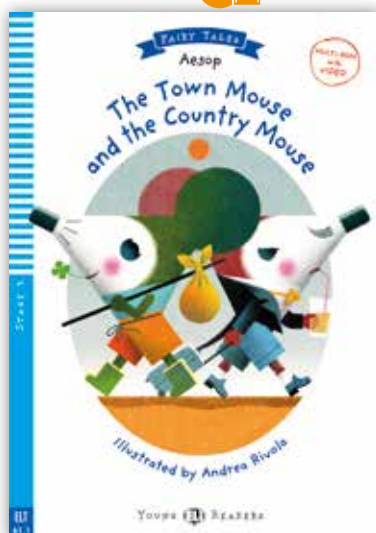
Aesop

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

Retold by Lisa Suett. Illustrated by Andrea Rivola.



Video Multi-ROM



'I'm sorry, Alfred. It's too dangerous here. I want to go home,' says Jack. 'Would you like some cheese?' asks Alfred. 'No, thank you. I want to go home. I've got lots of grass at home,' says Jack.

Two mice are friends. Alfred is a town mouse and Jack is a country mouse. One day Alfred visits Jack in the country. Alfred is very surprised. Jack hasn't got a house. He hasn't got a car. And he eats grass! Alfred wants to show Jack the town. There are shops, houses and restaurants with nice food. But Jack soon finds that the town is dangerous, too! What happens when Jack goes to town? Read and see!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

The town and shops - Transport - The house

Grammar and structures

Present simple - Present continuous - want/ask someone to do something - conjunctions: *because* - Verb + *ing* - Verb + infinitive - *would like* - *Will* for future reference

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | A *Make it* section | A Let's Act! section | An audio recording of the story and the song

Tags

Town life | Country life | Friends

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Fairy Tales

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

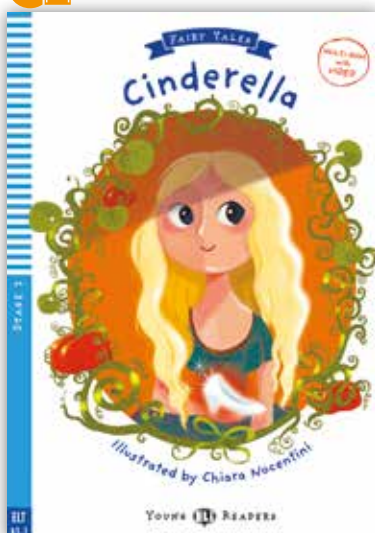
ISBN 978-88-536-2292-1 | Word count 735

Cinderella

Retold by Lisa Suett. Illustrated by Chiara Nocentini.



Video Multi-ROM



'Oh no! I must go. The magic stops at midnight,' said Cinderella. 'Wait! Come back! I don't know your name,' called the Prince.

Poor Cinderella! She works all day and her two horrible stepsisters don't help her. One day an invitation arrives from the Prince. But Cinderella can't go to the party because she's got work to do. But her fairy godmother arrives and amazing things happen...! Does she go to the party? Does she meet the Prince?

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

clothes, housework

Grammar and structures

Past simple regular and irregular forms - Verb + infinitive - Must for obligation - Adverbs: never, quickly - Comparative and superlative adverbs - Conjunctions: because, but, and - Preps of time: after, on - Question words: why, when, where, who

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | A *Make it* section | A Let's Act! section | An audio recording of the story and the song

Tags

Family | Magic | Adventure

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Fairy Tales

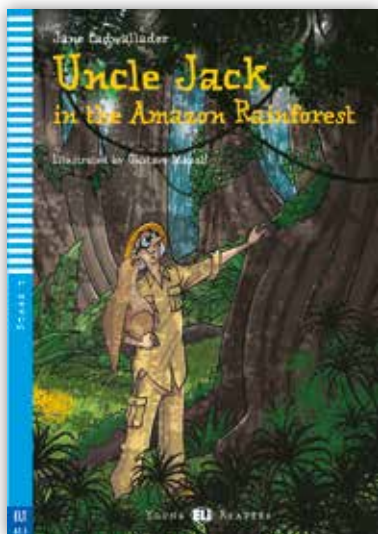
Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2297-8 | Word count 698

Jane Cadwallader

Uncle Jack and the Amazon Rainforest

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Have you ever seen a sloth? Jim and his brother and sister meet one in this adventure in the Amazon Rainforest.

It is the story of how they team up, with Slowly, the sloth and his friends, helped by Uncle Jack, his daughter Dr Silver and some Amazon Indians to save their habitat.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

The world around us, family, the body

Grammar and structures

Present, Present continuous, Past verb + ing, Infinitive of purpose, Comparatives, Adverbs, Let's..., Must for obligation, Should for advice, Question words What... How ...

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

Adventure | Protecting our environment | Solidarity

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Original

Audio CD | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1738-5 | Word count 934

Oscar Wilde

The Canterville Ghost

Retold by Jane Cadwallader.

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Do you believe in ghosts? Well, the Otis family didn't until they met the Canterville Ghost.

This is a story of life and death and love... of a ghost trapped in the present because of the bad thing he did in the past and how a young girl helps him to move on.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Time, family and friends, the home, weather

Grammar and structures

Present, present continuous, past Verb + infinitive
Adverbs
Descriptive adjectives
Prepositions of place

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

The Supernatural | Human values

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Classic

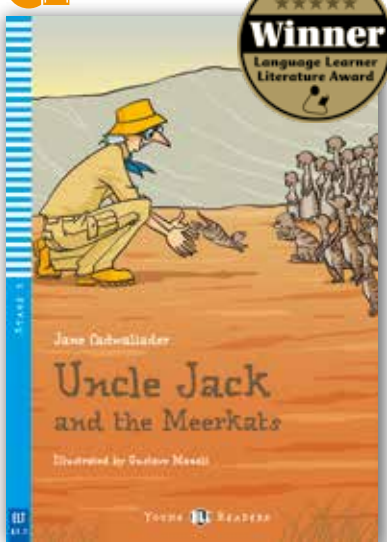
Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

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Jane Cadwallader

Uncle Jack and the Meerkats

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Uncle Jack is reading a book in the garden. Jim and his sisters are playing with a ball. Grumpy the dog begins to bark. He wants to show them something...

Uncle Jack, Grumpy, Daisy and May look into the next door garden. It's incredible! There are two baby meerkats in a cage and they are crying! They come from the Kalahari Desert! Uncle Jack decides to take them home. It's the beginning of a great adventure!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Animals, nature, feelings, town

Grammar and structures

Past simple regular and irregular forms, Verb + ing, Verb + infinitive, Could, Must for obligation, Shall for obligation, Adverbs: never, sadly, a lot, Comparatives / superlatives: better, best

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

Adventure | Animals

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Original

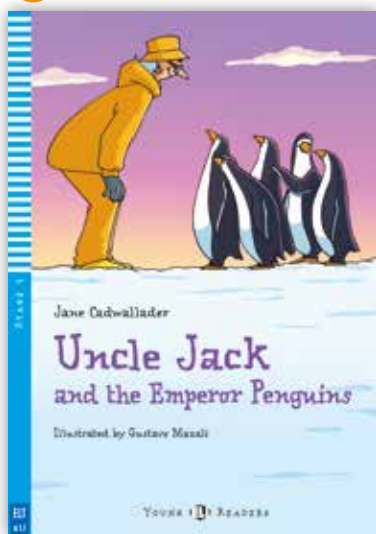
Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0627-3 | Word count 946

Jane Cadwallader

Uncle Jack and the Emperor Penguins

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



'Here are the Emperor Penguins as happy as can be. They're off to lay their eggs in a place far from the sea. They stay here all the winter as cold as cold can be. Until their babies hatch in a place far from the sea.'

In this hilarious story you will learn something about the habits of the Emperor Penguins and follow Uncle Jack and the others in their race against time to help the penguins to the place where they lay their eggs.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Weather, food, physical description

Grammar and structures

Past simple regular and irregular forms, Verb + infinitive, Verb + *-ing*, Adverbs, *Can / can't*, *Must / mustn't*, Question words: *what? / why? / who?* Prepositions of place, Comparative sentences, Distributives: *every, all* + noun

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

Adventure | Social Issues | Animal Story

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Original

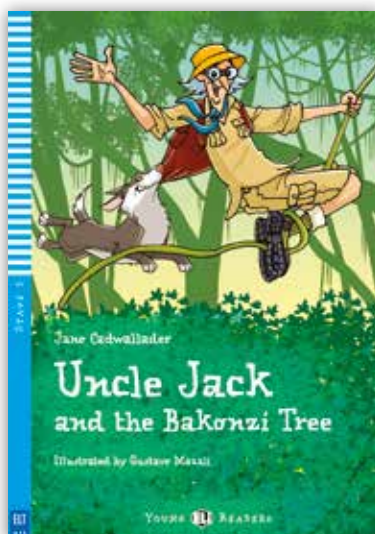
Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0426-2 | Word count 900

Jane Cadwallader

Uncle Jack and the Bakonzi Tree

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



'In the deep green forest what can you see? Ants and snakes and spiders and monkeys up a tree! In the deep green forest what can you do? Take photos. Climb up and swing from trees too!'

In the deep green forest what can you do? Take photos. Climb up and swing from trees too!'

You will learn something about the Nyungwe Forest in this exciting adventure where Uncle Jack and the others fly off to Africa to look for a cure for King Kambogo. They don't realise but there are some bad men who don't want them to find the cure!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Animals, nature, feelings

Grammar and structures

Past simple regular and irregular forms, Verb + infinitive, Verb + *-ing*, Adverbs, *Can / can't*, *Must / mustn't*, Question words: *what? / why?*, Prepositions of place

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

Adventure | Social Issues | Spy

Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Original

Audio CD | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0425-5 | Word count 970

J. M. Barrie

Peter Pan

Retold by Richard B. A. Brown.

Illustrated by Elena Prette.



'Once upon a time, a long time ago, in London there was a happy family in a happy house...'

The story of a boy who never grew up, with his friends Wendy and the jealous fairy Tinker Bell. Why are there no Lost Girls in Neverland? What did the crocodile want to eat?

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Family, gender and gender role

Grammar and structures

Common regular and irregular verbs in the simple past, all forms; Common regular and irregular verbs in the present, all forms; *There is / are / was / were*, all forms + simple determiners; Modal verbs: *can* and *could* for ability; Adverbs of manner and frequency; Adjectives; Prepositions; Connectives: *and, but, so*; Comparatives and superlatives

In this Reader you will find:

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Tags

Friendship | Adventure

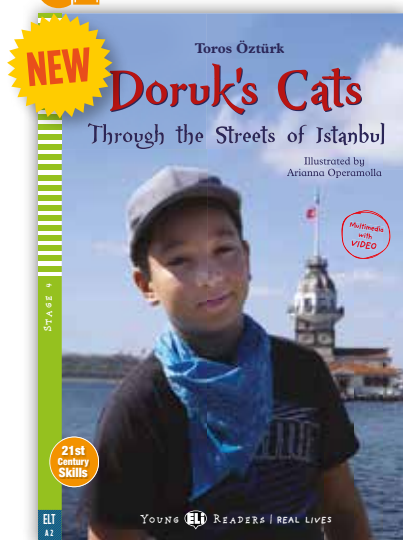
Stage 3 300 headwords | A1.1 | Movers | Classic

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0427-9 | Word count 700

Toros Öztürk Doruk's Cats

Through the Streets of Istanbul.
Illustrated by Arianna Operamolla.



Doruk, a ten-year-old Turkish boy, loves cats and wants to have a nice cat.

He listens to Aunt Banu's advice and starts looking for a cat in Istanbul streets. His nice journey is very exciting. He learns some stories about the historical places in Istanbul. He learns a lot about cats, too. Will he find a cat he likes? Where will a nice cat "choose him"? Join Doruk's journey full of surprises in Istanbul.

Syllabus

Places, food and Turkish food

Grammar and structures

Present & Past simple
(regular, irregular verbs)
Present & Past progressive
(continuous)
Present perfect simple
Future with will /going to
I'd like
Imperatives (positive)
Verb + ing / infi nitive
Comparative of
adjectives
Let's...
Modals can, must, should

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary | Authentic photos

Tags

Art and History | Places | Story telling | Friendship

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Real Life

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2633-2 | Word count 1300

Silvana Sardi Visit Saint Petersburg with Me!

Join Ivan and his family in Russia.
Illustrated by Arianna Operamolla.



Join Ivan in the beautiful Russian city of Saint Petersburg.

You'll discover that there's lots to see and do and special places to visit for good luck. You'll also learn about Ivan and how he spends his day. In this reader you will find:

Syllabus

Verb Tenses

Present Simple / Present Continuous,
Past Simple / Past Continuous,
Present Perfect Simple, Will for
future reference, Present/Past simple
passive

Patterns

Verbs + infinitive /Verbs + ing

Modals

Can /could, Must / Should
Imperatives, Comparative form of
adjectives

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary | Authentic photos

Tags

Family | Daily life | City sights

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Real Life

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2632-5 | Word count 1285

Anna Tarsetti Discover Sri Lanka with US!

Enjoy this magical Island.
Illustrated by Alessandro Pugiotto.



Sathya, Isuri and their friends live near Weligama, a town in Sri Lanka.

Every morning they go to school, and every afternoon they jump on a tuktuk to go to the Human Solidarity Children Village. Join them in this adventure to discover the beauty of Sri Lanka, the food, the animals and their favourite hobbies. Follow them during the day and you will learn about their country and their lives.

Syllabus

Family, food, animals, school, dance, music

Grammar and syllabus

Present simple
Past simple (regular and irregular verbs)
Will for future
Be going to
Comparative and superlative forms
Adverbs of frequency
Adverbs of degree

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary | Authentic photos

Tags

Friends | Food | Music | Culture

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Real Life

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2630-1 | Word count 1420

Claudia Catitti Music in Florence!

Have fun with Irene, Camilla and their piano.

Illustrated by Alessandro Pugliotto.



Join Irene and Camilla in the beautiful Italian city of Florence.

There's lots to see! Read also about how the girls spend their days and about their special hobby... playing the piano!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Home and family, daily routine, places and buildings in the city

Grammar and structures

Present simple/continuous; There is/are; Past simple (regular and irregular verbs); Past continuous; Present perfect simple; Future with will and going to; Can, Have to; Superlative adjectives; Verb + ing form; Positive and negative; imperative forms; Shall for suggestions; Present and past simple; passive with common; verbs (called, born); Two clause sentences with; and, but, because, so

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary | Authentic photos

Tags

Daily routine | City sights | Music + Family

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Real Life

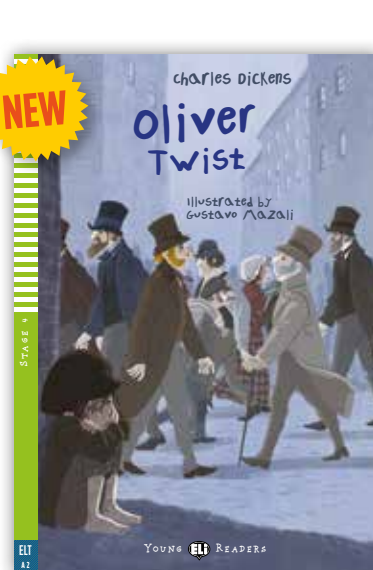
Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2631-8 | Word count 1420

Charles Dickens Oliver Twist

Retold by Jane Cadwallader.

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



This is perhaps the most well-loved story by Charles Dickens.

Dickens asked his readers to 'have a heart that never gets hard'. As readers follow the life of Oliver Twist, a poor orphaned boy struggling against the dangers of life in 19th-century London, they can empathise with his childhood in a workhouse and his life with a gang of pickpockets. They can also share his relief that there were some good people, ready and willing to rescue a child in need.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

friendship, social class, feelings

Grammar and structures

Past simple (regular and irregular forms)
Past continuous
Can / Could
Comparative and superlative adjectives
Must for obligation
Question words

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Social issues | Knowing the past | Feeling empathy | Developing values

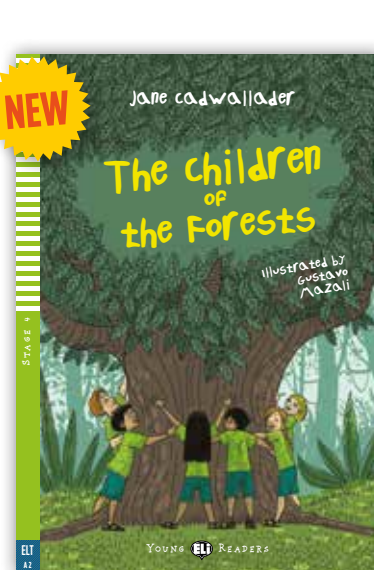
Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Classic

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2635-6 | Word count 990

Jane Cadwallader The Children of the Forests

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Do you enjoy walking among the trees and watching for forest animals? Do you know how important forests are for our world and our health? This book is about the three main different types of forests, about where you can find them, what the weather is like there and which animals live in and under the trees. It is also an adventure story about two children who overhear plans to destroy a part of their forest and who ask other children to join them to help save it.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

nature and environment, forest animals, weather

Grammar and structures

Present simple
Present perfect
Can
Comparative and superlative adjectives
Adverbs of frequency

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | Au audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Caring about the natural world | Problem-solving

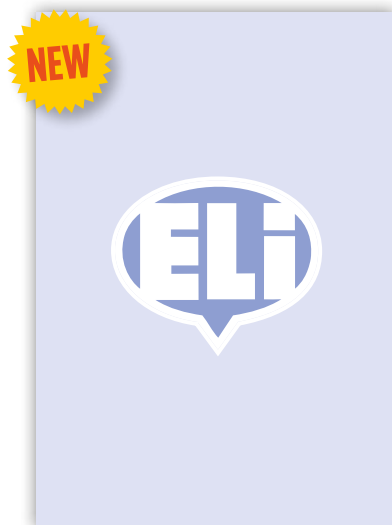
Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Original

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2636-3 | Word count 1050

Jules Verne Journey to the Centre of the Earth

Retold by Jane Cadwallader.
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Jules Verne was a master of adventure stories. He also wanted children to think about nature.

This story asks them to wonder what is under the ground and if there is another world there. It is told by a young man, Axel, who with his uncle and a guide go down under the Earth through the crater of a volcano. The children follow them through tunnels and caves to find strange plants and animals and have exciting adventures. It's a story about natural phenomena but also about persistence, initiative and courage in the face of the unknown.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

science, weather, materials, the world around us

Grammar and structures

Present simple and continuous

Past simple and continuous

Present perfect

Will for future reference

Going to for future reference

Question tags

Have to for obligation

Could / couldn't for ability

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Curiosity about the natural world | Being adventurous, courage

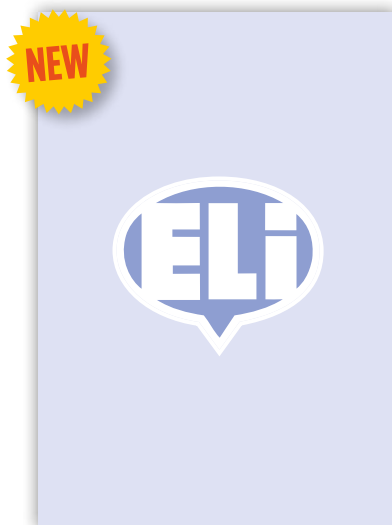
Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Classic

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2637-0

Jane Cadwallader Our Water. Our World

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



How we look after water is something that will greatly affect the future of our Earth and the wellbeing of its inhabitants.

This book asks children to think about the questions: What do you know about water? How much water is there on Earth and why is it so important? What do you know about the animals that live in our oceans, rivers and lakes? Are we looking after this vital natural resource? It also tells three stories from different parts of the world about how children have dealt with problems related to water.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

materials, wild animals, nature, time, work

Grammar and structures

Present simple and continuous

Present perfect

Will for future reference

Going to for future reference

Have to for obligation

Should for advice

Comparative and superlative adjectives

Infinitive of purpose

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Caring for the natural world | Taking the initiative | Collaboration

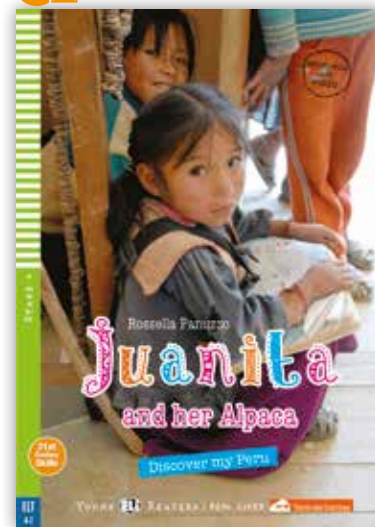
Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Original

Audio | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2638-7

Rossella Panuzzo Juanita and her alpaca

Illustrated by Matteo Piana.



"Discover my Perú".

Juanita has a dream: she hopes her alpaca will have two little babies, one for her and one for her brother. But usually alpacas only have one baby at a time... Let's find out more about this Peruvian girl, her country, family and friends. You'll love getting to know her!

Syllabus

Verb Tenses

Present Simple / Present Continuous, Past Simple / Past Continuous, Present Perfect Simple, *Will* for future reference, Present/Past simple passive

Patterns

Verbs + infinitive / Verbs + ing

Modals

Can/could, Must / Should Imperatives, Comparative form of adjectives

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Valuing other cultures | Friendship | Citizenship | Story telling

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Real Life

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

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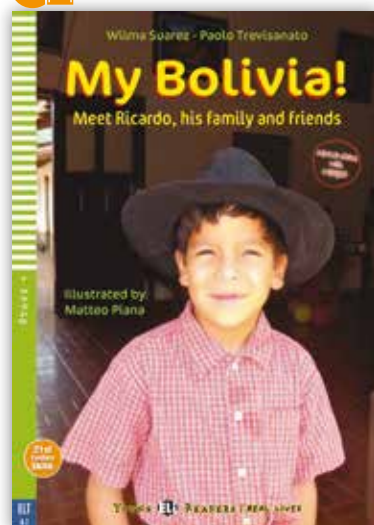
Stage 4

A2

Wilma Suarez-Paolo Trevisanato My Bolivia!

Illustrated by Matteo Piana.

 Video Multi-ROM



Meet Ricardo, his family and friends.

Meet Ricardo, a young boy from Bolivia who wants to tell you about his homeland and what life is like in a small Bolivian village. Then join Ricardo and his friends from Santa Cruz as they go on a fun day trip to the 'Pajcha' waterfall!

Syllabus

Grammar and structures

Past simple (regular and irregular verbs), Past continuous, Present perfect simple, Will, Comparative and superlative adjectives, If and When clauses (in zero conditionals), verb + infinitive, make something + adjective

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Valuing other cultures | Friendship | Citizenship | Story telling

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Real Life

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

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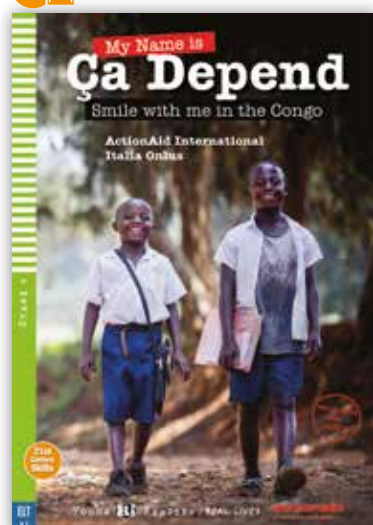
Stage 4

A2

ActionAid International Italia My Name is Ça Depend

Illustrated by Matteo Piana.

 Video Multi-ROM



Ça Depend lives in the Congo. He's a happy children who loves going to school. What about you? How is your life different from his? How is it the same?

Join Ça Depend, a young boy from the Congo. Discover his country, in the heart of Africa, and the reality around him. Follow his daily journey between his family, friends and school as he tells us his dreams for a his future life.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Nature, food, animals, family, school

Grammar and syllabus

Present simple passive, Past simple (regular and irregular verbs), Past continuous, Present perfect simple If and when clauses (in Zero conditionals), Will for future, Superlative adjectives, Adverbs of frequency, Be made of/from

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Valuing other cultures | Friendship | Citizenship | Story telling

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Real Life

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

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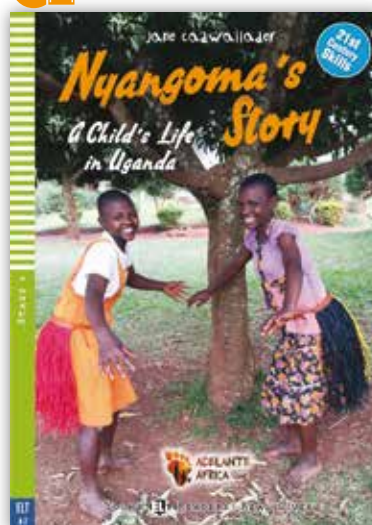
Stage 4

A2

Jane Cadwallader Nyangoma's Story A Child's Life in Uganda

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.

 Video Multi-ROM



Nyangoma is an Ugandan girl who tells her daily life to children of her age: what they eat, how their school is like, the toys they play with, her friends. It's really touching listening to her words describing her Country and her life.

Nyangoma, a twelve-year-old African girl, invites the reader into her world to meet her family and to see what everyday life is like in a real Ugandan village. Come and find out about her home and school and what Nyangoma and her friends do in their free time. Then discover what happens to her one day on the way to school.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Home and family, food, animals, the world around us

Grammar and structures

Past continuous - Present perfect - Will - Adverbs - Conjunctions after before - If so - If and when clauses (in zero conditionals) - Before / after clauses - Verbs that take infinitive / gerund - Infinitive of purpose - Be/look like - Be made of/from - Comparatives and superlatives - Descriptive adjectives

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Valuing other cultures | Friendship | Citizenship

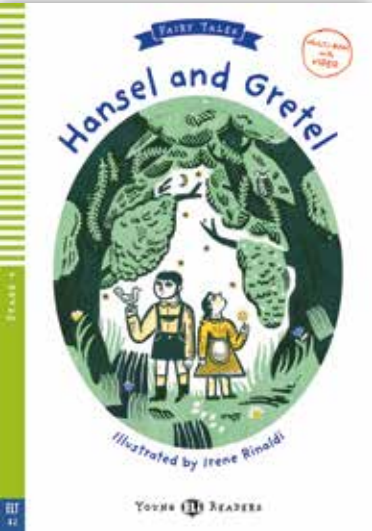
Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Real Life

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2304-1 | Word count 1120

Hansel and Gretel

Retold by Lisa Suett.
Illustrated by Irene Rinaldi.



The next day, the old witch put Hansel in a cage. Gretel had to cook lots of food for Hansel. The witch wanted a fat Hansel. But Gretel was clever. She had a plan, too.

Hansel and Gretel are lost in the forest. When they find a house made of sweets, they can't believe their eyes. But the old woman who lives there has a wicked plan! Will Hansel and Gretel ever find their way home again?

Syllabus
Vocabulary areas

In the forest (animals and nature), the house, sweet food
Grammar and structures
Present simple, Past simple, Past continuous, Present perfect simple - *Must* for obligation - Conjunctions: *so, because - Be going to - Will - Be made of*

In this Reader you will find:

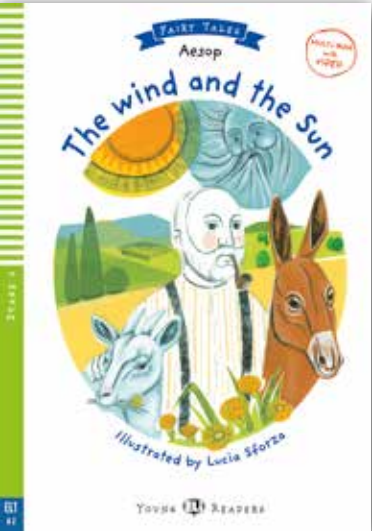
Games and language activities | A *Make it* section | A Let's Act! section | An audio recording of the story and the song

Tags

Family | Adventure

Aesop
The Wind and the Sun

Retold by Lisa Suett.
Illustrated by Lucia Sforza.



The Wind and the Sun argue about who is the strongest. So the Wind challenges the Sun. Who can make the shepherd take off his coat? Is it better to be strong like the Wind or kind like the Sun?

Jack is a shepherd. He lives in the mountains with his two best friends, a brown donkey and a white goat. Life is quiet in the mountains but one day the Wind and the Sun argue about who is the strongest. So who can make the shepherd take off his coat, the Wind or the Sun? One thing is certain: It's better to be kind than unkind.

Syllabus
Vocabulary areas

Members of the family, actions, the wood
Grammar and structures
Prepositions of place - Present simple-positive, negative, question forms - *Can/Can't* for ability

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | A *Make it* section | A Let's Act! section | An audio recording of the story and the song

Tags

Nature

Mark Twain
The Prince and the Pauper

Retold by Lisa Suett.
Illustrated by Valerio Vidali.



A young beggar boy meets the Prince of Wales by chance. It is a moment that will change their lives forever.

Two boys are born on the same day, but their lives are very different. Edward Tudor is a prince and Tom Canty is a pauper. One day they decide to change identities. The poor boy's dreams come true and he lives like a prince. The prince, on the other hand, discovers what life is like on the poor streets of London. But are dreams what they really seem? The boys soon find out.

Syllabus
Vocabulary areas

adjectives, feelings, emotions
Grammar and structures
Present simple, Direct speech as drama, some / any, Prepositions of place, Possessive 's, Question words - *Who, Where, What*, Comparative adjectives, *Must* for obligation

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

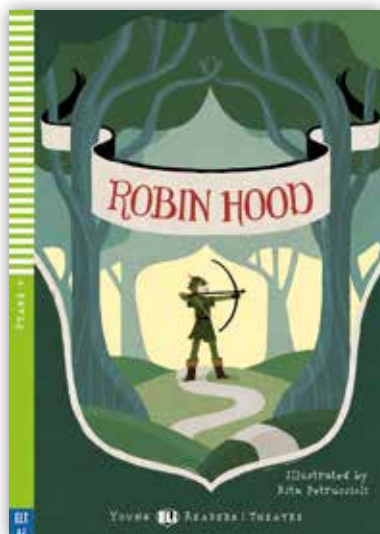
Adventure | Friendship | Wealth and poverty | Role reversal | Identity

Stage 4

A2

Anonymous Robin Hood

Retold by Lisa Suett.
Illustrated by Rita Petruccioli.



Use this play-script version to prepare a fun and amusing stage version of the English legend of Robin Hood.

Follow Robin Hood's adventures in Sherwood Forest in this easy-to-follow drama version based on the popular legend of Robin Hood. Robin Hood and his Merry Men hatch a plan to rob the evil Sheriff of Nottingham and give back the money to the poor.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

nature, adjectives to describe character and appearance

Grammar and structures

present simple; direct speech as drama;

present continuous; verb+ing; will; prepositions of place; superlatives; question words: where, what, who

Grammar and structures

What's the matter? - Let's go. - No way! -

Come on. - Don't worry. - I've got a plan.

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Adventure | Friendship | Resourcefulness

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Classic-Theatre

Audio CD | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2010-1 | Word count 1575

Stage 4

A2

Jane Cadwallader Harry and the Egyptian Tomb

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Video Multi-ROM



Emma and Harry went down the River Nile in a boat. They sailed through the desert and visited lots of pyramids. One day, a young girl spoke to them. The Adventure is ready to begin.

Two police officers, Harry and Emma, are sent to investigate an ancient Egyptian tomb where stolen gold is hidden. Harry is not happy and his mood gets worse when he finds out that a young girl is going to be their guide. However, Harry and Emma go into the tomb of the ancient Egyptian queen Nefertari, led by Chione. What dangers will they meet? And what will they find inside?

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

The world around us, feelings, food, materials

Grammar and structures

Present simple, past simple and progressive, present perfect, future "will" and going to, Infinitive of purpose, Conjunctions: and, but, so clauses with before and after, Prepositions: through, down, into looks / sounds + adjectives

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Interest in different cultures | Friendship

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Original

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1575-6 | Word count 1050

Stage 4

A2

Jack London White Fang

Retold by Jane Cadwallader.
Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Would you like a wolf as a pet? This is the story of a wolf named White Fang and his journey through the world of men.

This is the story of White Fang, a wild wolf who falls into the hands of men. They use White Fang's strength and are cruel to him so that he becomes fierce and dangerous. But through Scott, a different type of man, White Fang learns that between animals and people there can be love and respect and loyalty.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Adjectives to describe character, weather, the world around us, body and face, home, time

Grammar and structures

Present, past, past continuous, present perfect, Will, may, Comparatives and superlatives, Adverbs, Look like, Prepositions

In this Reader you will find:

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Tags

Nature | Friendship | Loyalty

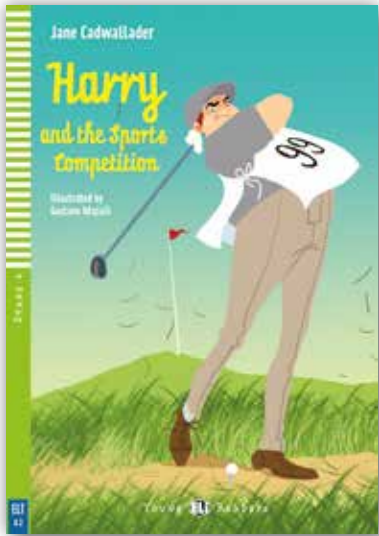
Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Classic

Audio CD | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0771-3 | Word count 1144

Jane Cadwallader
Harry and the Sports Competition

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Harry is the very last person to volunteer for a sport competition! In this story our reluctant hero braves golf and volleyball to come out tops (to everyone's surprise!).

Harry and his three friends are selected to take part in the Police Sport Competition. They arrive at the luxury hotel by the sea where the competition is to take place. Everything seems normal... but something dark is going on at the hotel.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Sports and leisure, time, clothes and materials, work, the world around us
Grammar structures

Past simple, Past progressive, Present perfect, Will, Going to, Tag questions, Should, Must, Verbs + infinitive - ing form, When clauses, Adverbs: already, after, suddenly

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

Sport | Crime

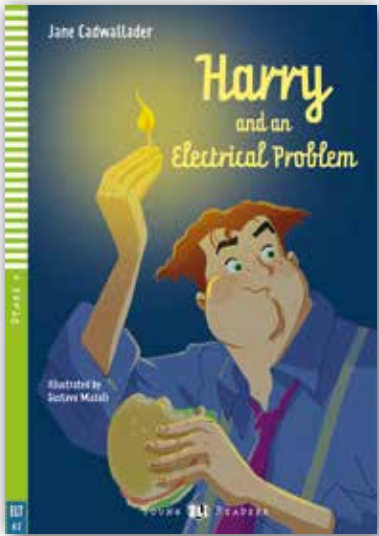
Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Original

Audio CD | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0630-3 | Word count 1110

Jane Cadwallader
Harry and an Electrical Problem

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



'When you have a problem and you don't know what to do. Just stop a moment and look around you. You might think your problem is as big as a house. But in fact it might be as small as a... MOUSE!'

Harry and his detective friends go on an adventure to discover the dark secret of a famous magician, but they get too close! Will Harry be able to rescue his friends? Will he be able to solve the puzzle?

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Transport, food, feelings, physical description

Grammar and structures

Past simple, Past continuous, Present perfect, Going to ..., Will, Might / Should, Giving directions, If ... will (1st conditional), So / after (conjunctions)

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

Adventure | Crime

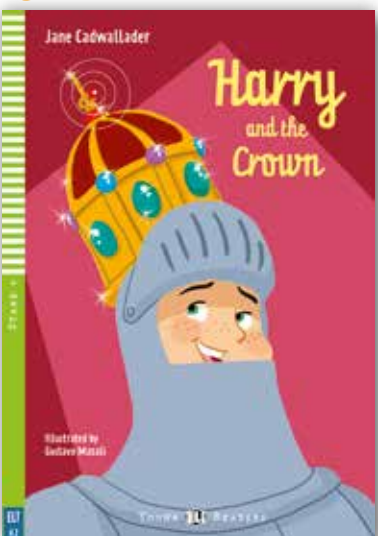
Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Original

Audio CD | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0429-3 | Word count 1170

Jane Cadwallader
Harry and the Crown

Illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



'Put your elbows up stamp your feet on the ground make circles with your shoulders and turn around do the Armour Jive and count to five 1 2 3 4 5 HEY!'

Two detectives, Harry and Emma are sent to the castle to lie in wait for some robbers.

The enthusiastic Emma persuades Harry to put on some armour as a disguise. The night is long and events take an unexpected turn. Harry's mood turns from reluctant to bored to horrified! How will the night end?

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Materials, directions, places in a town, parts of the body, clothes.

Grammar and structures

Past simple, Past continuous, Be going to ..., Will, Giving directions, If ... (zero conditional), Be made of ..., See you ...

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story and the song | A picture dictionary

Tags

Adventure | Crime

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Original

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0428-6 | Word count 1060

Stage 4

A2

Paloma Bellini

The Secret Passage

Illustrated by Luigi Raffaelli.



'You must start packing, Ned,' says his mother, 'We are leaving early tomorrow... the mountains, remember?'

Ned is not happy when his parents take him on holiday to a small mountain village – he wants to stay at home and play computer games – but the little village has a special secret, Ned just has to open his eyes!

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Nature, weather, feelings, speaking verbs

Grammar and structures

Stop/start +ing, Adverbs, Questions, Modal verbs: *want, must, have to, need to*, Comparatives/Superlatives

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Adventure | Nature

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Original

Audio CD | 32 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0511-5 | Word count 1040

Stage 4

A2

Lewis Carroll

Alice in Wonderland

Retold by Richard B. A. Brown.

Illustrated by Margherita Micheli.



Video Multi-ROM



'It was a hot, hot day; her boring sister was reading a boring book – with no pictures! –and Alice didn't know what to do...'

The classic story of a young girl who falls into a hole, eats and drinks poison and grows bigger and smaller.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Gender and gender role

Grammar and structures

Common regular and irregular verbs in the simple past, all forms, Common regular and irregular verbs in the present, all forms, *There is / are / was / were*, all forms + simple determiners, *I think / I'm sure* + verb, Modal verbs: *can* and *could* for ability, Adverbs of manner and frequency, Adjectives, Prepositions, Connectives: *and, but, so*, Comparatives and superlatives, Nouns

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Friendship | Adventure

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Classic

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

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Stage 4

A2

Rudyard Kipling

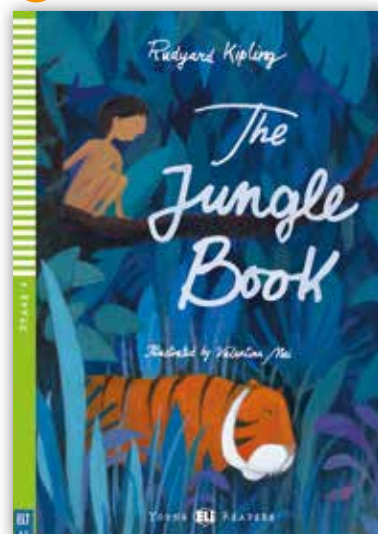
The Jungle Book

Retold by Richard B. A. Brown.

Illustrated by Valentina Mai.



Video Multi-ROM



'I can call him Mowgli', she said to her husband. Mowgli is Little Frog in the language of the jungle.

It is not a funny film for children. People and animals die. And one child kills the great tiger and changes the laws of the jungle.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Animals, adventure, family

Grammar and structures

Simple present for narrative (common verbs- all forms), Simple past for narrative (common verbs - all forms), Modal verbs *can* and *could* for ability; *must* for necessity / obligation, Positive, comparative and superlative adjectives adverbs of time and manner, Connectives: *and but so because* Determiners: *a an that the this*, Nouns

Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A picture dictionary

Tags

Friendship | Family | Animals

Stage 4 400 headwords | A2 | Flyers | Classic

Video Multi-Rom | 32 pages

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Stage 1

A1

Kenneth Grahame

The Wind in the Willows

Retold by Michael Lacey Freeman.
 Illustrated by Andrea Rivola.



Toad is never happy to sit at home and do nothing. He likes adventure and fun.

Sometimes things go wrong, but he is a lucky Toad. He has the most important thing that anyone can have. He has friends. He has Rat, and Mole, and Badger. Follow these four friends around the English countryside. Visit them inside their houses, and travel with them in a car, or on a boat on the river. Listen to the wind in the willows.

Syllabus

Vocabulary Areas

Animals, Food, Transport, Weather, Nature

Grammar and Structures

Simple present: States and habits;
 Present Continuous: actions in progress;
 Past Simple: Finished actions;
 Future forms; Will, going to, Present Continuous; Can: ability; Could: ability;
 Must: obligation: Have to: necessity.
 Will: predictions. Adjectives,
 Prepositions; (place, time), Question words; Relative Clauses; There is/There are; Pronouns; Verbs + infinitive/ing

In this Reader you will find:

Glossary of difficult words | After-reading activities |
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Tags

Adventure | Nature | Friendship

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Classic

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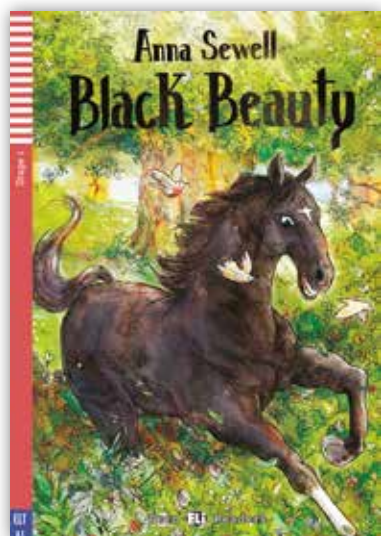
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Stage 1

A1

Anna Sewell Black Beauty

Retold by Michael Lacey Freeman.
Illustrated by Davide Aurilia.



Hello! My name is Black Beauty. And I'm a horse. I have an interesting story to tell you. I want to tell you about my life.

My story starts with my mother, who taught me many things. And, when I close my eyes, I can still see all of my old friends standing together under the apple tree. Oh how I loved my first home! And then Earlsall, and then ... but wait, I can't tell you my story here. Read it, and you will find out what happens to me.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas Nature, Weather, Family, Animals, Colours, Food & Drink
Grammar and structures Simple Present: states and habits - Present Continuous: actions in progress - Past Simple: finished actions - Future forms: Present Continuous, going to, will - Can: ability - Could: ability - Must: obligation - Have to: necessity - Will: predictions - Adjectives - Prepositions (place, time) - Pronouns - Question Words - Relative Clauses - There is/There are - Verbs + infinitive/ing - When clauses

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Anna Sewell | A section focusing on background and context | A glossary of difficult words | Comprehension activities | An exit test

Tags

Animals | Friendship | Love | Adventure

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

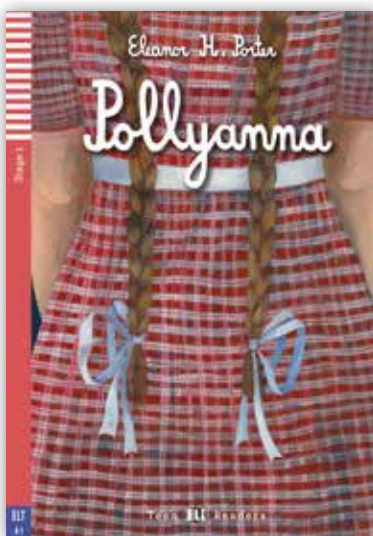
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Stage 1

A1

Eleanor H. Porter Pollyanna

Retold by Elizabeth Ferretti.
Illustrated by Maja Celija.



Pollyanna comes to live with her Aunt Polly. Pollyanna always looks for the good in life and she helps her new friends to be happy again, but not her aunt! Will Aunt Polly learn to be happy?

Pollyanna is eleven when she comes to live with her Aunt Polly, after her father dies. Life isn't easy for Pollyanna. Her aunt is a difficult, cold woman and everyone in this small, American town is sad! But Pollyanna is good at making friends, and she always finds something to be happy about. Soon the people in the town start to change - until there is only one person who doesn't know how to be happy...

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas friendship, feelings, family relationships, house and home
Grammar and structures Present simple, past simple and progressive, present perfect, future "will" and going to, Infinitive of purpose, Conjunctions: and, but, so; clauses with before and after, Prepositions: through, down, into; looks / sounds + adjectives

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities | An audio recording of the story | A glossary of new words

Tags

Society | Family | Love | Friendship

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1871-9 | Word count 11709

Stage 1

A1

Angela Tomkinson Great Friends!

Illustrated by Francesca Capellini.



We all need friends. Friends are important. Friends are fun. Friends are there when we need them. You can have one friend or you can have many friends. The important thing is to be a good friend!

But what do famous friends do when they're together? Can animals be friends? Which group of friends met on X-Factor? Which two friends were in the same film? Do you want to know the answers to these questions? You can find all the answers to these questions here and much much more. So, what are you waiting for? Start reading now!

Syllabus

Topics Friends, Films, Books, Animals, Music, Free-time activities, School, Technology
Notions and Concepts Likes and dislikes, Describing people, Talking about friends, Describing a book/film, Talking about routine
Other Adjectives, Prepositions, Comparatives and superlatives, Adverbs of frequency, Present simple, Past simple
Nouns

In this Reader you will find:

Glossary of difficult words | After reading activities | An audio recording of the book

Tags

Friends | Famous people | Books/films

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Non-fiction

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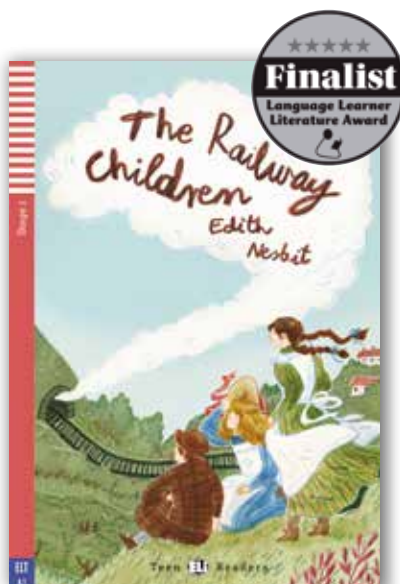
Stage 1

A1

Edith Nesbit

The Railway Children

Retold by Michael L. Freeman.
Illustrated by Zosia Dzierzawska.



Three children and their mother move to a new home because their father gets sent away. They are sad at the beginning of their new life, but they make a new friend along the way and live a lot of adventures.

Three children go to live in the country. Their house is near a train station. They go there with their mother. But their father isn't there. The train station is an exciting place. Bobbie, Peter and Phyllis are always there. And they do a lot of exciting things.

Syllabus

Topics Love, Feelings, Family, Trains, Nature

Grammar and Structures Simple Present: states and habits - Present Continuous: actions in progress - Past Simple: finished actions - Future forms: Present Continuous, going to, will - Can: ability, permission - Could: ability, permission in the past - Must: obligation - Have to: necessity - Will: offers, spontaneous decisions for future, predictions - Adjectives - Prepositions (place, time) - Pronouns

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Edith Nesbit | A section focusing on background and context | A glossary of difficult words | Comprehension activities | An exit test

Tags

Family | Friends | Food | Trains | Nature

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Classic

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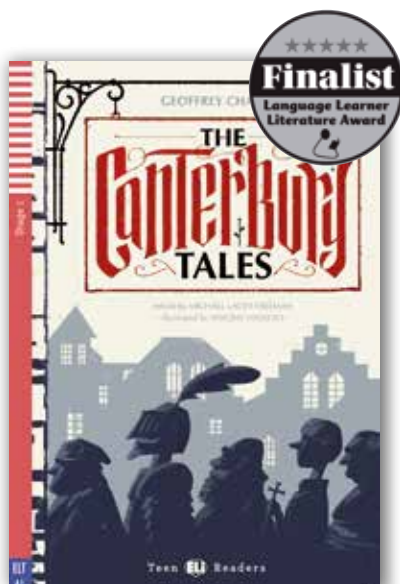
Stage 1

A1

Geoffrey Chaucer

The Canterbury Tales

Retold by Michael Lacey Freeman.
Illustrated by Simone Massoni.



Step back in time to experience the adventures of a group of people to Canterbury in this stunning reconstruction of 14th Century England.

In 1387, a group of people went to Canterbury. On their way, they told stories. The stories were exciting and interesting. They helped the group to enjoy their time travelling. But these stories do not only tell us about the past. They are stories that anybody can read and enjoy today. And they are stories that can teach us many things, about love, about friendship, and about life.

Syllabus

Grammar and structures

Simple Present: states and habits; Present Continuous: actions in progress; Past Simple: finished actions Future forms: Present Continuous, going to, will; Can: ability, permission Could: ability, permission in the past Must: obligation; Have to: necessity Will: offers, spontaneous decisions for future, predictions

In this Reader you will find:

information about Geoffrey Chaucer | a section focusing on background and context | a glossary of difficult words | comprehension activities | an exit test

Tags

Friendship | Stories

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Classic

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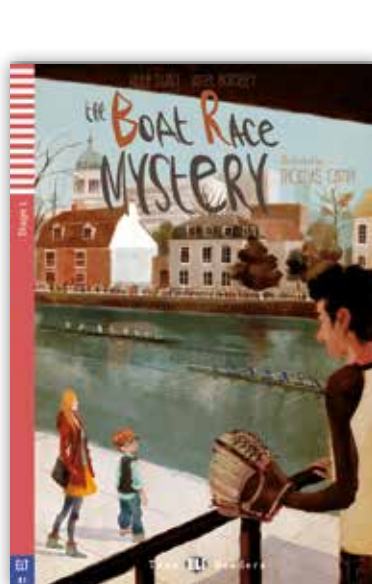
Stage 1

A1

J.Borsbey & R. Swan

The Boat Race Mystery

Illustrated by Thomas Cambi.



Which race between two English universities is so famous to be known simply as 'The Boat Race'?

The teams are getting ready. The Oxford - Cambridge Boat Race is only weeks away and Sam's brother is on the team. But what's happening at the boat house? Why are some people from the team ill? Was the fire at the boat house an accident? Sam and his friends don't think so, and they need to find out.

Syllabus

Articles: a, an, the

Nouns: singular and plural forms, common irregular plural forms, countable and uncountable, possessive 's

Adjectives: simple adjectives (attributive and predicative), possessive adjectives, comparative and superlative adjectives

Verbs: Present Simple, Present Continuous, Future with Present Continuous, *going to* and *will*, Past Simple regular and irregular forms, Imperative, verb + infinitive, verb + *-ing*, infinitive of purpose, *want someone to do something*, *must/mustn't*, *have to/had to*, *would and wouldn't like*, *need*

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Oxford and Cambridge | The story of the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race | Glossary of difficult words | Extension Activities

Tags

Mystery | Fair Play

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Original

Audio CD | 64 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1751-4 | Word count 3800

Stage 1

A1

Lucy Maud Montgomery

Anne of Green Gables

Retold by Michael Lacey Freeman.
Illustrated by Gaia Bordicchia.



The bestselling novel by Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery.

One day, in Canada, an eleven year old girl, Anne, arrives at Green Gables. She is going to live with Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert, who are brother and sister. But Anne does not know that Matthew and Marilla want a boy and not a girl.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Home, School, Family, Nature, Colours, Clothing.

Grammar and structures

Simple Present: states and habits, Present Continuous: actions in progress, Past Simple: finished actions, Future forms: Present, Continuous, going to, will, Can: ability, Could: ability, Must: obligation, Have to: necessity, Will: offers, predictions, Adjectives, Prepositions (place, time), Pronouns, Question Words, Relative Clauses, There is/There are, Verbs + infinitive/ing, When clauses

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Lucy Maud Montgomery |
A section focusing on background and context |
A glossary of difficult words | Comprehension Activities | An exit test

Tags

Tags | Friendship | Emotions

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1576-3 | Word count 6470

Stage 1

A1

Mark Twain

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

Retold by Jane Bowie.
Illustrated by Margherita Micheli.



This novel tells the story of Hank Morgan, the boss of a factory in late 19th century Connecticut, who awakens to find himself transported back in time to early medieval England at the time of the legendary King Arthur.

One day, while Hank Morgan is working, a man attacks him and hits him on the head. When Hank wakes up he is in sixth century England. He is at the Court of King Arthur where he meets the Knights of the Round Table and Queen Guenever. Thanks to his superior knowledge, Hank soon becomes the King's chief minister and plans to modernise the country, but things do not always go according to plan...

Syllabus

Grammar and Structures

Verb tenses: Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple, Past Continuous, Present Perfect, Past Perfect, To be going to, Conditional. Modal verbs: Can, could, have to, will. Conjunctions: and, but, then, because, when. Relative Pronouns: which, who, where, when, that, whose.

In this Reader you will find:

Games and language activities

Tags

Fantasy | Legend | Adventure | Love

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Classic

Audio CD | 64 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0775-1 | Word count 5050

Stage 1

A1

Charles Dickens

Oliver Twist

Retold by Sarah Gudgeon.
Illustrated by Maja Celija.



'Please, sir, can I have some more?' asks Oliver.

Oliver Twist is a poor orphan boy. He hasn't got a mum or dad and he lives in a terrible place called the workhouse. One day, he makes the master of the workhouse very angry and his life changes forever... What will happen next to Oliver? Where will he go? Will he find a nice family to live with or will Fagin and his gang of thieves make Oliver stay with them? Read this exciting tale of life in 19th century England and find out!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Family and friends, The home, Colours, Food

Grammar and Structures

Adjectives, Adverbs, Comparatives and Superlatives, Conjunctions, Can for ability and requests / permission, Determiners, Have got, Infinitive of purpose, Must for obligation, Nouns, Prepositions (place, time), Pronouns, Question words, Relative clauses, There is / There are, Verb tenses; present simple, present continuous, past simple, Verb + infinitive / + ing, When clauses, Would like

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | Comprehension activities | Glossary of difficult words | Test yourself

Tags

Friendship and hate | Social Issues

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0513-9 | Word count 6780

Maureen Simpson

In Search of a Missing FriendActivities and Focus on by Sara Weiss.
Illustrated by Andrea Goroni.

**'This isn't going to stop us!
We're definitely going to find
Wills!'**

No one knows where Wills has gone – and his best friends, the twins Harry and Camilla – are very worried. Last time they saw him, Wills was with the Black Hand Gang – and he looked extremely unhappy! Luckily, Wills has left the twins lots of clues to follow – maybe they'll find him soon. You can solve the mystery, you can find Wills. You'll discover his fantastic inventions too!

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Friends and enemies, family and community members, places, problem solving, describing places

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present continuous, Past simple, Question words, Adjectives, Verb collocation

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | Comprehension activities | Glossary of difficult words | Test yourself

Tags

Friendship | Adventure

Stage 1 600 headwords | A1 | Movers | Original

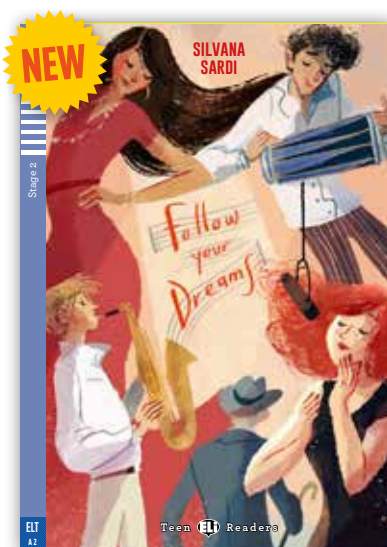
Audio CD | 64 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0431-6 | Word count 2125

Silvana Sardi

Follow your dreams

Illustrated by Ilaria Urbinati.



**Gavin, Max, Rose and Isabel are
excited about starting their first
year at the Music, Art and Dance
Academy of London.**

They're all very different but they soon become good friends. It's going to be hard with lessons every day. They'll also have exams and shows to do. Then, a special person comes into their lives. How can Ernest help them follow their dreams?

Syllabus

Verbs Present Simple and Present Continuous (also for future reference) - Past Simple and Past Continuous - Present Perfect Simple - Future with going to and will - Can, Could, have to, need, would like, should for advice - Want someone to do something
Positive and negative imperative forms - Common phrasal verbs - **Passive forms** - Present and Past Simple

Adjectives Comparative and Superlative forms

In this Reader you will find:

A section focusing on London | A glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities including KEY (KET)

Tags

Friendship | Emotions | Dreams

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Movers | Original

Audio | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2643-1 | Word count 8450

Gabriele Rebagliati

Naoko: My Japan

Illustrated by Marta Pantaleo.



Have you ever been to Japan?

Read the story of Naoko, a Japanese girl and discover all kinds of interesting things about this beautiful country. Naoko will show you how she spends her day, both at home and at school and what they do in Japan on special holidays. You'll also meet her family and friends and she'll tell you all her secrets!

Syllabus**Verbs**

Positive and negative imperative forms
Present simple and present continuous
Past simple and past continuous
Present perfect simple
Future with *going to* and *will*
Can, have to, need, must, would like
Common phrasal verbs
Passive forms – present and past simple

Adjectives Comparative and superlative forms

In this Reader you will find:

Cultural boxes | Glossary of difficult words | An audio recording of the story | Authentic photos

Tags

Traditions | Family | Friends

Stage 2 A2 | Pre-intermediate Flyers/Key (KET) | Real Life

Audio | 64 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2642-4 | Word count 6850

Michael L. Freeman

Dot to Dot

Illustrated by Marta Pantaleo.



A man goes back to the house where he grew up and becomes a little boy again.

Tom visits the house he lived in when he was a little boy, and he finds an old newspaper in the wardrobe. He picks it up, and becomes that little boy again. He is standing in front of a mirror, and is confused by what he sees. What does he see in that mirror? Read on to find out.

Syllabus

Topics Family - School - Food & Drink - Feelings & Emotions - Rooms & Furniture

Verbs Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple, Past Continuous, Present Perfect Simple, Past Perfect Simple - Future with Going to and Will for future reference, promises and predictions - Can for ability and permission, Could for past ability and requests - Type One conditionals - Must/Have to for obligation - Should for suggestions - Common phrasal verbs

In this Reader you will find:

Glossary of difficult words | After-reading activities |
An audio recording of the book

Tags

Family | Love | Friendship

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Movers | Original

Audio CD | 64 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2401-7 | Word count 12030

Angela Tomkinson

Festivals are Fun



A journey through Britain's festivals and events.

Do you want to join us on our A-Z journey around the festivals of Britain?

Would you like to learn about the biggest dog show in the world? Or how many fire festivals there are in Britain? Do you want to know what happens during the festival of sleep and find out on which day British people eat pancakes?

You can discover the answers to these questions and learn much more about the different festivals and events that happen every year in Britain. Let's go and have some fun!

Syllabus

Topics Festivals, Culture and traditions, Places, Music, Sport, Food, Animals, History, Seasons, Free Time

Notions and Concepts Describing places, Describing events, Talking about traditions, Making suggestions, Likes and Dislikes

Other Adverbs, Adjectives, Prepositions, Comparatives and superlatives, Present simple, Past simple, Present perfect, Gerunds

In this Reader you will find:

Glossary of difficult words | After-reading activities |
An audio recording of the book

Tags

Things to do | Traditions | People | Places

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Non-fiction

Audio CD | 64 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2402-4 | Word count 13000

Silvana Sardi

Scotland is Magic!



If someone says Scotland, what do you think of? Kilts? Tartan? The Bagpipes? Well, yes you're right, but there's lots more too!

Do you like mystery, legends or haunted castles? Or how about vibrant cities and exciting festivals? Well, you will find all of these and much more in this A-Z about Scotland. It's a country full of history and traditions and lots of surprises too! There's something for everybody from sports to museums! So, come on! Start your A-Z journey through Scotland and discover the magic of this fantastic country!

Syllabus

Topics Nature - Culture - Legends - Mystery - Museums - Traditions - Cities - Food - Music - Sport

Verbs Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple, Past Continuous, Present Perfect Simple - Positive / Negative Imperatives - Passive Forms - Present Simple and Past Simple - Future with will - Can - Would like

Adjectives Comparative and superlative forms

Functions Expressing preferences / opinion - Describing places and events

In this Reader you will find:

Glossary of difficult words | After-reading activities |
An audio recording of the book

Tags

History | Nature | Emotions | Traditions

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Non-fiction

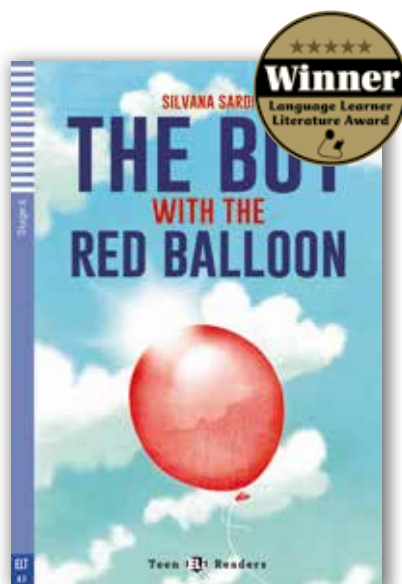
Audio CD | 64 pages

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Silvana Sardi

The Boy with the Red Balloon

Illustrated by Maria Giron.



It's the summer holidays and Lizzie can't wait to go to the beach in Blackpool with her friends. Instead, she has to spend her summer in the countryside with a strange woman she doesn't know and a mysterious boy.

It's the summer holidays and Lizzie is excited about going to the beach with her friends. But her parents have other plans for her and she has to spend the summer in the countryside with a woman she doesn't even know. Lizzie is very angry and sad but then she meets a strange boy called Jack. Who is this mysterious boy and how does he change Lizzie?

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas Family - Friendship - Emotions - Mystery

Verbs Positive and Negative Imperative Forms - Present Simple and Present Continuous (also for future reference) - Past Simple and Past Continuous - Present Perfect Simple - Future with going to and will - Can, Could, have to, need, would like - Want someone to do something - Common phrasal verbs - Passive Forms - Present and Past Simple

In this Reader you will find:

A section focusing on Blackpool | A section focusing on Strange Stories | A glossary of difficult words | Comprehension activities | An exit test

Tags

Friendship | Family | Emotions | Mystery

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Movers | Original

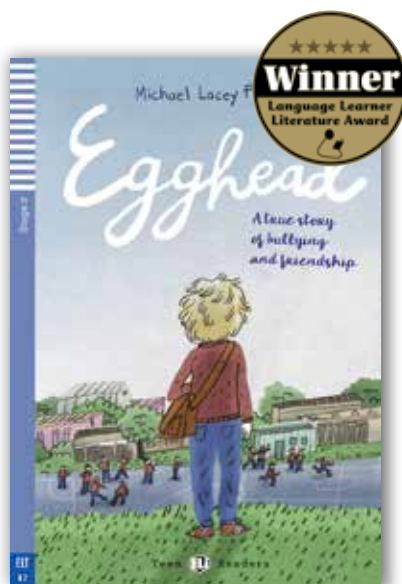
Audio CD | 64 pages

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Michael Lacey Freeman

Egghead

Illustrated by Zosia Dzierzawska



A true story of bullying and friendship.

Hello! My name is Michael, and this is my secret diary. Well, it's not really a secret, because I want you to read it. This is my story, but it's also everybody's story. Look at the picture on the front of this book. That's me! I'm going to school, and I'm not very happy about it. The other children are not very kind to me. But I've got a very special friend who always helps me. Do you want to know more? Well, open the book and read it. I hope you enjoy it.

Syllabus

Topics School, Family, Friendship, Emotions

Verbs Present Perfect Simple, Present Simple, Present - Continuous, Past Simple, Past Continuous, Future with *Going to*, *Will* for future reference, promises and predictions. - *Can* for ability and permission, *Could* for past ability, requests and suggestions - Type One conditionals - *Must/Have to* for obligation, *Should* for suggestions - Common phrasal verbs

In this Reader you will find:

A section focusing on bullying | A section focusing on The London Zoo, The Natural History Museum, Hyde Park

Tags

Friendship | School | Family | Emotions | Bullying

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Movers | Original

Audio CD | 80 pages

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Angela Tomkinson

Enjoy New York

Illustrated by Simone Massoni.



Let's all go to the Big Apple! Come with us on our A-Z journey to one of the most exciting and fun cities in the world.

Let's all go to the Big Apple! Come with us on our A-Z journey to one of the most exciting and fun cities in the world. Do you want to know what's the tallest building in New York? Or what New Yorkers like doing in their free time? Would you like to learn about the food people eat in New York? Or which famous people are from this city? You can discover the answers to these questions and learn much more about the people, places and things in the city that never sleeps. Enjoy the book! Enjoy New York!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas Things to see and do in a city. Free time activities. History. Sport. Food. Shopping. Jobs. **Grammar and structures** Present simple, present progressive, past simple, present perfect, future; "will" and going to. Comparatives and superlatives, adjectives, prepositions, adverbs. Infinitive of purpose, Conjunctions: and, but, so.

In this Reader you will find:

Glossary of difficult words | An audio recording of the story | After reading activities

Tags

City Life | People | Places | Things to do

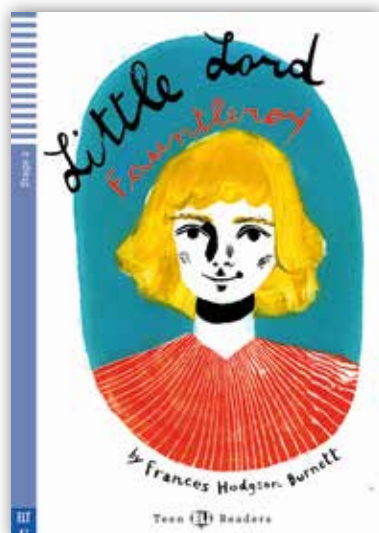
Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Non-fiction

Audio CD | 64 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2099-6 | Word count 7240

Frances Hodgson Burnett Little Lord Fauntleroy

Retold by Silvana Sardi.
Illustrated by Arianna Vairo.



Enjoy reading about this little boy and discover if he stays true to himself even with all the changes in his life.

In the mid-1880s, young Cedric Errol lives with his mother in New York. They are quite poor after the death of Cedric's father, but live a simple happy life together. Then, one day, an English lawyer comes to visit them. He has a message from the Earl of Dorincourt, Cedric's rich English grandfather that will change Cedric's life forever. Will he be happy? Will he win the heart of his old angry grandfather?

Syllabus

Verb tenses Past Simple vs Past Continuous; Present Perfect Simple with *ever*, *never*, *just*, *already*, *yet*, *for* and *since*

Verb forms and patterns Negative question forms; Negative imperatives; Short questions; Passive forms: present simple and past simple; Verbs plus gerund, base form or infinitive

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Frances Hodgson Burnett | CLIL History July 4 - American Independence | A section focusing on films, cartoons and games about Little Lord Fauntleroy

Tags

Classic literature | Love | Kindness

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2100-9 | Word count 5220

Liz Ferretti Adventure at Haydon Point

Illustrated by Bianca Bagnarelli.



"It was all so different from London. The strangest thing was the light that came into his room. It travelled across his ceiling and then it went, leaving his room dark. After a few seconds it was back, then it disappeared, again and again."

One summer, city boy Sam stays with his uncle. It's all so different from London! There's a river and boats, and a new friend, Rachel. But something strange happens... One day Sam and Rachel find a strange bird with a long beak that looks like a spoon. It has thin fishing rope round its legs. It certainly can't fly! And who are the two men in black?

Syllabus

Present Simple, Past Simple, Past Continuous, Future with *going to*. Subordinate clause following *sure*, *know*, *think*, *if*, *because* Subordinate clause with *if* (zero and 1st conditionals) Location: *to*, *on*, *inside*, etc. Direction: *to*, *into*, *out of*, *from*, etc. Prepositional phrases: *at the top of*, *in front of*, etc.

In this Reader you will find:

Information on staying safe at sea | Comprehension and grammar activities | Final test

Tags

Adventure | Nature | The Sea and Boats

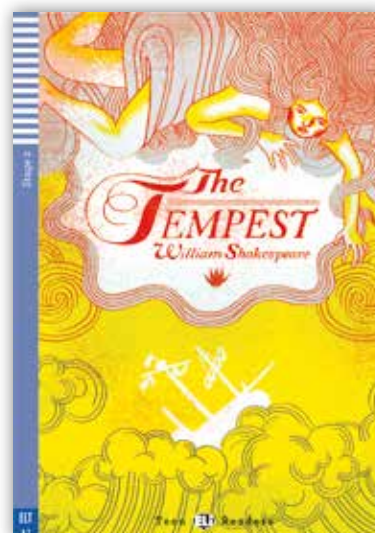
Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Original

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2018-7 | Word count 5470

William Shakespeare The Tempest

Retold by Silvana Sardi.
Illustrated by Cristina Spano.



"Don't worry, my child. I've heard your words of love and I'm happy for you both Ferdinand, I only wanted to see if your love for my beautiful, sweet daughter Miranda was true."

Prospero lives on a strange island with his daughter Miranda. One night, with his magic powers, he makes a storm to bring his brother and the King of Naples to the island. They must pay for what they did in the past. Ferdinand also arrives on the island and finds a surprise. Read the play and see how the island and Prospero's magic change the lives of these people.

Syllabus

Verb tenses, forms and patterns

Present Simple - Present Continuous - Past Simple - Past Continuous - Present Perfect Simple with *for*, *since*, *already*, *yet* - Future with *will* - Affirmative, interrogative, negative forms of tenses - Imperatives - Passive forms: present simple and past simple - Verbs plus gerund, base form or infinitive (*like*, *would like*, *want*)

Modal verbs Can, could - Must, have to, need - Should: advice

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on | CLIL History | Glossary of difficult words

Tags

Drama | Magic | Love | Justice

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Movers | Classic-Theatre

Audio CD | 64 pages

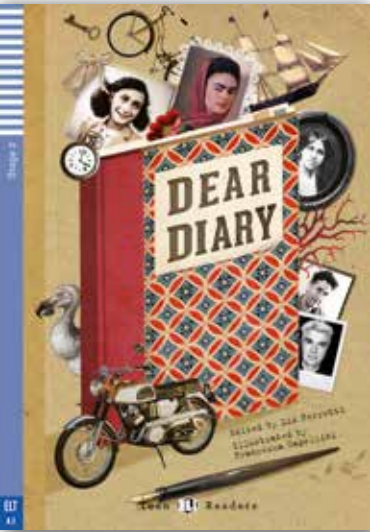
ISBN 978-88-536-2019-4 | Word count 4780

Liz Ferretti

Dear diary...

A Collection of the World's Best Diaries

Illustrated by Francesca Capellini.



“The most important thing is not to think very much about oneself.”
Virginia Woolf

In this book, you will find the diaries of many different people. Here are writers, artists, musicians, and people with important stories to tell. Some are famous – Anne Frank, George Orwell and Kurt Cobain – others you will meet for the first time.

Syllabus

Grammar and structures

Present simple, Present continuous (present actions), Present perfect simple, Past Simple, Future with will. Verb forms and patterns: Affirmative, interrogative, negative, Infinitives (with and without to) after verbs and adjectives, Regular and common irregular verbs, Passive forms, Gerunds (verb + -ing) after verbs and prepositions, Gerunds as subjects and objects

In this Reader you will find:

Diary extracts from twenty writers | Information about the life of each writer | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and grammar activities | Preliminary-style activities | Final test

Tags

Biography | Music | Literature | History | Art | Humour

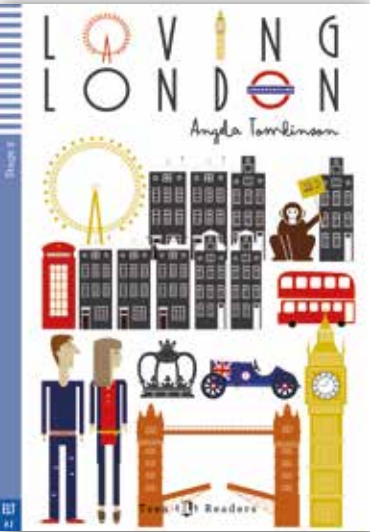
Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Non-fiction

Audio CD | 64 pages
ISBN 978-88-536-1741-5 | Word count 8900

Angela Tomkinson

Loving London

Illustrated by Veronica Pozzi.



Who wants to go on a trip to London? You? Then join us on our A-Z journey through this ancient and modern city.

London is a city which is full of surprises and there's always something to see and do in this exciting capital. If you like art or nature, sport or culture, food or museums then this is the place for you! So, what are you waiting for? Let's start our journey now and discover everything there is to know about London!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Art, nature, museums, sport, culture and traditions, food, people, transport

Notions and concepts

Describing places, Describing events, Talking about traditions, Describing different means of transport, Making suggestions, Likes and dislikes, Making an itinerary, Describing typical things to eat

Other

Adverbs, Adjectives, Prepositions, Comparatives and superlatives, Present simple, Past simple, Present perfect – Gerunds

In this Reader you will find:

Unusual informations | A glossary of difficult words | Comprehension activities

Tags

Travel | Society

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Non-fiction

Audio CD | 64 pages
ISBN 978-88-536-1742-2 | Word count 8790

Mark Twain

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Adaptation and Activities
by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.
Illustrated by Alessandra Vitelli.



“Does a boy get a chance to whitewash a fence every day?”

Meet Tom Sawyer, a boy with a good heart who's always in trouble with everyone: at home, in school and in church. With his best friends, Joe, Ben and Huckleberry, Tom lives an exciting outdoor life. But he begins to grow up when pretty Becky Thatcher comes to town, and when something terrible happens in this quiet town near the Mississippi.

Syllabus

Nouns

Pronouns
Connectives
Adjectives
Prepositions

Verbs

Present Perfect Simple; Past Continuous; Present Simple Passive; *will* for future reference, promises & predictions; *would like* for offers & requests; *need* for necessity & obligation; *could* for ability; *mustn't* for prohibition; *have to* for obligation

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Mark Twain's life | A section focusing on Schools in Tom Sawyer's Day | CLIL Geography: The Mississippi River | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities | Final test

Tags

Classic | Literature | Adventure

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Classic

Audio CD | 96 pages
ISBN 978-88-536-1578-7 | Word count 9080

Robert Louis Stevenson Treasure Island

Retold by Silvana Sardi.
Illustrated by Bombo.



Treasure Island is an adventure novel, narrating a tale of “pirates and buried gold”. **Treasure Island** is an adventure tale known for its atmosphere, characters and action.

After Jim Hawkins finds a map in an old sea chest, he starts an exciting adventure which will take him to a far off island in search of treasure. He sets sail with his friends, but they do not realise that many of the crew are pirates and their leader is the cook, Long John Silver. The pirates are determined to find the treasure first at all costs! Enjoy reading about the adventures of Jim and his friends at sea and discover who finds the buried treasure.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Topics, Adventure, Betrayal, Loyalty, Courage, Friendship

Grammar and structures

Verb tenses: present, past, future, Modals, Question forms, Synonyms / antonyms, Adjectives, comparative and superlative forms, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Pronouns, Quantifiers, Verb patterns, Functions, Discuss plans, Ask for and give information, Give instructions, Make suggestions, Agree / disagree

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | difficult words | Comprehension activities | Test yourself | CLIL activity

Tags

Adventure | Courage

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0778-2 | Word count 6890

Frances Hodgson Burnett The Secret Garden

Retold by Jane Bowie.
Illustrated by Philip Giordano.



It is one of Burnett's most popular novels, considered to be a classic of children's literature.

One day in India, nine-year old Mary wakes up and finds that she is completely alone. Back home in England, she is sent to live with an uncle she has never met. His house is a strange, lonely place where she will gradually discover secret after secret in a new and magical world.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Clothing, Home and garden, Jobs, Emotions, Games and toys, Family, Animals

Grammar and structures

Simple Present: states and habits, Present Continuous: actions in progress, Past Simple: finished actions, Past Continuous, Present Perfect, Future forms: Present Continuous, going to, will

Types of clause

Main clause, Subordinate clause following sure, certain, know, think... Defining and non defining relative clauses

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | KET-style activities | Glossary | Exit Test | Comprehension activities

Tags

Friendship | Emotions

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Classic

Audio CD | 96 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0634-1 | Word count 9240

Mary Flagan The Egyptian Souvenir

Activities and Focus on by Sarah Gudgeon. Illustrated by LibellulArt.



‘I’m going to solve this mystery! I’m tired, but before I turn out the light, I’m going to write down all the things I’ll need for my investigation.’

Sally wants to be a detective and her hobby is solving mysteries. But this time the mystery is really difficult! Read about Sally's adventures and enjoy!

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

People, Personal feelings, School and Study, Travel

Functions and Notions

Making predictions, talking about (im)probability and (im)possibility, Expressing opinions, agreement and disagreement, Expressing degrees of certainty and doubt

Grammar and Structures

Present tenses: simple, continuous and perfect, Past tenses: simple, continuous, Future tenses: *going to*, *will*, Adjectives, Adverbs, Modals, Prepositions, Question formation, Verb patterns

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | Glossary | Comprehension activities | Test yourself

Tags

Crime | Friendship

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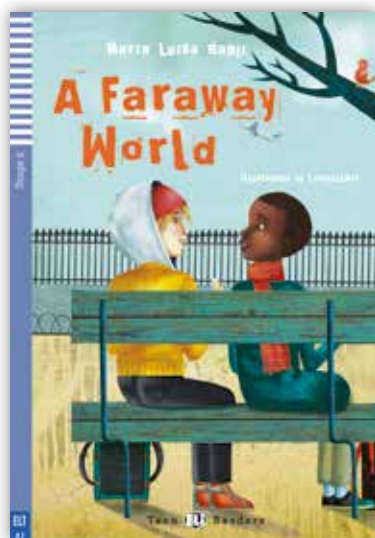
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Maria Luisa Banfi

A Faraway World

Activities and Focus on by Angela Tomkinson. Illustrated by LibellulArt.

**'I am British, just like you!'**

Marquat, born in Cardiff, but with Nigerian parents is an intelligent, inquisitive boy but also sometimes insecure and shy. He hopes to do well in life and works hard to achieve his dreams. One day, unfortunately, he comes across racial prejudices because of the colour of his skin. However, just as he begins to think he's alone, he discovers the value of friendship which will help him overcome any problem.

Syllabus**Vocabulary areas**

Family, friends and ourselves. Occupations and the world of work. School and education: including school subjects. Daily routine. Notions and concepts: Ability, Actions and activities: including routines and manner, Feelings, Obligation, Offers, Likes and dislikes, Predictions, Suggestions, Talking about future plans.

Grammar and Structures

Adverbs, Adjectives, Prepositions, Phrases with *when*, Comparatives and superlatives, Gerunds, Imperatives, Present simple, Future forms

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | KET-style activities | Glossary | Test yourself | Comprehension activities

Tags

Friendship | Emotions

Stage 2 800 headwords | A2 | Flyers/Key | Original

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Gordon Gamlin

Allan: My Vancouver**Vancouver is Canada's gateway to the Pacific Rim.**

Allan introduces us to the city, his family, and friends. His days are filled with sports, school, and everyday family life. Join Allan and his friends on this exploration of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Syllabus**Verb Tenses**

Present Simple / Continuous

Past Simple / Continuous

Present Perfect

Past Perfect

Future with going to and will

Would like

Modal verbs: can, could, might, have to, have got to, should used to (past habits)

Adjectives

Comparative and superlative forms

In this Reader you will find:

Cultural boxes | Glossary of difficult words | An audio recording of the story | Authentic photos

Tags

Daily routine | Nature | Hobbies | Dreams | Food | Customs

Stage 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Flyers/KEY | Real Life

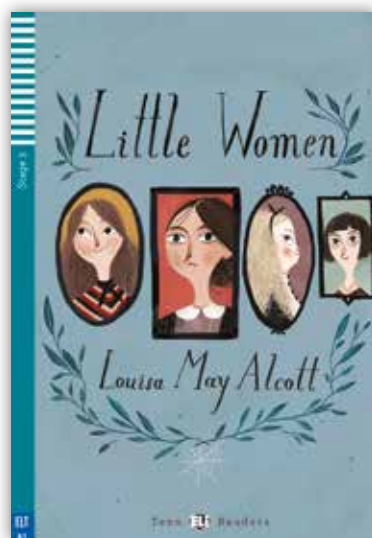
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Louisa May Alcott

Little Women

Retold by Silvana Sardi. Illustrated by Júlia Sardà.

**The unmissable story of four sisters whose father is fighting in the American Civil War.**

Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth are the four March sisters, all very different, but always there for each other. With their father away in the American Civil War, they all have to work hard to help their mother. But there's time for fun and games too with their friend, Laurie. Plays, a personal post-office, secret societies and even a bit of romance all help to fill their days while they grow up, hoping always for their father's return.

Syllabus**Verb tenses**

Present Continuous: future plans - Past Perfect Simple - Future with going to and will

Verb forms and patterns

Question tags - Verbs plus infinitive - Verbs plus gerund - Phrasal verbs - Conditional sentences: types 1 and 2 - Reported speech - Question words - Active/Passive

Modal verbs affirmative, negative and interrogative forms Could, Should, Might, Ought to, have to

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Louisa Alcott | CLIL History: The American Civil War | A section focusing on Little Women at the cinema, theatre, and on TV | Exit test

Tags

Classic literature | Family | Life

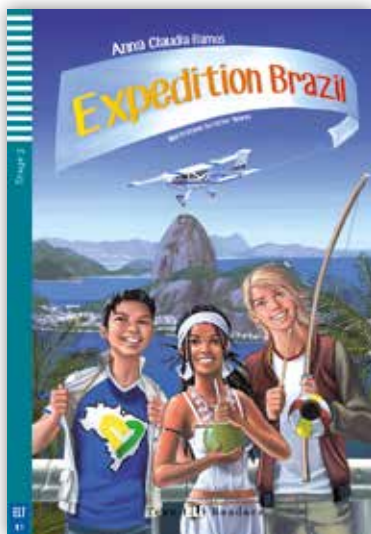
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Audio CD | 80 page

ISBN 978-88-536-2022-4 | Word count 8663

Anna Claudia Ramos Expedition Brazil

Activities by Susanna Florissi.
Illustrated by Victor Tavares.



Niara, Yoshi and Gunnar are the lucky winners of a trip to Brazil. Follow them while travelling around this country.

While making a documentary about the country, they will visit the largest city in South America, São Paulo, the unbelievable capital, Brasília, lovely Rio de Janeiro, and two natural wonders of the world, the wetlands of Pantanal and the great Amazon rainforest. Nothing could ever prepare these three friends for the new experiences they are about to have.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Present Simple: states, habits -
Past Simple: finished time - Past
Continuous: actions in progress
at a specific time - in the past,
interrupted actions - Present Perfect
Simple: indefinite past, unfinished
past - Past Perfect: narrative -
Futures: will, present continuous,
going to; Verb forms
Imperatives - Passives: present, past
simple, present perfect - -ing forms:
after verbs, prepositions

In this Reader you will find:

a glossary of difficult words | Comprehension
activities | Sections focusing on context | An exit test

Tags

Friendship | Emotions

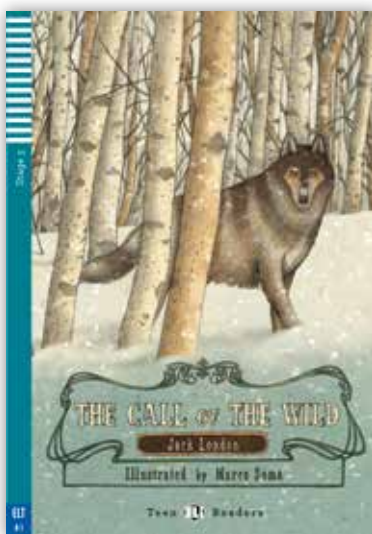
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Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1744-6 | Word count 10400

Jack London The Call of the Wild

Adaptation and activities by Silvana
Sardi. Illustrated by Marco Somà.



When *The Call of the Wild* was published the first printing of 10,000 copies sold out immediately and it is still one of the best known stories written by an American author.

Buck, a happy, quiet dog living in sunny California, is kidnapped and sent north to begin a new hard life as a sled dog during the Klondike Gold Rush. Read about his adventures and the many problems he has to face in this new cruel world. Discover how he begins to change and how he responds to the Call of the Wild.

Syllabus

Connectives

Nouns

Verbs

Present Simple: including verbs not normally used in the continuous form; Present Continuous; Past Simple; Past Continuous; Past Perfect Simple: narrative, reported speech; Futures with Present; Continuous, *going to* and *will*; modals: *could*, *must*

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... Jack London, Huskies, CLIL History: The Klondike Gold Rush | A glossary of difficult words | Comprehension activities | Test yourself

Tags

Adventure | Courage | The Wild

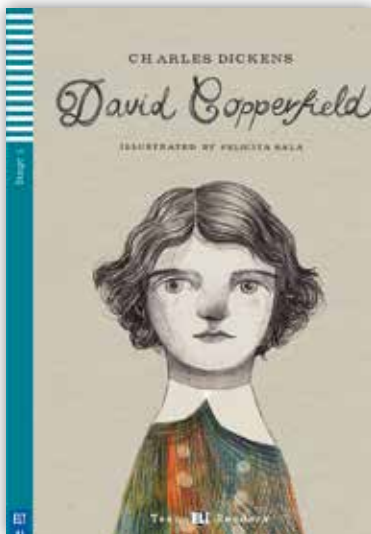
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Audio CD | 80 pages

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Charles Dickens David Copperfield

Retold by Alex Peet.
Illustrated by Felicita Sala.



The story traces the life of David Copperfield from childhood to maturity.

David Copperfield looks back on the first twenty-five years of his life. He is only eight years old when his mother, a young pretty widow, remarries. Unfortunately Mr Murdstone is not a good husband or father. David is sent away to school and only returns home when tragedy strikes. Unloved and unwanted, he is sent to work in a factory. But David is a resourceful boy and determines to find a better life for himself.

Syllabus

Grammar and Structures

Present simple: states, habits. Past simple: finished time. Past continuous: actions in progress at a specific time in past, interrupted actions. Present perfect simple: indefinite past, unfinished past. Past perfect: narrative. Futures: will/shall, present continuous Verb forms: Imperatives. Passives: present, past simple. Gerunds: after verbs, prepositions Conditionals: 1st conditional: possible present/future. 2nd conditional: hypothetical present/future. Reported speech: statements, questions, commands

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Charles Dickens | Glossary | Exit Test | Comprehension activities

Tags

Family | Friendship | Love | Adventure

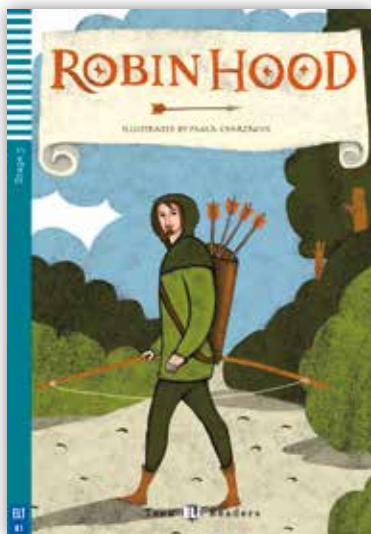
Stage 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Flyers/KEY | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0783-6 | Word count 7700

Anonymous Robin Hood

Adaptation and activities by Silvana Sardi. Illustrated by Paola Chartroux.



The daring and handsome nobleman Robin Hood is forced to live as an outlaw in Sherwood Forest, after the evil Sheriff of Nottingham kills his family and takes his land and money.

The outlaw Robin becomes a hero, stealing from the rich to give to the poor. Will the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham manage to capture Robin and his Merry Men? Will Robin regain his land and be able to offer Marian, his love, a real home?

Syllabus

Grammar and Structures

Verb Tenses: present /past simple, present /past continuous, present /past perfect (continuous), Question forms, Future tenses, Conditionals, Clauses with if, when, unless, as soon as, until, as long as, Modal verbs – present, past, future, conditional, Verb patterns, Synonyms, Adjectives, comparatives and superlatives, Too / enough, Direct / indirect speech, Active / passive, Functions: Express opinions, Make suppositions, Make requests, Make suggestions, Agree / disagree, Invite, Give information, Give directions, Apologise, Promise

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | PET-style activities | Glossary | Exit Test | Comprehension activities

Tags

Adventure | Friendship

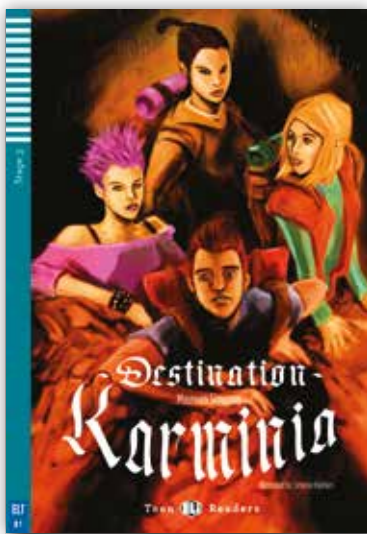
Stage 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Flyers/KEY | Classic

Audio CD | 96 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0654-9 | Word count 8650

Maureen Simpson Destination Karminia

Activities and Focus on by Angela Tomkinson. Illustrated by Simone Pontieri.



'After a long, sweaty and exhausting climb the team reaches the eastern peak of Ben Nevis. But a surprise is waiting for them when they reach the top...'

Young professor Peng is looking for archaeology enthusiasts to help her in the search for the lost city of Karminia. On the summit of Ben Nevis, in the Scottish highlands, an ancient city is hidden away. It can only be revealed in the sunlight. Three youngsters who are passionate about archaeology are going to discover the mysterious Karminia.

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Adventure, Ancient civilisations, Friendship, Nature, Technology. Notions and concepts: Asking for information, Expressing surprise, Giving instructions, Making arrangements, Making deductions, Making predictions, Making suggestions, Offering to do something, Summarising.

Grammar and Structures

Adverbs, Adjectives, Conditionals, Gerunds, Infinitives, Linking words, Phrasal verbs, Question tags, Verb tenses

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension activities | PET-style activities | Test yourself | An audio recording of the story

Tags

Adventure | Nature | Friendship

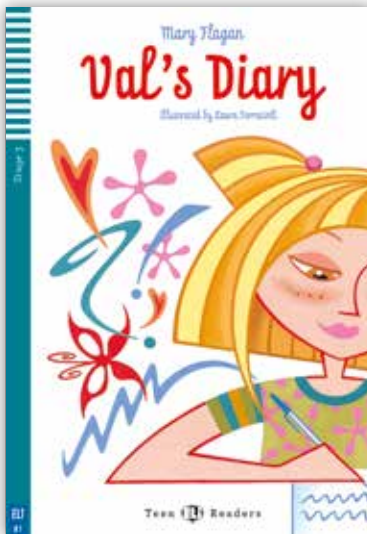
Stage 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Flyers/KEY | Original

Audio CD | 64 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0515-3 | Word count 3890

Mary Flagan Val's Diary

Activities and Focus on by Manuela De Angelis. Illustrated by Laura Ferracioli.



'Wow! A date! This is my first date. Maybe next year my diary will be full of photos and secret letters like all my friends. Please come, Luke. Oh, I'm so excited. I can't wait to phone Sally and tell her everything. Wednesday is so far away!'

School's over at last! Summer holidays are here but who wants to spend them in the countryside? Not Val, of course! She hates the country, but eventually she'll change her mind. Guess why! Read her diary and find out. This country holiday is really boring and she can't stand it, but don't despair...

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Family, Friendship, love, Holidays. Notions and concepts: Feelings, Likes and dislikes, Talking about future plans, Predictions, Ability, Actions and activities, Offers, Suggestions

Grammar and Structures

Verbs: regular and irregular forms, Modal verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Prepositions, Linkers, Comparatives and Superlatives, Nouns and pronouns, Determiners

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | PET-style activities | Glossary of difficult words | Test yourself | Comprehension activities | An audio recording of the story

Tags

Family | Love & Friendship | Holidays

Stage 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Flyers/KEY | Original

Audio CD | 64 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0502-3 | Word count 3350

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STAGE 1

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Sir Arthur Conan Doyle A Study in Scarlet

Adaptation and activities by Elizabeth Ferretti. Illustrated by Riccardo Guasco.



A Study in Scarlet is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's first story with Holmes and Watson. Come and walk the dark streets of London with the great Mr Sherlock Holmes!

When Sherlock Holmes gets a letter from the police, he and his new friend, Doctor Watson, have a difficult problem. Who is the rich man in the empty house? Why did he die? And, most important of all, will Holmes and Watson find the man who did it? Or will they be too late?

Syllabus

Nouns - Plural - Possessive 's
Pronouns Indefinite: *some-, no-, any-, every- (body/thing)*; Subject and object
Determiners Ordinal numbers: *first - hundredth*; Quantifiers *some/any, more;* Distributives: *another, other, each*
Adjectives Comparative: *er/more + adjective...than, as....as*; Superlative: *the -est (in/of), most + adjective*
Verb forms and tenses Negative questions; Present Continuous; Present Simple; Past Simple of listed irregular verbs; Common phrasal verbs with transparent meanings
Adverbs Adverbs of frequency; Question words

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Daniel Dafoe's life | Focus On Sections | Appreciation and Extension Activities
Tags

Adventure | Travels | Nature

STAGE 1 600 headwords | A1 | Classic

Audio CD | 64 pages
ISBN 978-88-536-2107-8 | Word count 37280

STAGE 1

A1

Daniel Dafoe Robinson Crusoe

Retold by Silvana Sardi. Illustrated by Matteo Berton.



Crusoe's father wants him to be a good guy, but Crusoe wants nothing more than to travel around the world. His first voyage is a disaster! Robinson survives but doesn't go home and travels to Brazil. Then...

At the age of eighteen, Robinson Crusoe, a young Englishman, leaves his family to see the world. One night, there's a terrible storm. His ship goes down and all his friends die. Robinson gets to an island. What will he do all by himself? How will he live? Will he ever see England again?

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas

Means of Transport; Nature; Animals; Travels

Grammar and structures

Simple Present: states and habits; Present Continuous: actions in progress; Past Simple: finished actions; Can: ability; Could: ability; Must: Obligations; Will: offers, predictions; Colour, size, shape, quality, nationality; Demonstrative: *this, that, these, those*; Prepositions: *place, time*

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Daniel Dafoe's life | Focus On Sections | Appreciation and Extension Activities
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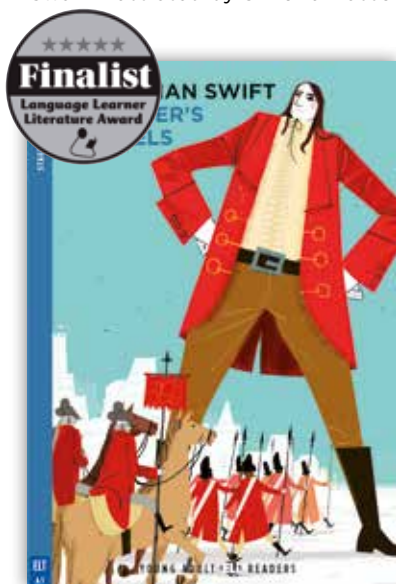
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STAGE 1 600 headwords | A1 | Classic

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Jonathan Swift Gulliver's Travels

Retold by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan. Illustrated by Simone Massoni.



Jonathan Swift's best known full-length work, and a classic of English literature.

Gulliver is a doctor on a ship. He travels from England to many places. He meets little people and giants, he meets people from the past and horses who can talk. He also encounters pirates and terrible storms. Will he ever return home? Will he be happy in England?

Syllabus

Articles: a, an, the. Nouns: countable and uncountable, plural, possessive. Pronouns: subject and object, indefinite. Quantifiers: *some/any, more*. Adjectives: possessive, opinion. Prepositions: place, time, movement, phrases, like. Verbs: tense, aspect, form: Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple - regular and common irregulars, Futures - *going to, will, -ing* forms after verbs and prepositions, *can, must* for obligation, *need* for necessity, imperatives, *have got, would like*, common phrasal verbs, *there is/there are, know, think, hope etc + that clause, like/don't like + ing*. Adverbs: frequency, manner. Conjunctions: *so, before, after, when*

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Jonathan Swift's life | CLIL
History: European Exploration | Glossary |
Comprehension activities | Exit test

Tags

Classic | literature | satire

STAGE 1 600 headwords | A1 | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0787-4 | Word count 10750

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle The Hound of the Baskervilles

Adaptation and activities by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan. Illustrated by Federico Volpini.



'Suddenly, in the darkness, there was a terrible, low howl and it came from the moor. 'The hound!' cried Holmes.'

An old family document says that everyone who lives at Baskerville Hall is in danger from a terrifying animal which lives on Dartmoor. When Sir Charles Baskerville dies in a mysterious way, his nephew, the young Sir Henry Baskerville, comes to live on Dartmoor. Is he in danger too? Is there really a dangerous animal on the moor, or did someone murder Sir Charles?

Syllabus

Articles: *a, an, the*. Nouns: countable and uncountable. plural, possessive. Pronouns: subject and object, indefinite. Quantifiers: *some/any, more*. Adjectives: possessive, opinion. Prepositions: place, time, movement. Verbs: tense, aspect, form: Present Simple, Present Continuous. Past Simple - regular and common irregulars, *-ing* forms after verbs and prepositions. *can, must* for obligation, *need* for necessity, imperatives, *have got, would like*, common phrasal

In this Reader you will find:

information about Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's life |
A section focusing on background and context |
A glossary | comprehension activities | An exit test

Tags

Mystery

STAGE 1 600 headwords | A1 | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0516-0 | Word count 12150

John Buchan The Thirty-Nine Steps

Retold by Michael Lacey Freeman. Illustrated by Giordano Poloni.



An adventure novel featuring Richard Hannay, an all-action hero with a stiff upper lip and a miraculous knack for getting himself out of sticky situations.

Richard Hannay is bored. He is all alone in a big city, and he wants something to happen, anything. One evening, when he gets back home, someone is waiting for him. This someone will leave him with a question, and Hannay must find an answer. His future, and indeed the future of the whole of Europe depends on it. The question is, what are the thirty-nine steps?

Syllabus

Verb tenses, Present Simple and Present Continuous - Past Simple and Past Continuous - Present Perfect - Future forms - Will, Going to, Ing form - Modals - can (ability, permission), could (ability in the past), shall (suggestions), should (advice), may (possibility), must (obligation), need (necessity)

In this Reader you will find:

Information about John Buchan | A section focusing on background and context | A glossary of difficult words | Comprehension activities | An exit test

Tags

Animals | Friendship | Adventure

STAGE 2 800 headwords | A2 | Key | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2313-3 | Word count 54200

William Shakespeare

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark

Adaptation and activities by Silvana Sardi. Illustrated by Ale Giorgini.



“There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.”
– William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

After Hamlet sees his father's ghost, he begins to act in a strange way. He now knows the terrible secret of his father's death and must decide what to do. Many people think he's become mad? Is it true? Will he do what his father's ghost asks? And what about love? Will he lose Ophelia's love for him? Read the play and see how Hamlet's life changes and how it changes the lives of the people around him.

Syllabus

Verb tenses, forms and patterns Present Simple Present Continuous; Past Simple Past Continuous; Present Perfect Simple; Future with *will* and *going to*; Affirmative, Interrogative, negative forms of tenses; Imperatives; Passive forms: present simple and past simple; Verbs with gerund, base form or infinitive; Common phrasal verbs **Modal verbs** can, could; must, need, have to; may should;

Types of clause Main clause; Coordinate clause; Subordinate clause following *sure*, *think*, *know*, *if*, *where*, *when*; *because*; Defining relative clauses with *who*, *where*

In this Reader you will find:

William Shakespeare and the Elizabethan Theatre | Hamlet in the 20th and 21st centuries | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities including KEY (KET) activities

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Drama | Tragedy | Death | Revenge

STAGE 2 800 headwords | A2 | Key | Classic

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Jerome K. Jerome

Three Men in a Boat

Retold by Alex Peet. Illustrated by Riccardo Guasco.



Three Men in a Boat is a humorous book that will make you laugh while it gives you a view of Victorian England and the Thames.

Three friends, George, Harris and J. decide they need a holiday and plan to go on a trip on the river. J. tells the story of that two-week trip. He includes funny stories from past trips and stories he has heard. He also gives us historical and geographical information about the places they pass or stay in.

Syllabus

Verb tenses Present Simple: states, processes (and verbs not used in the continuous form) - Past Continuous: parallel past actions, continuous actions interrupted by the Past Simple - Past Simple vs Past Continuous - Future using *Present Continuous*, *going to*, *will*, *shall*, - Present Perfect Simple: recent past, indefinite past with *ever*, *never*, unfinished past with *for* and *since*

Verb forms and patterns *let's* - Passive forms: Present Simple and Past Simple - Infinitives (with and without *to*) after verbs and adjectives - Gerunds (verb + *-ing*) after prepositions and common verbs - Gerunds (verb + *-ing*) as subjects and objects - *to* + infinitive after *what*

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Jerome K. Jerome's life | Focus on sections: Jerome's Life, The Thames, Magna Carta

Tags

Friends | Adventure | Everyday life

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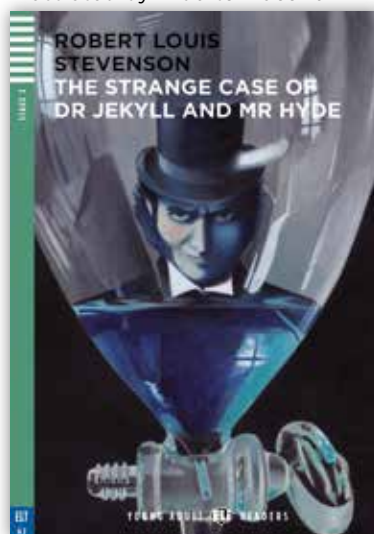
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Robert Louis Stevenson

The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Retold by J. Borsbey and R. Swan. Illustrated by Alberto Maccone



The novella's impact is such that it has become a part of the language.

Jekyll is a famous London doctor, but something unusual is happening in his house. Who is his strange young friend? Why does Jekyll like him? And why does no-one else like him? Stevenson's dark thriller is the story of one man's need to find himself in the dark, foggy London of Victorian times.

Syllabus

Nouns: abstract nouns, compound nouns, noun phrases

Pronouns: relative: *who*, *which*, *that*

Adjectives: opinion, description, classification, participles as adjectives, predicative and attributive

Prepositions: place, time, movement, phrases, *like*

Verbs: tense, aspect, form: Present Perfect Simple: indefinite past, Past Continuous: background actions/narrative, Future with *going to*, infinitives after verbs and adjectives, *-ing* forms after verbs and prepositions, Present Simple Passive, *should* for suggestions, *have to* and *must* for obligation, *need* for necessity/obligation

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Robert Louis Stevenson's life | Focus On Jack the Ripper, Victorian London | Appreciation and Extension Activities | Key (KET) Activities

Tags

Classic Literature | Thriller

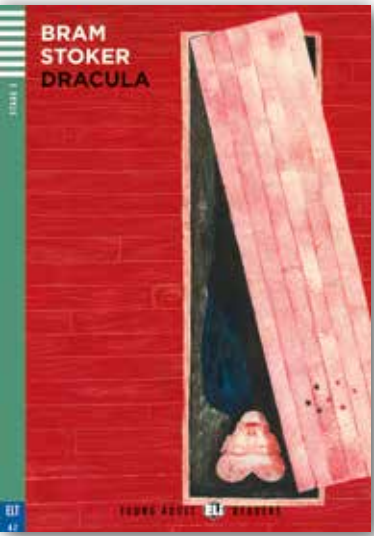
STAGE 2 800 headwords | A2 | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

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Bram Stoker
Dracula

Adaptation and activities
by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.
Illustrated by Valerio Vidali.



Although Stoker did not invent the vampire, he defined its modern form.

When Jonathan Harker travels to Transylvania to meet Count Dracula, he soon realises that he has made a big mistake. What is happening in the lonely castle? Where does Count Dracula go during the day? Why are there no mirrors? Bram Stoker's classic story takes us, and Count Dracula, from the Transylvanian castle to a small port on the east coast of England. Then we move to London, in a desperate fight to save people from the new, the terrible, Un-dead.

Syllabus

- Nouns
- Pronouns
- Connectives
- Adjectives
- Prepositions
- Present Perfect Simple; Past Continuous; Present Simple Passive; *will* for future reference, promises & predictions; *need* for necessity & obligation; *could* for ability, requests and suggestions; *have to* for obligation; common phrasal verbs

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Bram Stoker's life | Focus On sections: Communication & Technology in Dracula, CLIL Natural History: Bats | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities | Final test

Tags

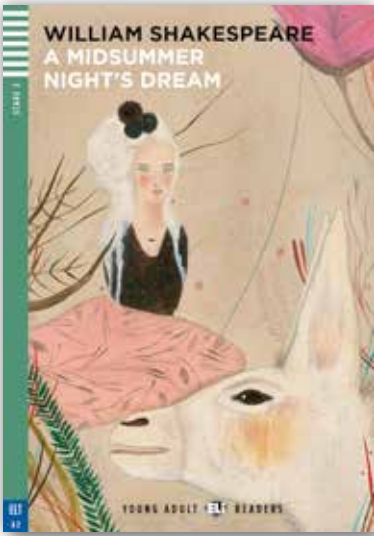
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STAGE 2 800 headwords | A2 | Classic

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William Shakespeare
A Midsummer Night's Dream

Adaptation and activities
by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.
Illustrated by Daniela Tieni.



'Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind.'

Theseus of Athens is looking forward to his wedding to Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons. But two other young couples are not so happy: Hermia wants to marry Lysander, but her father doesn't agree. Helena loves Demetrius, but he wants to marry Hermia. The King and Queen of the Fairies don't love each other any more, so they start to play tricks on each other. They involve their fairies, the lovers and a group of Athenian workmen who want to be actors. It's a very unusual Midsummer Night, perhaps it's a dream.

Syllabus

- Pronouns
- Relative
- Reciprocal
- Adverbs
- Connectives
- Modal verbs
- Verb forms and patterns
- Simple reported speech

In this Reader you will find:

Information about William Shakespeare's life | Focus On: The Elizabethan Theatre | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities | Final test

Tags

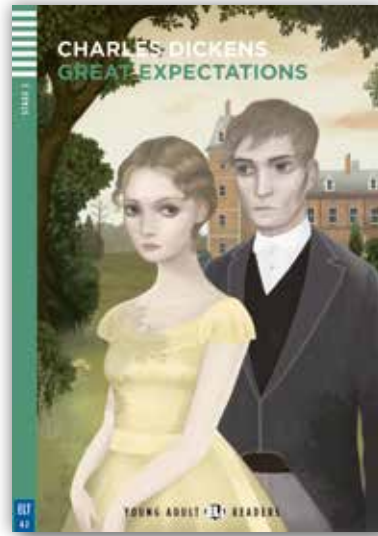
Classic | Literature | Love

STAGE 2 800 headwords | A2 | Classic

Audio CD | 64 pages
ISBN 978-88-536-1590-9 | Word count 5140

Charles Dickens
Great Expectations

Retold by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan. Illustrated by Caterina Baldi.



Great Expectations depicts the growth and personal development of an orphan named Pip.

Pip is born poor, but one day his life mysteriously changes. He is sent to London to learn to become a gentleman. But who is paying for his education? Who is paying for his life in London? We follow Pip as he grows up, falls in love and finally discovers the truth about himself. On the way, we meet...

Syllabus

- Nouns
- Pronouns: relative: *who*, *which*, *that*.
- Adjectives: opinion, description, classification, participles as adjectives, predicative and attributive. Prepositions: place, time, movement, phrases, *like*.
- Verbs: tense, aspect, form: Present Perfect Simple: indefinite past, Past. Continuous: background actions/narrative, Future with *going to*, infinitives after verbs and adjectives, *-ing* forms after verbs and prepositions, Present and Past Simple Passive, *shall* for offers, *should* for suggestions, *must* for obligation, *need* for necessity/obligation

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Charles Dickens' life | A section focusing on background and context | CLIL History | Glossary | Comprehension activities | KET-style activities | Exit test

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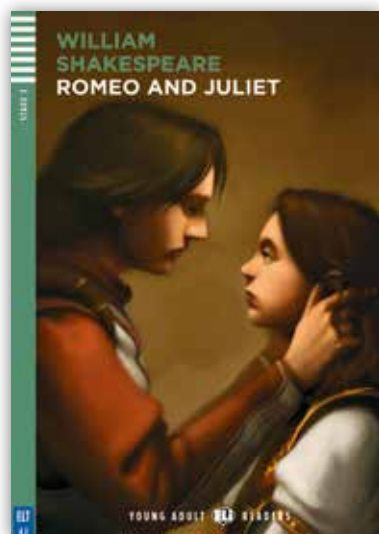
Classic | Literature

STAGE 2 800 headwords | A2 | Classic

Audio CD | 128 pages
ISBN 978-88-536-0790-4 | Word count 18550

William Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet

Adaptation and activities by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.
Illustrated by Giorgio Baroni.



The most famous love story of all time.

The story of Romeo and Juliet is set in mediaeval Verona and follows Romeo, son of the house of Montague as he falls in love with Juliet, daughter of the rival house of Capulet. The story moves quickly towards its conclusion as bitter hate and ancient rivalry lead to tragedy.

Syllabus

Nouns: abstract nouns, compound, nouns, noun phrases. Pronouns: relative: *who, which, that*. Adjectives: opinion, description, classification, participles as, adjectives, predicative and attributive. Prepositions: place, time, movement, phrases, *like*. Verbs: TENSE, ASPECT, FORM: Present, Perfect Simple: indefinite past, Past Continuous: background, actions/narrative, Future with going to, infinitives after verbs and adjectives, *-ing* forms, after verbs and prepositions, Present and Past Simple Passive, *shall* for offers, *should* for suggestions, *must* for obligation, *need* for necessity/obligations. Types of Clause: defining relative clause: *who, where*, zero and type-one conditionals

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Shakespeare's life | Sections focusing on background and context | Glossary | Comprehension activities | KET-style activities | Exit test

Tags

Love and Hate

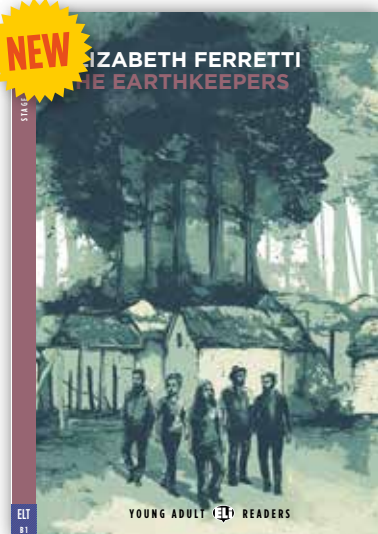
STAGE 2 800 headwords | A2 | Classic

Audio CD | 64 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0503-0 | Word count 7500

Elizabeth Ferretti The Earthkeepers

Illustrated by Lorenzo Conti.



When five young people in Berlin receive a mystery invitation, they begin an adventure that takes them to Greenland, Rwanda, South Africa and South America.

It's an adventure that makes them some important friends... and a few enemies. Will the five find a way to help the Earth? Will the world listen to the "Earthkeepers"?

Syllabus

Pronouns Reflexive and emphatic: myself, etc - Relative: who, which, that - Reciprocal: each other

Prepositions Prepositions following nouns and adjectives: put on, take out of, work at, pay for, etc

Connectives when, while, until, before, after; because, since, as, for; so that

Verb tenses Present Continuous: future plans and activities, present actions Past Perfect Simple

Modal verbs can't: logical necessity - could: ability (was able to/managed to), possibility, polite requests - might (present and future reference): possibility, permission - must: logical necessity and obligation - had to: obligation - should: (present and future reference): moral obligation, advice

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Global pollution | A glossary of difficult words | Comprehension activities

Tags

Adventure | Nature | Places

STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Original

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2650-9 | Word count 12050

Anonymous Beowulf

Retold by Claire Moore.
Illustrated by Matteo Berton.



One of the most universally studied of the English classics, Beowulf is considered the finest heroic poem in Old English.

This epic poem tells the story of Beowulf, a warrior who becomes famous by helping Hrothgar, King of the Danes. Beowulf kills first Grendel, a horrible demon who terrorizes the Danes every night, and then Grendel's vengeful mother. Beowulf returns to his own country to become king. Late in life he decides to fight a dangerous dragon and...

Syllabus

Verb tenses Present Continuous: future plans and activities Past Perfect Simple: narrative, reported speech Future with *will*: offers, promises, predictions, etc

Modal verbs *could*: possibility *should* (present and future reference): advice *might* (present and future reference): possibility *used to + infinitive* (past habits)

In this Reader you will find:

Background information about this poem | Culture and society in the Middle Ages | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and grammar activities | Final test

Tags

Adventure | Fantasy

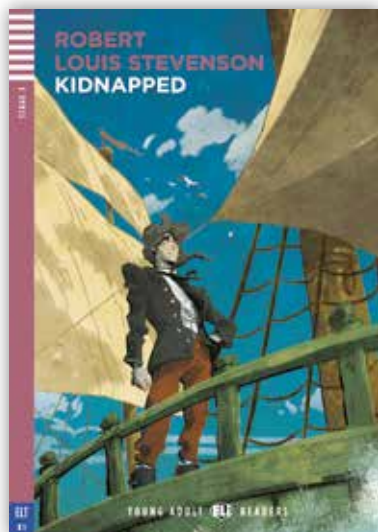
STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 112 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2481-9 | Word count 18.850

Robert Louis Stevenson Kidnapped

Retold by Silvana Sardi.
Illustrated by Federico Volpini.



The novel has attracted the admiration of writers as diverse as Henry James and Jorge Luis Borges.

Kidnapped is an adventure story set in Scotland in the 18th century about a young man, David Balfour. After his father dies, David leaves his quiet, hometown in search of a new life at the house of Shaws. However, he immediately runs into danger at the hands of his cruel uncle Ebenezer and his adventures start here. He gets caught up with criminals but also makes friends with Alan Breck, a wild Highlander, who helps him as he tries to cross the Scottish Highlands. Will David manage to return to Shaws and win back his inheritance or will his uncle Ebenezer's cruel plan succeed?

Syllabus

Verb tenses Present Perfect Simple, Past Perfect Simple

Verb Forms and Patterns make/let + infinitive, Verb + object + infinitive (e.g. I want you to help), Reported speech with say, ask, tell., Phrasal verbs had better
Modal Verbs can / could, might, would rather, should, must / have to, need / needn't, used to, would (past habits)

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Robert Louis Stevenson | CLIL History: The Jacobite Rising | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities, including Preliminary (PET) activities | Exit test

Tags

Classic Literature | Adventure | Friendship | Loyalty

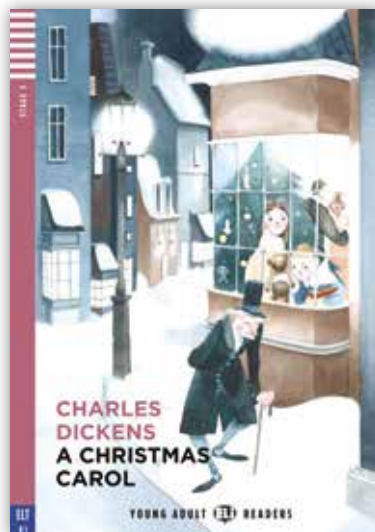
STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 112 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2482-6 | Word count 25.450

Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol

Retold by Elizabeth Ferretti.
Illustrated by Veronica Ruffato.



Dickens' favourite Christmas story shows us the difficult lives of the poor, but it is also a story of hope, where the future can be better.

Ebenezer Scrooge loves only one thing – money. He has no friends, doesn't like his family and never helps anyone. But when Jacob Marley, who's been dead for seven years, arrives at his house one night, Scrooge learns that a good life is about much more than money.

Syllabus

Verb tenses Present Continuous: future plans and activities - Past Perfect Simple: narrative, reported speech - Future *with* will: offers, promises, predictions, etc

Modal verbs could: possibility - *should* (present and future reference): advice - *might* (present and future reference): possibility - *used to* + infinitive (past habits)

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Charles Dickens' life | Focus on sections: England in the 1800s, Christmas traditions and Scrooge on film | Glossary of difficult words | Activities to practise new language

Tags

Society | Friendship

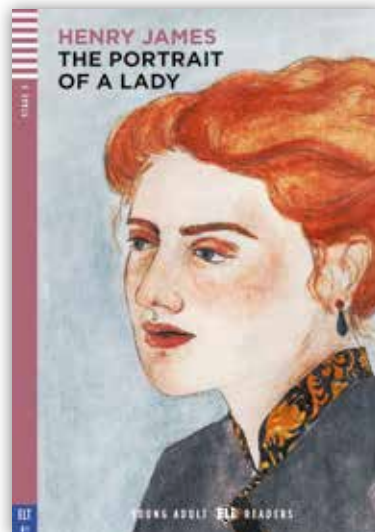
STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 80 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2317-1 | Word count 10.700

Henri James The Portrait of a Lady

Adaptation and activities
by Michael Lacey Freeman.
Illustrated by Lizzy Stewart.



“She had an immense curiosity about life, and was constantly staring and wondering.”

One sleepy summer, an American woman arrives in England, and wakes everybody up. Isabel Archer is an interesting woman. Everybody thinks so. She is an independent woman. Everybody agrees. And she changes the lives of everyone she meets in England. But will England change her?

Syllabus

Vocabulary areas Family, relationships, travel

Grammar and structures Present, Present Continuous, Past simple regular and irregular, Will, Going to. Present and past perfect, modal verbs, Verb + infinitive, Verb + ing, first and second conditional, Comparatives/Superlatives

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Henry James' life | Focus On Sections: The Portrait of a Lady – an analysis | The year 1881, Cities in the 1800s | Glossary of difficult words | Appreciation and Extension Activities | Cambridge (PET) Activities

Tags

Classic literature | Relationships | Family | Travel | Love

STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 112 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2111-5 | Word count 97.800

Wilkie Collins The Woman in White

Adaptation and activities by Silvana Sardi. Illustrated by Victoria Semykina.



The Woman in White is the first English 'sensation novel' full of mystery and dark secrets.

After meeting a strange woman one night in London, Walter Hartright begins to realise that this mysterious woman is connected, in some way, to his new life at Limmeridge House and the woman he loves, Laura Fairlie. The story is told through different characters, and soon we find Walter, Marian and Laura caught up in a frightening world of crime, madness and mistaken identity. Count Fosco with Sir Percival Glyde, will do anything to get their hands on Laura's money and think up a terrible crime that could destroy her life forever.

Syllabus

Verb Tenses Present Perfect Simple Past; Perfect Simple; Verb Forms and Patterns; make/let + infinitive; Verb + object + infinitive (e.g. I want you to help); Reported speech with say, ask, tell. Phrasal verbs; had better
Modal Verbs Can / could ; may/ might; should / ought to; must / have to; need / needn't ; used to

Clauses Time clauses introduced by when, while, until, before, after...; Clauses of purpose; First conditional; Second conditional; Clauses of concession

In this Reader you will find:

A short biography of the author, Edith Wharton | Culture and society in 1870s New York | Final test

Tags

Love | Culture and Society

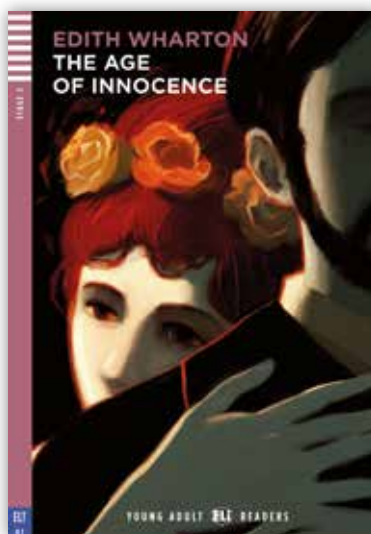
STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 96 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2110-8 | Word count 77140

Edith Wharton The Age of Innocence

Retold by Elizabeth Ferretti. Illustrated by Rodolfo Brocchini.



"Newland felt more and more embarrassed. The men were all staring into the box where May was sitting between her mother and her aunt, he didn't recognise the lady in the strange dress, and he didn't know why everyone was so shocked to see her."

Newland Archer, heir to one of New York City's best families, is planning a proper marriage, a perfect product of New York society. One night he meets May's cousin, the Countess Ellen Olenska. This exotic and beautiful woman has returned to New York from Poland after a mysterious scandal. Newland becomes caught in a battle between duty and mystery, between tradition and the power of love.

Syllabus

Present Continuous: future plans and activities, present actions; Past Perfect Simple: in reported speech and narrative; Complex sentences where the relations between clauses are uncomplicated; Defining relative clauses with which, that; Reported speech/verbs/questions past tense reporting verbs; 2nd conditional: if + past, would(n't); 2nd conditional wish.

In this Reader you will find:

A short biography of the author, Edith Wharton | Culture and society in 1870s New York | Final test

Tags

Love | Culture and Society

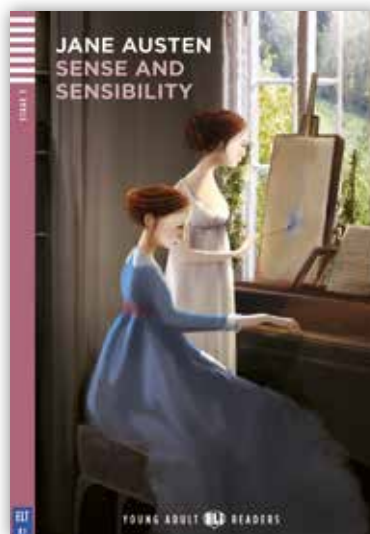
STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 112 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2029-3 | Word count 17640

Jane Austen Sense and Sensibility

Adaptation and activities by Elizabeth Ferretti. Illustrated by Barbara Baldi Bargiggia.



The philosophical resolution of the novel is ambiguous: the reader must decide whether sense and sensibility have truly merged.

Elinor is careful but Marianne is not. They both meet the man of their dreams, but will they find true happiness? Sense and Sensibility is Jane Austen's classic story of two sisters who have a lot to learn about love.

Syllabus

Pronouns
Adjectives
Comparative and superlative forms
Adverbs
Connectives
Verb tenses
Verb forms and patterns
Conditional sentences
Types of clause: Defining relative clauses with *which*, *that*, zero pronoun
Time clauses introduced by *when*, *while*, *until*, *before*, *after*, *as soon as*
Clauses of purpose: (in order) to (infinitive of purpose)

In this Reader you will find:

Background information about this novel | A short biography of Jane Austen | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension activities | Preliminary-style activities | Exit test

Tags

Love | Society

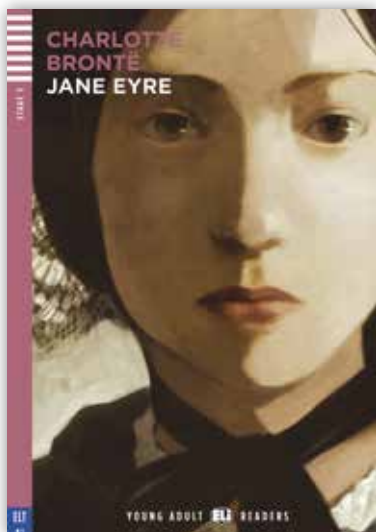
STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 128 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1591-6 | Word count 15600

Charlotte Brontë Jane Eyre

Retold by Liz Ferretti.
Illustrated by Rodolfo Brocchini.



Jane Eyre was an immediate bestseller, and most critics liked it. One reviewer wrote: 'It is one of the most powerful domestic romances which have been published for many years.'

Jane Eyre is an orphan, and all alone in the world. But she is no ordinary young woman; despite her lonely and unhappy childhood, she is determined to succeed at a time when women had little freedom. When she meets the enigmatic Mr Rochester, however, her independent spirit is put to the test. Will Jane ever find the happiness she desires so much?

Syllabus

Verb tenses: Present Continuous: future plans and activities, present actions. Past Perfect Simple: in reported speech and narrative. Modal verbs: *can't*: logical necessity. *could*: ability (*was able to/managed to*), possibility, polite requests; *may/can/could*: permission; *might* (present and future reference): possibility, permission; *must*: logical necessity and obligation

In this Reader you will find:

A short biography of Charlotte Brontë | Glossary | Comprehension activities | PET-style activities | Exit test

Tags

Love | Society

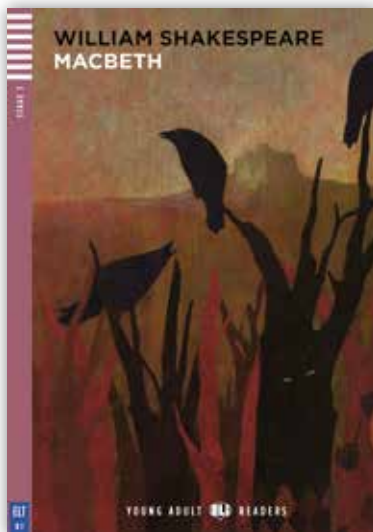
STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 128 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0793-5 | Word count 19650

William Shakespeare Macbeth

Adaptation and activities
by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.
Illustrated by Simone Rea.



'There's daggers in men's smiles' (Act II, Sc. III)

Scotland in the 11th century. Macbeth is a brave general, loyal to King Duncan and to Scotland. Until, that is, he meets three evil witches after a battle against King Duncan's enemies. They tell him that one day he, Macbeth, will be King of Scotland. This is the beginning of a story of ambition and evil, involving him and his calculating wife, Lady Macbeth. What follows leads them to terrible violence, murder, madness and destruction.

Syllabus

Nouns: complex noun phrases. Verbs: Present Perfect Simple: unfinished past with *for* and *since*, recent past with *just*, Past Perfect Simple, reported speech, *should* for obligation, *would* for hypothesis and polite requests, *must* for deduction, *may* for possibility.

Types of Clause: type-two conditionals, conditionals with *unless*, clauses with *although*, clauses with *so... that*, time clauses with *as soon as*, *until*, *before* and *after*

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | PET-style activities | Glossary of difficult words | Exit Test | Comprehension activities | A section focussing on CLIL Physical Geography

Tags

Ambition | Power

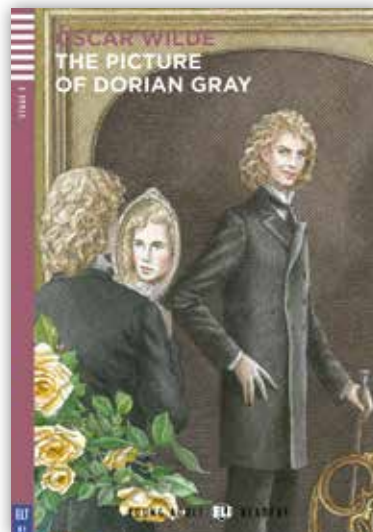
STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 96 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0662-4 | Word count 11780

Oscar Wilde The Picture of Dorian Gray

Retold and activities by Jane Bowie.
Illustrated by Antonio van der Zee.



'A good portrait is a portrait of the artist, not the sitter. I am afraid I show my soul in this painting.'

Dorian is visiting his friend, the kind and gentle painter Basil Hallward, when he meets Lord Henry Wotton. Entertaining and cynical, Lord Henry introduces Dorian to the idea of a world where the only value is beauty, and everything must serve this ideal. But how can Dorian survive ageing and ugliness? In front of his beautiful portrait, painted by Hallward, Dorian makes a terrible wish.

Syllabus

Present Simple + Passive, Present Continuous, Past Simple + Passive, Past Continuous, Present Perfect, Verb + *ing*, Ask someone to + inf, Make someone + base form of verb, *To look* + adj, *To look like* + noun, *To be like* + noun, Imperatives (+ negative), *Can* for ability and permission, *Could* for requests and ability, *Must* for obligation and logical deduction *Will* for future prediction and decisions made at time of speaking, 0 conditional, 1 conditional, *There is/are* (+ past forms), Adjectives + comparatives + superlatives, Adverbs

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Oscar Wilde's life | Sections focusing on background and context | Glossary | Comprehension activities | PET-style activities | Exit test

Tags

Fantasy

STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 128 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0517-7 | Word count 14390

Jane Austen Pride and Prejudice

Adaptation and activities
by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.
Illustrated by Giovanni Da Re.



'Everybody knows that it is true that any rich, single man must definitely want a wife.'

Mrs Bennet has five daughters and they are all unmarried. When rich, single Mr Bingley comes to live in the area, she is sure that he will be the perfect husband for Jane, the eldest Miss Bennet. Then proud Mr Darcy comes to stay with Bingley. Will any of the Bennet daughters be good enough for him? Lively, intelligent Elizabeth Bennet doesn't think so. She dislikes Mr Darcy immediately. She prefers handsome soldier George Wickham, but is he all he seems?

Syllabus

Nouns: complex noun phrases.
Verbs: present perfect simple: unfinished past with *for* and *since*, recent past with *just*, Past Perfect Simple, reported speech, *used to*, *should* for obligation, *would* for hypothesis and polite requests, *must* for deduction, *may* for possibility

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Jane Austen's life | Sections focusing on background and context | Glossary | Comprehension activities | PET-style activities | Exit test

Tags

Love Friendship

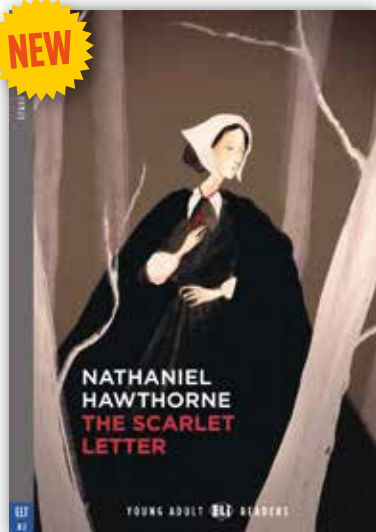
STAGE 3 1000 headwords | B1 | Preliminary | Classic

Audio CD | 128 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0504-7 | Word count 15900

Nathaniel Hawthorne The Scarlet Letter

Retold by Claire Moore.
Illustrated by Riccardo Renzi.



Hester Prynne must wear a scarlet letter "A" because she is an adulteress. She lives a simple life with her daughter, Pearl but the evil, old Roger Chillingworth and the tormented Arthur Dimmesdale soon change things.

Set in 17th century Puritan Boston, this is the story of Hester Prynne and her illegitimate daughter Pearl. She is condemned to wear a scarlet letter "A" as punishment for her adultery, but she refuses to reveal the identity of Pearl's father and they live a solitary life in a small cottage. We meet many characters, including her husband Roger Chillingworth, the young priest Arthur Dimmesdale and Mistress Hibbins. The Scarlet Letter is one of Nathaniel Hawthorne's most famous novels.

Syllabus

Verb Tenses Present Perfect Simple
Past Perfect Simple - Future *with will*
Verb Forms and Patterns Used to
Passive forms - Phrasal verbs - Reported speech - Modal verbs (must, might, could, would etc)

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Nathaniel Hawthorne's life | A focus on Puritanism | A focus on women in Puritan New England | A focus on daily life in Puritan New England | Comprehension and grammar activities

Tags

Classic literature | Justice | Love

STAGE 4 1800 headwords | B2 | Flyers | Classic

Audio | 112 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2652-3 | Word count 16150

Jane Austen Emma

Retold by Michael Silvana Sardi.
Illustrated by Alberto Maccone.



'You must be the best judge of your own happiness.'

Emma Woodhouse is beautiful, rich, intelligent and a snob. She says she will never marry, but loves matchmaking and is determined to find a suitable husband for her friend Harriet Smith. However, her imagination often leads her to make mistakes, creating problems for both her and the people around her. Jane Austen describes the social values of her time and the novel is full of comical moments as Emma causes one disaster after another. Jane Austen once described Emma as a character 'whom no one but myself will much like'.

Syllabus

Verb Tenses: Present Perfect Simple/Continuous; Past Perfect Simple/Continuous.

Verb Forms and Patterns: Passive forms with all tenses and modal verbs
Phrasal verbs, Reported speech, Modal perfects (must have, could have etc)

Clauses: Embedded relative clause; Third conditional, wish; Complex sentences with more than one subordinate clause.

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Jane Austen | CLIL History : Society and Social Customs

Tags

Classic Literature | Marriage and Social Status | The Power of Imagination | Romance

STAGE 4 1800 headwords | B2 | First (FCE) | Classic

Audio CD | 112 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-2483-3 | Word count 24.600

George Eliot
The Mill on the Floss

Retold by Michael Lacey Freeman.
Illustrated by Lorenzo Conti.



‘She was looking for a key to understand. Then she could deal with the heavy weight that had fallen on her young heart’.

Maggie is a curious girl. She asks many questions. And she wants some answers. What do people mean when they say she is too intelligent? When can she go to school like her brother? Why is a girl's hair so important? As she gets older her questions change but her curiosity remains just as strong. Walk with Maggie and read her story to find out if she gets some answers to these questions.

Syllabus

Verbs: Present Perfect/Present Perfect Continuous - Past Perfect/Past Perfect Continuous - Conditionals - Future Continuous - Future Perfect - Modal Perfects (Must have, Could have etc.) - Non-defining and defining relative clauses - Would and Used to for past

In this Reader you will find:

Background information about this novel | A short biography of the author, George Eliot | Culture and society in 1860s England | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and grammar activities | Final test

Tags

Family | Love | Society

Herman Melville
Moby Dick

Adaptation and activities by Sara Weiss.
Illustrated by Arianna Vairo.



One of the most widely-read books worldwide. *Moby Dick* is the saga of Captain Ahab and his continuous pursuit of Moby Dick, the great white whale who maimed him during their last encounter.

Ismael, a young sailor, tells this classic American tale of the gigantic white whale and his obsessed hunter, Captain Ahab. Start your journey across the seas in famous whaling town of New Bedford, Massachusetts, and sail to unknown lands on the whaling ship Pequod. Meet Queequeg, the strange cannibal who teaches Ismael what a true friend is; First Mate Starbuck, who shows us the meaning of loyalty and hardwork, and all of the ship's incredible sailing crew.

Syllabus

Verbs: Present Perfect Simple and Continuous - Past Perfect Simple and Continuous - Participle phrases - A variety of phrasal verbs - Complex passive forms - Modal verbs-all types - Reporting verbs: explain, insist, reply, shout, answer, cry out, yell
Other: Connectives: although, though, even though, despite, in spite of, however - Time sequence - Discourse markers - inversion

In this Reader you will find:

Pre-reading activities | Comprehension Activities | First Certificate Examination Preparation exercises

Tags

Adventure

Charles and Mary Lamb
Tales from Shakespeare

Adaptation and activities by Silvana Sardi. Illustrated by Alicia Baladan



An excellent introduction to the world of Shakespeare.

This edition includes seven of Shakespeare's plays: As You Like It, The Merchant of Venice, The Tempest, Twelfth Night, Macbeth, Much Ado About Nothing and A Midsummer Night's Dream. They tell stories of love, romance, ambition, jealousy and death, to name but a few of Shakespeare's favourite themes and introduce us to some of his most famous characters.

Syllabus

Verbs: Present perfect continuous, Past perfect continuous, Future perfect, Third conditional, Make, Get, Let, Have something done, Used to, Phrasal verbs, All passive forms, Wish, Conditionals with may/might

Sentence types: relative clauses, Defining, Clauses of concession: despite, Complex sentences with more than one subordinate clause

Modal verbs: May might

In this Reader you will find:

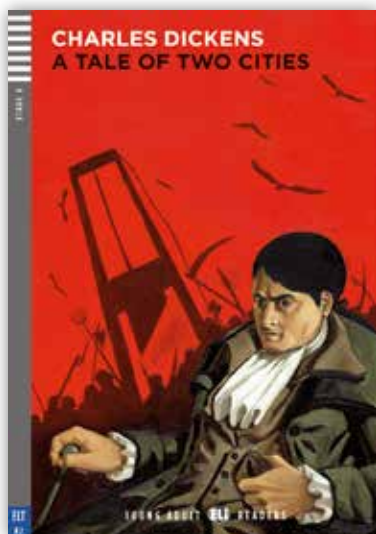
An introduction of elements of literature | Information about Shakespeare and Charles and Mary Lamb | Focus on sections | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities

Tags

Classic literature

Charles Dickens A Tale of Two Cities

Adaptation and activities
by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.
Illustrated by Giacomo Garelli.



A Tale of Two Cities is Charles Dickens's most famous historical novel.

Set in Paris and London at the time of the French Revolution, this is the story of two men, Frenchman, Charles Darnay, and Englishman, Sydney Carton. As the Revolution takes hold and the Terror begins, the two men's destinies bring them together in a powerful story of love, hate and revenge. We meet revolutionaries and aristocrats, and see the poverty of many in both London and Paris contrasted with the wealth of a few.

Syllabus

Verbs: Present Perfect Continuous - Past Perfect Continuous - perfect infinitives - a variety of phrasal verbs - complex passive forms - wish/if only - modal verbs: might, needn't - reporting verbs: explain, repeat, reply, answer, ask, cry, scream, shout - tenses with *This is the first ...*

Types of Clause type-three conditionals - mixed conditionals - relative: embedded, defining

Other connectives: although, despite, in spite of, however - time sequencers - inversion

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Charles Dickens's life | Focus On Sections: History | The French Revolution, The Rich and the Poor, Crime and Punishment | Glossary of difficult words | Appreciation and Extension Activities | First (FCE) Activities

Tags

Classic literature | Justice | love

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Anthony Hope The Prisoner of Zenda

Adaptation and activities
by Elizabeth Ferretti.
Illustrated by Barbara Baldi Bargiggia



'It's a risk, but you look so like him, I'm sure no one will suspect you're not the real King.'

English gentleman, Rudolf Rassendyll, travels to the small European country of Ruritania. When the king disappears, Rudolf must take his place. Will our hero find a way to rescue the king from his evil brother?

Syllabus

Verbs: Present perfect continuous. Past perfect simple and continuous, Future continuous, Future perfect would for willingness/refusal, Third conditional, Wish, If only, Used to and would Phrasal verbs, All passive forms, Contrast between continuous and simple tenses, the Gerund.

Sentence types: Relative clauses: embedded, defining, Responses with *so/neither/nor*, Emphatic structures with *what*, Complex sentences, with a variety of sub-clauses

In this Reader you will find:

Background information about this novel | A short biography of the author, Anthony Hope | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and grammar activities | First Certificate-style activities | Final test

Tags

Adventure | History | Romance

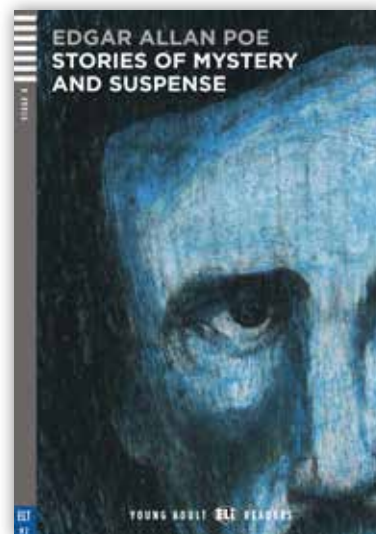
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E. A. Poe Stories of Mystery and Suspense

Adaptation and activities
by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.
Illustrated by Simone Rea.



Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.

In this reader you will find nine of Edgar Allan Poe's most famous stories of mystery and suspense. They range from Gothic historical stories such as *The Pit and the Pendulum*, through to detective fiction like *The Murders in the Rue Morgue* and an early science fiction tale - *A Descent into the Maelström*. Ghostly mysteries such as *Ligeia* and *The Fall of the House of Usher* are also in the collection along with Poe's masterpiece study of madness *The Tell-Tale Heart*.

Syllabus

Verbs: tenses with *This is the first ...*, Present Perfect Continuous, Past Perfect Continuous, perfect infinitives, Future Perfect
Types of Clause: type-three conditionals, mixed conditionals, relative: embedded, defining
Modal Verbs: might, may

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Edgar Allan Poe's life | Focus On sections: Themes & Symbols, CLIL Meteorology, Great Detectives in Fiction | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities | Final test | First (FCE) Activities in British English

Tags

Classic literature | Mystery | Suspense

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Audio CD | 128 pages

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James Joyce Dubliners

Adaptation and activities
by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.
Illustrated by Martina Merlini.



Joyce's first major work, written when he was only twenty-five, brought his city to the world for the first time.

An ambitious mother, a boy in love, a lonely older man, a cynical intellectual and a girl who dreams of a life in another country are just a few of Joyce's Dubliners. In these realistic tales, Joyce reveals the hopes, fears and disappointments of his characters. He also shows us turn-of-the-century Dublin in fascinating detail. This selection of eight stories from *Dubliners* includes *Eveline*, *Araby* and a two-part adaptation of Joyce's novella, *The Dead*.

Syllabus

Verbs: tenses with This is the first ..., Present Perfect Continuous, Past Perfect Continuous, perfect infinitives, Future, Perfect, a wide variety of, phrasal verbs, complex passive forms, wish/if only. Types of Clause: type-three conditionals, mixed conditionals, relative: embedded, defining. Modal Verbs: might, may

In this Reader you will find:

Information about James Joyce's life | Sections focusing on background and context | CLIL History | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension activities | FCE-style activities | Exit Test

Tags

Irish Literature

STAGE 4 1800 headwords | B2 | First (FCE) | Classic

Audio CD | 128 pages

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Emily Brontë Wuthering Heights

Adaptation and activities by
Elizabeth Ferretti.
Illustrated by Gianluca Foli.



In *Wuthering Heights*, Emily Brontë shows us the destructive power of hatred and revenge, but she also explores love in its many forms and, in the end, her story is about hope.

Cathy's life is changed forever when her father brings home an abandoned child he names Heathcliff. As Cathy and Heathcliff grow up, their love for each other is as wild as the moors. But, can love overcome jealousy? Can forgiveness enter hearts filled with pain and suffering?

Syllabus

Verbs: Present perfect, Past perfect, Question forming and question words, Irregular verbs, *would* for willingness/refusal, Third conditional, *If* clauses (in zero conditional), *Used to* and *would*, Phrasal verbs, Passive forms, Infinitive constructions
Modal Verbs: Will, Might, May, Shall, Could, Should

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | FCE-style activities | Glossary | Exit Test | Comprehension activities

Tags

Love and Hatred | Jealousy and Revenge

STAGE 4 1800 headwords | B2 | First (FCE) | Classic

Audio CD | 144 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0665-5 | Word count 24160

Henry James The Turn of the Screw

Adaptation and activities
by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.
Illustrated by Rodolfo Brocchini.



Are there ghosts at Bly, or is the governess going mad?

A young woman starts her first job as a governess in charge of two young orphans, Miles and Flora, at a country house called Bly. The children are beautiful and well-behaved, but are they too good to be true? When the governess starts to experience strange visions, she suspects that the children are hiding a terrible secret.

Syllabus

Verbs: Present perfect, Past perfect, Future tenses including, future perfect, Irregular verbs: *would for*, willingness/refusal, Third conditional, *If* clauses (in zero conditional), *Used to* and *would*, Phrasal verbs, Passive forms, Infinitive constructions.
Conjunctions: *as soon as*, *but*, *however*, *and*, *because*. Determiners: whichever, whatever, whoever etc, either, neither, none, both, little, some, enough, every, most, time phrases.
Sentence types: Relative clauses: embedded, defining. Modal Verbs: *Will*, *Might*, *May*, *Shall*, *Could*, *Should*

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Henry James's life | Sections focusing on background and context | Glossary | Comprehension activities | FCE-style activities | Exit test

Tags

Ghost story

STAGE 4 1800 headwords | B2 | First (FCE) | Classic

Audio CD | 128 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0518-4 | Word count 18500

Mary Shelley Frankenstein

Adaptation and activities by
Elizabeth Ferretti.
Illustrated by Rodolfo Brocchini.



'After many more days and nights of study, I discovered exactly how life was created. With this knowledge I became the first man in history to have the power to create life from death.'

Victor Frankenstein is a young, ambitious scientist who wants to make a better world, but does not understand the consequences of his work. Victor makes great advances in the study of medicine and biology and creates a new species of human being – one that is so terrifying it is known simply as 'the monster'. In this fantastic adventure story, Victor and the monster fight an epic battle of courage and endurance.

Syllabus

Verbs: Tenses with *This is the first...*, Present Perfect
Continuous, Past Perfect Continuous, perfect infinitives, Future Perfect, a wide variety of phrasal verbs, complex passive, forms, *wish/if only*, Types of Clause: type-three conditionals

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Mary Shelley's life | Sections focusing on background and context | Glossary | Comprehension activities | FCE-style activities | Exit test

Tags

Science Fiction | Fantasy/Horror

STAGE 4 1800 headwords | B2 | First (FCE) | Classic

Audio CD | 144 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-0505-4 | Word count 19730

William Makepeace Thackeray Vanity Fair – A Novel without a Hero

Retold by Michael L. Freeman.
Illustrated by Gloria Pizzilli.



"Our story begins just outside Miss Pinkerton's Academy for Young Ladies at Chiswick Mall in London. A large family carriage is waiting for two young ladies, Amelia Sedley and Becky Sharp."

Vanity Fair was written 200 years ago, but it is a thoroughly modern story that provides us with universal truths about what it means to be human, in all its splendour – and with all its imperfections. It is a story full of memorable characters who accompany you on a fascinating journey through the first part of the nineteenth century.

Syllabus

Verbs: Past Simple - Past Continuous - Present Perfect Simple and Continuous - Past Perfect Simple and Continuous - Future *will* and going to - Phrasal verbs

Modal verbs: *Could/could have* (past ability) - *Should/should have* - *Will/shall* - *Would/would have* (habitual action/future in the past) - *Might/might have* (future/present/past possibility) - *Must/must have* (obligation/past deduction) - *Must not* (prohibition) - *Need not* (necessity)

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on sections: W. M. Thackeray, The Book's Title, The Serial Novel, Waterloo | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities

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Love | Jealousy | Family

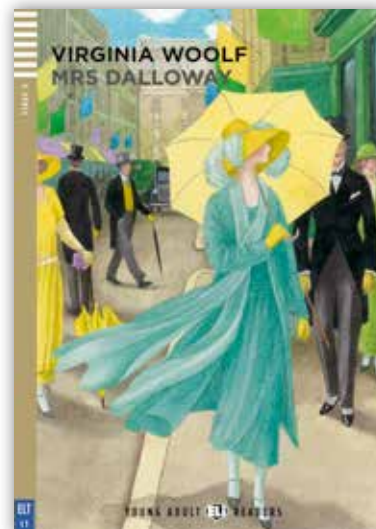
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Audio CD | 144 pages

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Virginia Woolf Mrs Dalloway

Adaptation and activities by
Richard J. Larkham.
Illustrated by Antonio Marinoni



***Mrs Dalloway* is a novel that details a day in the life of Clarissa Dalloway in post-World War I. It is one of Woolf's best-known novels.**

London 1923. The First World War has been over for five years, but the effects are still being felt all round the metropolis. A socialite and politician's wife prepares for one of her famous parties while somewhere else in the city an old friend contemplates the pain of past and present love, a war veteran struggles with his inner demons, and other characters live out the uncertainties and dramas of post-war English society. All touch each other in some way with their actions, directly or obliquely.

Syllabus

Verbs: Past Simple, Past Continuous, Present Perfect Simple and Continuous, Past Perfect Simple and Continuous, Future *will* and going to, Phrasal verbs. Modal verbs: *Could/could have* (past ability), *Should/should have*, *Will/shall*, *Would/would have* (habitual action/future in the past), *Might/might have* (future/present/past possibility), *Must/must have* (obligation/past deduction), *Must not* (prohibition), *Need not* (necessity)

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Virginia Woolf's life | Sections focusing on background and context | Glossary | Comprehension activities

Tags

Love | Society

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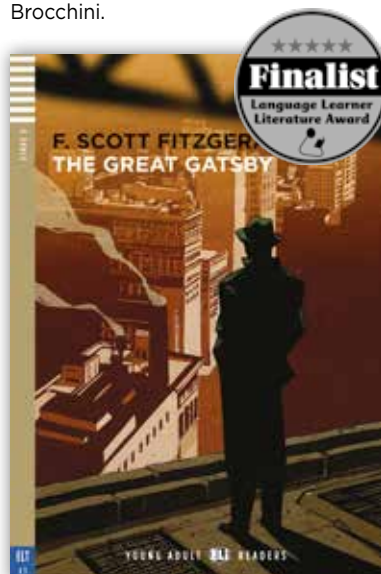
Audio CD | 144 pages

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Francis Scott Fitzgerald

The Great Gatsby

Adaptation and activities by Richard J. Larkhman. Illustrated by Rodolfo Brocchini.



Scott Fitzgerald's third novel was published in 1925 and has justifiably become a 20th century literary classic.

"Gatsby?" asked Daisy urgently. "What Gatsby?" Could it be the same young army lieutenant whom Daisy Fay met five years ago – and who owns a sumptuous house on Long Island, where New York society enjoys the best parties on offer? Is it just coincidence that Gatsby lives across the bay from Daisy – now married to wealthy polo-player Tom Buchanan? Midwesterner Nick Carraway is drawn into the dark world of Gatsby's past and present a world of hidden frustrations and superficial relationships which perfectly illustrates the "careless and confused" nature of America's Jazz Age.

Syllabus

Verbs: Present perfect simple and continuous, Past perfect simple and continuous with time clause *by*, Future tenses, Phrasal verbs. Modal verbs: *Could/could have* (probability/past ability), *Should, Will, Would/would have* (future in the past), *Might/might have* (present/past possibility), *Must/must have* (present/past deduction), *Must not* (prohibition)

In this Reader you will find:

Focus on... | CAE-style activities | Glossary | Test yourself | Comprehension activities

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Love | Society

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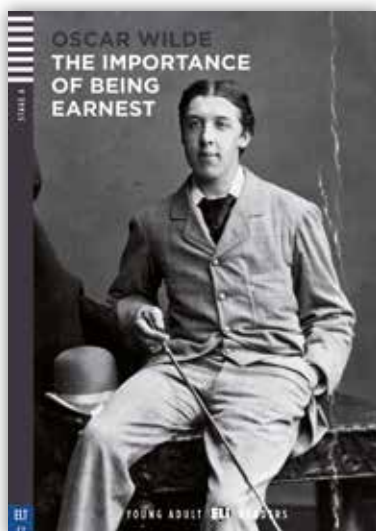
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Oscar Wilde

The importance of Being Earnest

Introduction, notes and activities by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.



"The truth is rarely pure and never simple."
Oscar Wilde

One of Oscar Wilde's funniest plays, *The Importance of Being Earnest* was described by the dramatist as being 'a trivial comedy for serious people'. The satire is biting, as Wilde uses wit and humour to expose some of the trivialities and inconsistencies of Victorian society.

In this Reader you will find:

Information about Oscar Wilde's life | An introduction focusing on background and context | Background pages on critical readings and themes | Notes on the text | Appreciation and Extension Activities

Tags

Classic literature | Humour | Satire

STAGE 6 Unabridged Texts | C2 | CPE | Classic

Audio CD | 112 page

ISBN 978-88-536-1757-6 | Word count 20737

J. Borsbey & R. Swan, Editors

A Collection of First World War Poetry

More than any other conflict, the Great War inspired writers of all generations and classes.

This collection reflects the wide variety of poems written, in the English language, about *The War that Will End War* (H.G. Wells, 1914). The collection contains poetry written during, or immediately after, the First World War. The poets were influenced by their war experiences in many different ways: some served in the trenches, others drove ambulances, flew planes, fought at sea or wrote propaganda for war offices. Many of the poets were killed or wounded in action and most were extremely young.

In this Reader you will find:

The First World War in facts and figures | Poems and verse | Biographical notes about the poets | Background pages: The Poppy, Women and War, The Unknown Soldier, The Lasting Impact | Notes on the poems | Activities to help with technical vocabulary

Tags

Poetry | War

STAGE 6 Unabridged Texts | C2 | CPE | Classic

Audio CD | 144 pages

ISBN 978-88-536-1593-0

Joseph Conrad Heart of Darkness

Introduction, notes and activities by Janet Borsbey and Ruth Swan.



Heart of Darkness is classified by the Modern Library website editors as one of the “100 best novels” and part of the Western canon.

Marlow, a man who has spent his life at sea, tells the story of a journey up the River Congo which changed his life. His journey upriver to find Kurtz, the charismatic head of a colonial trading station, takes him into the very heart of Africa and leads Marlow to question both Kurtz’s dubious methods and his own very nature. Conrad’s dark and powerfully evocative tale is a compelling study of inner conflict and a devastating critique of European imperialism.

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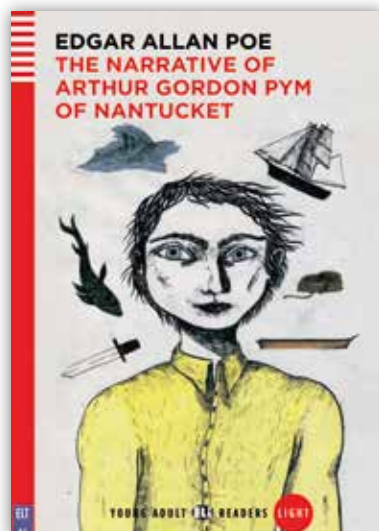
Information about Joseph Conrad’s life | An introduction focusing on background and context | Focus pages on colonialism, critical readings and themes and symbols | Notes on the text | Activities to help with technical vocabulary | Post- and pre-reading activities

Tags

Classic | Literature

Edgar Allan Poe The Narrative of Gordon Pym of Nantucket

Adaptation and activities by J. Borsbey and R. Swan.
Illustrated by Arianna Vairo.



Edgar Allan Poe’s only novel is an exciting and unmissable story and a classic of American literature.

His name is Arthur Gordon Pym. He comes from Nantucket. Nantucket is a town in America, near the sea. People from Nantucket are often sailors. His grandfather is a lawyer. He’s famous and he’s very rich. Gordon Pym is very lucky. He is only eighteen years old, but he has a small boat. Its name is the *Ariel*. He often goes sailing on the *Ariel*, near Nantucket. He has a good education and a dream: he wants to go to sea. This is the story of his adventures at sea. He meets pirates, a ghost ship, and storms. He visits Kerguelen’s Land, Prince Edward’s Island and Tristan da Cunha before arriving in Antarctica.

Syllabus

Articles: a, an, the
Nouns: countable and uncountable, plural, possessive
Pronouns: subject, object
Quantifiers: some/any, more
Adjectives: possessive, opinion
Prepositions: place, time, movement
Verbs: Present Simple, Present
Adverbs: frequency, manner

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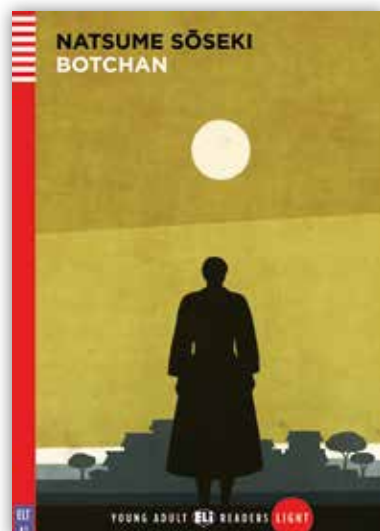
Information about Edgar Allan Poe’s life | Focus On sections: Antarctica and Pirates at Sea | Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities | Final test

Tags

Classic literature | adventure

Natsume Sōseki Botchan

Adaptation and activities by Alastair Lamond.
Illustrated by Toni Demuro.



Botchan is a novel written in 1906. It is considered to be one of the most popular novels in Japan.

A Tokyoite known only as Botchan thinks teaching a bunch of high-school yokels in the sticks will be simple-after all, they’re essentially living in yesteryear. But our narrator soon learns that he is surrounded by schemers and tricksters and that the teaching job that should have been a walk in the park is more like a walk off a plank. Can he survive and make it back to civilization on Moral Fibre alone?

Syllabus

Nouns Abstract, concrete, animate, inanimate, collective, common, proper nouns, countable, uncountable.
Pronouns Interrogative *who, what*; Indefinite *someone, something, everything, anything, nothing*.
Quantifiers *All, a lot of, some/any, more*.
Adjectives *Demonstrative, possessive, qualifying*.
Prepositions Place (Position and Direction), Time.
Verbs Affirmative, Negative, Interrogative, Infinitives, regular and common irregular verbs, Present Simple, Present Continuous with present meaning, Simple past, Imperative. *Modal verbs can, have to, must*.

In this Reader you will find:

Glossary of difficult words | Comprehension and extension activities | Final test

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