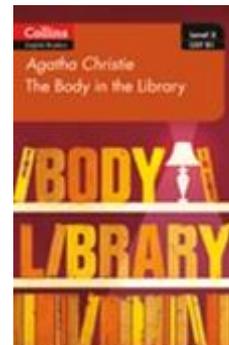


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Adult Literacy Collection Graded Readers

The Adult Literacy collection includes a selection of Graded Readers.

The Graded Readers include [Gatehouse Readers](#), [Penguin/ Pearson Readers](#), [Collins ELT Readers](#), and [Oxford Bookworms Library](#). These are ideal for English learners looking for books of a particular language level.

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Gatehouse Readers

Gatehouse Books are broadly classified as Adult Beginner Readers with easy-to-read stories in large print, line-broken text and line-drawn illustrations.

These have been graded as Very Easy (Level 1), Easy (Level 2), and Standard (Level 3).

Penguin Readers/Pearson English Readers

Penguin Readers and Pearson English Readers have a large selection of genres across 7 levels – Easystart to Level 6. CDs are included with some titles.

Level	Headwords	CEFR
Easystart	200	A1
Level 1	300	A1
Level 2	600	A2
Level 3	1200	A2
Level 4	1700	B1
Level 5	2300	B2
Level 6	3000	C1

[Collins ELT Readers](#)

Comprises of two series of books.

Amazing People series tell the life stories of five or six people from history who have helped shape the world we live in today.

Agatha Christie series consists of Agatha Christie novels adapted for English learners.

CDs are included with some titles.

Level	Headwords	CEFR
Level 1	Approx. 700	A2
Level 2	Approx 900	A2- B1
Level 3	Approx 1300	B1
Level 4	Approx 1700	B2
Level 5	Approx 2200	B2+
Level 6	2500 +	C1
Level 7	Varies	C2

[Oxford Bookworms](#)

Includes classics, modern fiction and non-fiction, graded at seven levels from Starter to Level 7. CEFR level and wordcount are shown on the covers of each book.

CDs are included with some titles.

Gatehouse Readers				
Level	Title	Author	Blurb	Number of pages
Level 1	Joe's Surprise	Cole, J	A title in the Liz and Joe Series, a collection of reading books for new readers, and particularly suitable for ESOL learners.	19
Level 1	Liz and Joe Have a Day Out	Cole, J	A title in the Liz and Joe Series, a collection of reading books for new readers, and particularly suitable for ESOL learners.	15
Level 1	Liz Gets a Gas Bill	Cole, J	A title in the Liz and Joe Series, a collection of reading books for new readers, and particularly suitable for ESOL learners.	16
Level 1	The Missing Cat	Cole, J	A title in the Liz and Joe Series, a collection of reading books for new readers, and particularly suitable for ESOL learners.	13
Level 1	Mehdi's Story	Paillier, J	A young man flees from Afghanistan, in search of safety in Canada. Tricked by the people he hoped would save him, Mehdi begins a new life in England.	28
Level 2	Bob's Problem	Adams, M	Bob likes his job on the dairy counter, but his boss has other plans for him. Bob is forced to reveal his problem. Then one day, a shocking event puts Bob's life on the line.	36
Level 2	Dan's Dinner	Adams, M	Dan, an employee at Asco supermarket, is a refugee who has had terrible and sad things happen in his past. One day, something happens that may well change his future.	28
Level 2	Jenny's Choice	Adams, M	It seemed to Jenny that she had spent her whole life having to choose. But none of this helped with the choice that Jenny had to make now.	28
Level 2	Pam's Secret	Adams, P	Supermarket assistant Pam shares her secret with a fellow worker, in this tale of misplaced trust and broken hearts.	24
Level 2	Joe Buys a New Jumper	Cole, J	A title in the Liz and Joe Series, a collection of reading books for new readers, and particularly suitable for ESOL learners.	31
Level 2	Liz and Joe go on Holiday	Cole J	A title in the Liz and Joe Series, a collection of reading books for new readers, and particularly suitable for ESOL learners.	40

Level 2	Mudlake	Hinde, BL	Rob narrates this story about life in Mudlake - a soulless, crime-ridden estate somewhere in England. It is a ghostly story of mystery and intrigue. Was it an accident - or murder?	84
Level 2	Elvis	Riley, H	They called him the King. It seemed that everything he touched turned to gold.	16
Level 2	Me and my Shadow	Thompson, J	Jean's funny account of life with her faithful dog, Shadow. Shadow's love for water gets her into lots of trouble. An easy beginner reader for dog lovers everywhere.	24
Level 2	Finding a Home	White, C	As house-mate Dan moves on with his life, Jamal must look for a new place to live.	11
Level 2	Getting a Job	White, C	Jamal needs some extra money. He wants to get a job in the computer shop.	9
Level 2	Going Shopping	White, C	Jamal and Ali look at all the things they would like to buy, if they had any money.	10
Level 2	Going to College	White, C	Jamal plans to turn his childhood dream into reality.	10
Level 2	Meeting Friends	White, C	Jamal meets an old friend in the cafe.	9
Level 2	Seeing the Doctor	White, C	Jamal feels ill. He goes to see the doctor.	9
Level 3	Don't Give Up	Beharrie, M	'Don't Give Up' is an adult beginner reader in which Mavis shows great determination to pass her driving test.	14
Level 3	Liz Turns 50	Cole, J	A title in the Liz and Joe Series, a collection of reading books for new readers, and particularly suitable for ESOL learners.	40

Penguin/Pearson Readers				
Level	Title	Author	Blurb	Number of pages
Easystart	The Leopard and the Lighthouse	Collins, A	Sindi is a beautiful island off the coast of Africa. One day a hungry leopard swims across from the mainland and hides in the lighthouse. How will the people of Sindi be able to catch the leopard before it comes out looking for food?	16
Easystart	The Big Bag Mistake	Escott, J	Gisela and Ricardo are on the same flight to Rio de Janeiro. They have identical bags but Gisela's bag is stolen on the bus home.	15
Easystart	Anita's Big Day	Laird, E	Anita dreams of being a movie star. One day Mr Stein invites Anita to visit his studio. This is her big chance but, in the end, it isn't Anita who impresses him...	16
Easystart	Dead Man's River	Laird, E	It is the time of the American Gold Rush. Jonas Clark loves Hetty Gray but is too poor to marry her. People think there is gold in Dead Man's River - where there are said to be ghosts. Jonas tries his luck, and is successful, but not in the way he had imagined...	16
Easystart	April in Moscow	Rabley, S	April Fox is very excited when the dance company she works for is invited to visit Moscow. April has a very busy time there - dancing and seeing as much of the city as possible. She also gets to know a young man called Nikolai!	16
Easystart	Between Two Worlds	Rabley, S	Joanna Jimbuku is a nurse in north Australia where she works with a Flying Doctor. One day a baby is so ill that Joanna has to take her to hospital in Sydney. Will the baby live? And will Joanna accept an unexpected job offer in the city?	16
Easystart	Blue Moon Valley	Rabley, S	Li Sun is living happily in Blue Moon Valley, but her grandmother thinks it is time for her to go to the big city and work in her uncle's circus. The Emperor's visit to the circus changes Li Sun's life, and she has to make some difficult decisions.	16

Easystart	Dino's Day in London	Rabley, S	A wealthy actress wants her son, Dino, to have a cultural tour of London by taxi. There is a taxi tour, but it is not quite as expected - and the actress ends up very angry.	16
Easystart	Flying Home	Rabley, S	Felix the parrot is miserable in his cage in a New York apartment. He manages to escape, and starts flying south. His hope is to go back to the Brazilian rainforest. Will he find his home again?	16
Easystart	Tinkers Farm	Rabley, S	It is 1800 and Jenny and Sam Tinker arrive in the United States of America. They have to work very hard on a farm, but Jenny's friendship with the Indian girl, Blue Sky, leads the Tinkers to a better life.	16
Easystart	The Last Photo	Smith, B	Pam and Martin are visiting Cambridge for the day. Pam decides she wants to use up the film in her camera and takes a photo of Martin. The photo she takes turns out to be important in hunting down a thief.	16
Easystart	Kim's Choice	Viney, B	Kim loves running - and she's very fast. She works hard at the athletics club and wins more and more prizes. But Kim has to make a difficult choice and she knows that it will hurt the people who love her most.	15
Level 1	Mother Teresa	Adrian-Vallance, D	Mother Teresa was a small, quiet nun. She lived for God and helped poor people on the streets of India. She was very famous for her work. She died in 1997, but people remember her today. People in many countries love her. This is her story.	15
Level 1	Amazon Rally	Amos, E and Prescher, E	Brian and David agree to help their friends while riding in a motorcycle rally but soon find themselves in danger.	14
Level 1	Island for Sale	Collins, A	Duncan McTavish and his dog, Jock, live in a castle on a Scottish island. One day Duncan gets an electricity bill for £5,000. He doesn't have any money, and he can't pay the bill. There is only one thing he can do - sell his island. What will happen when a famous pop star comes to look at it?	14
Level 1	The Battle of Newton Road	Dunkling, L	The houses in Newton Road are small, but the people are happy there. They are neighbours, and friends, too. But one day everything starts to change. A man from the Town Hall comes.	14

			He's going to knock down the houses in Newton Road to build a new road. Sally Robson and her friends don't want to leave Newton Road. So the battle of Newton Road starts...	
Level 1	Lucky Break	Escott, J	Tom breaks his leg in a football game it's not his lucky day! A week later, Tom sees his favourite movie star. But Tom falls again and suddenly the movie star is falling too! Reporters are taking pictures of Tom. Is this his lucky break?	16
Level 1	The Missing Coins	Escott, J	Pete and Carla are both students at the University of Bath. One day in summer they are walking around the city and decide to look at some very old coins and stamps in a shop. Pete wants to buy some, but they are too expensive. Later that afternoon the coins are missing from the shop and the shopkeeper wants to find Pete.	13
Level 1	The House of the Seven Gables	Hawthorne, N; retold by Mendenhall, M	Hepzibah Pyncheon leads a sad, lonely life in the family home. Then her young niece, Phoebe, arrives, and also Hepzibah's brother Clifford. But where has Clifford been for so many years? Is there a connection between his absence and Matthew Maule's curse on the family and on the house? Can the Pyncheons ever know peace again?	23
Level 1	The Phone Rings	Matthews, A	Ben is nervous and can't talk to Lauren, the girl he likes. His friends help him by finding out information about Lauren and ringing him on his mobile phone. Will he ever find the courage to talk to her?	16
Level 1	The Barcelona Game	Rabley, S	Holly and her brothers go to Barcelona to see a football match. Before the match, Holly hopes to do some sightseeing, but the boys are only interested in the funfair. Then Holly's bag disappears - and she gets to see more of Barcelona than she expected...	14
Level 1	Sadie's Big Day at the Office	Trappe, T	The team arrives for another day at the office. The workers are happy, but their bosses have a surprise for them. Is it going to be a nice surprise-or not? Includes CD	15

Level 1	Lisa in London	Victor, P	It is Lisa's first visit to London. She is going to learn English. Then she meets Michael. And suddenly her English lessons are very exciting. Includes CD	17
Level 1	William Tell	Von Schiller, F; retold by Taylor, N	William Tell is a good man, but his country is a dangerous place. The Swiss people don't like the Austrian emperor or his governor in Switzerland. Can William Tell help them in their fight with the Austrians? Or is he a man of peace?	27
Level 2	Apollo 13	Anastasio, D	On the thirteenth minute of the thirteenth hour in 1970, the thirteenth Apollo mission is launched. But something goes wrong. Astronaut Jim Lovell's space module is failing. Will he and his crew make it back to earth alive?	40
Level 2	Alice in Wonderland	Carroll, L; retold by Tomalin, M	One hot summer day, Alice sees a white rabbit and runs after it. She follows it down a rabbit-hole - and arrives in 'Wonderland'. Here, caterpillars can talk and rabbits have watches. And the Queen wants to cut off everybody's head! Includes CD	43
Level 2	Extreme Sports	Dean, M	Up in the air! Down on the ground! Under the water! Extreme sports are new, exciting, and dangerous! Learn about extreme sports from aerial ballet to zorbing. Read about the crazy people who love extreme sports. Are extreme sports for you?	36
Level 2	A Christmas Carol	Dickens, C; retold by Dean, M	Scrooge is a cold, mean man. He loves only money and is cruel to the people around him. Scrooge is visited by ghosts who show him his past, his life now and a possible future. Will Scrooge learn from the ghosts? Can he change? Includes CD	38
Level 2	Lost in New York	Escott, J	Nicky has just got off the plane at New York to stay with his Aunt Carrie. But at once things start to go wrong. Soon Nicky is being taken on a terrifying tour of New York by some young people he doesn't even know. And the police think he is a thief! Nicky is lost, alone and very scared.	28

Level 2	The Last Juror	Grisham, J; retold by Keen, A	In Clanton, Mississippi, not much happens. There aren't many interesting stories for Willie Traynor's newspaper. But then there's a murder. When the killer goes to jail, the story does not end. Everybody is afraid now of this man and his family. Will there be more killings? Who will be next? Includes CD	60
Level 2	Marley & Me	Grogan, J	John and Jenny were just beginning their life together. They were young and in love. Then they brought home Marley, a wiggly yellow fur ball of a puppy. This is the heartwarming and unforgettable story of a family in the making and the wondrously neurotic dog who taught them what really matters in life. Includes CD	50
Level 2	The Room in the Tower and other ghost stories	Jones, C and Strange, D	Three stories, three ghosts. A young woman marries an older man. His first wife is dead. Or is she ...? Why does a dead man walk through his house each night? An old woman has a house with a tower. Why does she visit a young man in his dreams? Includes CD	41
Level 2	The Earthquake	Laird, E	Gabriel loves Silvia and is very disappointed when she chooses to go out with rich, handsome Marco instead of him. But that evening a terrible earthquake strikes the town and their lives are changed forever... A moving and dramatic tale of love against the odds.	24
Level 2	Call of the Wild	London, J; retold by Iveson, T	Buck is a strong, intelligent dog who moves from his easy life in California to the Klondike. Life is tough in the cold north of Canada and Buck has to learn many hard lessons to survive. Buck meets dangerous men - and dogs - in this difficult snowy country. He changes because he has to change. But can he really be happy there?	40
Level 2	White Fang	London, J; retold by Viney, B	"The land was enormous, white with snow, and silent. Into the still, lifeless silence broke the sounds and movements of life - of dogs breathing, and men calling to the dogs..." White Fang is one of these dogs and the greatest fighter of them all.	40

Level 2	Gentlemen Prefer Blondes	Loos, A; retold by Burke, K	Lorelei Lee and her best friend Dorothy take the world by storm in their search for the ideal suitor, the richer the better. Lorelei meets an American millionaire who might just be the one.	41
Level 2	Freckles	Matthews, A	Susie has freckles and hates them. She has problems with boys. Her friend Donna is very pretty and the boys fall at her feet. But there is a new boy at school. Will Jack fall for Donna? Will he laugh at Susie's freckles? Susie and Donna are about to learn an important lesson about life.	25
Level 2	Another World	O'Reilly, E	In Eden City the sun always shines, people never grow old and everyone is happy. For BZXY741, a young student, life seems perfect. But one day he meets Eve, a girl who is different from the rest, a girl who shows him that there is another world... An intriguing science fiction story.	25
Level 2	Project Omega	O'Reilly, E	Charles Hatfield Baker, the New York millionaire, is head of Hatfield International Investments. One morning he disappears. What has happened to him? When his daughter, Julia, takes charge of his company, she finds out about the mysterious Project Omega...and her own life is in danger. A compelling thriller to keep you on the edge of your seat.	25
Level 2	The Avengers	Retold by Potter, J	The Tesseract is a very powerful weapon and Loki plans to use it for an attack on Earth. Who can protect the Tesseract and save our world from the angry Asgardian? Iron Man, Captain America, Hulk, Black Widow, Hawkeye, and Thor are the Avengers - and they are Earth's only hope.	56
Level 2	Johnny English	Purvis, N; retold by Escott, J	Johnny English is a Secret Service agent. He often makes very bad mistakes. But now he's got an important job: security for the Queen and her crown. There are problems a lot of problems. But is Johnny English England's only hope?	30
Level 2	Of Mice and Men	Steinbeck, J	George and Lennie are friends and they have plans for the future. But Lennie is not very smart and he sometimes makes trouble. George wants to help him but that is not always easy. Then one	37

			night, when Lennie is alone, something happens. What can George do now? Can he help - or is it too late?	
Level 2	Kidnapped	Stevenson, RL; retold by Escott, J	After his parents die, young David Balfour goes to the house of his uncle Ebenezer. But his uncle is a dangerous man. When he puts David on a ship to America, a difficult and dangerous time begins. But who is the stranger on the ship? Can he help David?	35
Level 3	The Darling Buds of May	Bates, HE; Retold by Keen, A	Meet the Larkin family! They enjoy a wonderful country life, never worrying about money, work or the law. But then, one day, a man arrives from the tax office. Is the taxman going to change the Larkin's lives? Or is his life going to change forever?	57
Level 3	The Climb	Escott, J	Who is the stranger and why has he come to the island? Why does he look at Eagle's Rock and Vitalis' house? Costas wants to know the answers to these questions. And he wants to be the first to climb the dangerous Eagle's Rock. But will the stranger do it first? A dramatic adventure follows.	38
Level 3	Dangerous Game	Harris, W	Every week William and Louis play a game of chess. Then one night William discovers a new friend – a playful ghost. Together they make up their own special game. But soon the game changes. It's no longer any fun – it's becoming dangerous, and William doesn't want to play it any more. But the ghost won't let him stop...	70
Level 3	The Beatles	Shipton, P	The year was 1963, and Beatlemania was only just beginning. Soon the Beatles had fans all around the world. For the rest of the 1960s their music led the way and they changed modern music forever. This book tells the story of the greatest band in the world from the early days in Liverpool to the Beatles' music in the world today. Includes CD	46
Level 3	New York	Shipton, P	New York is the city that never sleeps'. Read about the people, events, works and culture that make this city one of the greatest in the world. Includes CD	46

Level 4	Checkmate	Blackman, M; retold by Holmes, K	Callie Rose is mixed race in a country where people are judged by their colour. Her father is dead and she hates her mother. Her Uncle Jude seems to offer her friendship and comfort – but Jude wants to punish Callie Rose’s mother and use his niece in his war against society ... Includes CD	80
Level 4	Knife Edge	Blackman, M	Sephy is a dark-skinned Cross in a society where people are judged by their colour and Crosses have the power. But after terrible disagreements with her family, Sephy is alone with her mixed-race baby. The baby's Nought father is dead - and his brother wants to kill her. Can she protect herself and her child? Includes CD	76
Level 4	Gladiator	Gram, D; retold by Keen, A	General Maximus is admired by his men and by the Emperor Marcus Aurelius. But when the Emperor's son murders his way to the throne, Maximus goes into exile. He is captured by slave traders and forced to fight as a gladiator. When the Emperor arranges a gladiator spectacle, Maximus' chance for revenge has come.	75
Level 4	The Diary of a Young Girl	Frank, A; retold by Gilchrist, C	It is 1942 in Holland and the Germans have invaded. All Jewish people are frightened for their lives, so the Frank family hide. Life is dangerous but they hope for the best - until they are finally discovered. Anne Frank was a real person, and this is her diary.	61
Level 4	Primary Colours	Furnas, B	Based on recent American presidents, this is the story of Jack Stanton, a young governor who wants to become President of the USA. Henry Burton can help him to achieve his dream, but he is about to discover the dark secrets in Stanton's past and must decide for himself what is right and wrong.	64
Level 4	Tears of the Giraffe	McCall-Smith, A	The second exciting story from The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. Precious Ramotswe is now known as Botswana's first and only lady detective and has many cases. She's looking for a young American who disappeared ten years ago. Will she finally marry Mr JLB Matekoni?	88

Level 5	The Talented Mr Ripley	Highsmith, P; retold by Hinkle, K	Tom Ripley is struggling to stay one step ahead of his creditors, and the law, when an unexpected acquaintance offers him a free trip to Europe and a chance to start again. But how does Ripley act when his new happiness is threatened?	88
Level 5	The Five People You Meet in Heaven	Hopkins, A and Potter, J	'The Five People You Meet in Heaven' is a beautifully written first novel that addresses the meaning of life - and life after death. Includes CD	29
Level 6	The Bourne Ultimatum	Ludlum, R; retold by Maule, D	Carlos the Jackal is back! He is getting older and he wants the blood of his enemy, Jason Bourne, while he still has his assassin's skills. Bourne has no choice. To protect his family and himself, he must leave his quiet academic life and hunt the hunter. Will this be a battle to the death? Includes CD	110

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Level	Title	Author	Blurb	Number of Pages
Level 1	Amazing Inventors	Cornish, FH	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	64
Level 1	Amazing Women	Parker, H	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	64
Level 1	Amazing Leaders	Tiberio, S	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	64
Level 1	Amazing Performers	Tiberio, S	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	64
Level 2	Amazing Architects and Artists	Cornish, FH	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	80
Level 2	Amazing Aviators	Cornish, FH	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the	80

			exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	
Level 2	Amazing Medical Years	Cornish, FH	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	80
Level 2	Amazing Composers	Trewin, A	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	80
Level 2	Amazing Mathematicians	Trewin, A	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	80
Level 3	Amazing Explorers		The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	96
Level 3	The Body in the Library	Christie, A	It's seven in the morning. The Bantrys awake to find the body of a young woman in their library. She is wearing evening dress and heavy make-up. But who is she? How did she get there? And what is the connection with another dead girl?	96
Level 3	Death on the Nile	Christie, A	The tranquillity of a cruise along the Nile was shattered by the discovery that Linnet Ridgeway had been shot through the head. Hercule Poirot has to solve the mystery.	96

Level 3	Murder on the Orient Express	Christie, A	Just after midnight, the famous Orient Express is stopped in its tracks by a snowdrift. By morning, the millionaire Simon Ratchett lies dead in his compartment.	96
Level 3	Amazing Scientists	Collins, A	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	96
Level 3	Amazing Writers	Collins, A	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	96
Level 3	Amazing Philanthropists	Rollason, J	The inspiring stories of 6 people who changed history. This reader contains six short stories for learners of English to read about the exceptional lives and incredible abilities of some of the most insightful people the world has seen. Includes CD	96
Level 5	Why Didn't They Ask Evans?	Christie, A	Bobby and his adventure-seeking companion Frankie set out to solve the mystery of a dying man's last words only to find out their own lives are in terrible danger. Includes CD	121

Oxford Bookworms				
Level	Title	Author	Blurb	
Starter	The Fifteenth Character	Border, R	It's an interesting job,' says Sally about her work at Happy Hills. And today is a very exciting day because Zapp the famous singer is coming. Everybody is having a wonderful time. But suddenly something goes very, very wrong.	33
Starter	Pirate Treasure	Burrows, P and Foster, M	Tom Creek's treasure is under the sea. Many men try to get the treasure, but many men die.	40
Starter	Last Chance	Burrows, P and Foster, M	"How can Mr Frank be angry now? thinks Mike happily. His film is good and he is the only cameraman on the volcano.. Now he can go home. But then he finds Jenny and she is dying. Rocks start to move and Mike is afraid.	40
Starter	The Mystery of Manor Hall	Cammack, J	'Who is the man with the roses in his hand?' thinks Anna. 'I want to meet him.' 'Who is the girl with the guitar?' thinks Will. 'I like her. I want to meet her.' But they do not meet. 'There are lots of men!' says Anna's friend Vicki, but Anna cannot forget Will. Includes CD	40
Starter	The Cat	Escott, J	The Cat steals things from houses in Hollywood. He steals from movie stars and nobody can stop him. Or can they?	40
Starter	Dead Man's Money	Escott, J	When Cal Dexter rents out one of the Blue Lake cabins, he finds \$3000 - under the floor! He doesn't know it, but it is the money from a bank robbery.	40
Starter	Red Roses	Lindop, C	'There are lots of men!' says Anna's friend Vicki, but Anna cannot forget the man with the red roses. And then one rainy day... Includes CD	25
Starter	Sally's Phone	Lindop, C	Sally is always running - and she has her phone with her all the time: at home, on the train, at work, at lunchtime and at the shops. But then one afternoon suddenly she has a different phone...and it changes her life. Includes CD	40

Stage 1	Brazil	Bullard, N	Everyone knows about Brazil's beautiful beaches, the Amazon rainforest and the wonderful Carnival of Rio de Janeiro. But there is far more to Brazil than this: here you can find interesting old towns, modern cities, amazing waterfalls, and the biggest wetland in the world.	59
Stage 1	England	Escott, J	England is full of interesting places to visit and things to do. There are big noisy cities with great shops and theatres, and quiet little villages. Includes CD	56
Stage 1	Scotland	Flinders, S	More than 20 million visitors come to Scotland each year. Scotland has something for everybody.	56
Stage 1	Hollywood	Hardy-Gould, J	Hollywood - nine big white letters against the Hollywood Hills. Every year millions of people come from all over the world and look up at this famous sign. Why do they come? They come to see the stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and to see the hand and foot prints outside Grauman's Chinese Theatre. They come to visit Universal Studios, and perhaps to see a movie star or two. Most of all, they come to be in the most famous place in movie history - exciting, wonderful Hollywood!	51
Stage 1	Les Miserables	Hugo, V; retold by Bassett, J	France, 1815, Jean Valjean leaves prison after nineteen years. These are dangerous and troubled times, and life is hard, Valjean must begin a new life.	56
Stage 1	Hachiko: Japan's Most Faithful Dog	Irving, N	The story of Hachiko, Japan's most famous dog, begins in the early 1920s, when he comes to live in Tokyo with Professor Ueno.	58
Stage 1	The Boy-King Tutankhamun	Lauder, S and McGregor, W	This is Tutankhamun's story, told by his friend Aziru. Aziru goes to live in the Pharaoh's palace as a young boy, and he and Tutankhamun are soon great friends. Pharaoh from the age of 9, Tutankhamun rebuilds his country from times of great change. But there are powerful men in the palace, and Aziru is often afraid for his friend too.	64

Stage 1	John Lennon	Raynham, A	"One day, I'm going to be famous", John Lennon said when he was young - and soon he was!	59
Stage 1	The Prince and the Pauper	Twain, M; retold by Raynham, A	There is something very unusual about these boys: they are from different worlds, but they look the same. When they meet one day, a mistake puts each boy into the wrong life.	67
Stage 1	The Coldest Place on Earth	Vicary, T	In the summer of 1910, a race began. A race to be the first man at the South Pole, in Antarctica. This is the story of Scott and Amundsen, and one of the most famous and dangerous races in history.	56
Stage 1	Mary, Queen of Scots	Vicary, T	Mary was Queen of Scotland when she was one week old. At sixteen she was also Queen of France. She was tall and beautiful, with red-gold hair. Many loved her and died for her. But she also had many enemies - men who said "The death of Mary is the life of Elizabeth". Includes CD	56
Stage 1	Nobody Listens	Wakefield, R	Alex's family are always moving from town to town. He doesn't make new friends now, because he doesn't like saying goodbye to them. He has his music, his songs and his guitar, and they're only for him. It's best like that, he thinks. Then he meets Bella, and everything gets difficult. He likes her. He likes her very much. But she wants him to play his music for everyone. And how can he say goodbye to her, when his parents decide to move again?	64
Stage 2	John F Kennedy	Collins, A	'Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.' More than fifty years ago, the new US President, John F. Kennedy, spoke these words. Millions of Americans listened, and they were filled with hope. With Kennedy as president, surely there was a great future ahead for their country. But Kennedy would not finish his four years as president. In November 1963, the world stopped as terrible news came from Dallas, Texas...	56
Stage 2	Sherlock Holmes: More short stories	Conan Doyle, A	These are two of the best Sherlock Holmes stories. In "The dead coachman", Holmes investigates a burglary and a murder while	68

			he is staying in the countryside with his friend Doctor Watson. In "The last mystery", Holmes is in danger from the evil Professor Moriarty.	
Stage 2	Amelia Earhart	Hardy-Gould, J	"I want to learn to fly" Amelia Earhart tells her family one evening. But it is 1920. Flying is expensive and dangerous and most people think it is for men, not women.	66
Stage 2	The Olympic Games	Raynham, A	The Olympic Games are more than two thousand five hundred years old. So how did they start, how have they changed over the years, and what have been some of the most important times in their history?	67
Stage 2	Romeo and Juliet	Shakespeare; retold by McCallum, A	What's in a name? Does it really matter if you are called Montague or Capulet? When Romeo, son of Lord and Lady Montague, falls in love with the most beautiful girl he's ever seen, he finds out that it does matter. It makes all the difference in the world, because both families hate each other bitterly.	54
Stage 3	The USA	Baxter, A	Everybody knows about the United States of America. You can see its films, hear its music and eat its food anywhere in the world. But it's a country with many stories to tell. Stories of busy cities and quiet beautiful forests and parks. Includes CD	72
Stage 3	Animal Kingdom	Bladon, R	The animal kingdom is the biggest group of living things in the world. How do they find food, grow, keep safe, and have young - and what is the future for them in this fast-changing world?	75
Stage 3	A Christmas Carol	Dicken, C; retold by West, C	Dickens's classic tale centres on bad-tempered miser, Ebenezer Scrooge. A cold Christmas Eve finds him in his counting-house, refusing offers to join in festive merriment and forcing his long-suffering clerk, Bob Cratchit to work in freezing conditions. Includes CD	72
Stage 4	Little Women	Alcott, LM; retold by Escot, J	When Christmas comes for the four March girls, there is no money for expensive presents & they give away their Christmas breakfast to a poor family. But there are no happier girls than Meg, Jo, Beth & Amy. They miss their father, who is away at the	83

			Civil War, but they try hard to be good so that he will be proud of his 'little women'. Includes CD	
Stage 4	Emma	Austen, J; retold by West, C	Emma Woodhouse, beautiful, clever and rich, has no wish to marry, but she enjoys making matches for those around her. It was Emma who found the perfect husband for her governess Miss Taylor. So when her dear friend Mr Knightley tells her that she should let people choose their own husbands and wives, she will not listen. But does Emma really understand people as well as she thinks? And is she even right about her own feelings, when she says that she will never fall in love?	112
Stage 4	Mr Midshipman Hornblower	Forester, CS; retold by Border, R	'Hornblower fired. There was a small cloud of smoke, but no bang. This is death, he thought. My pistol was the unloaded one.' But Horatio Hornblower does not die. He survives the duel with Simpson, learns to overcome his seasickness, and goes on to risk his life many times over. It is 1793, Britain is at war with France, and life on a sailing ship of war is hard and dangerous. But the hardest battles are fought by Hornblower within himself.	88
Stage 4	Reflex	Francis, D; retold by Akinyemi, R	People who ride racehorses love the speed, the excitement, the danger - and winning the race. Philip Nore has been riding for many years and he always wants to win - but sometimes he is told to lose. Why? And what is the mystery about the photographer, George Millace, who has just died in a car crash? Philip Nore knows the answer to the first question, and he wants to find out the answer to the second. But as he begins to learn George Millace's secrets, he realises that his own life is in danger.	104
Stage 4	Black Beauty	Sewell, A; retold by Escott, J	When Black Beauty is trained to carry a rider on his back, or to pull a carriage behind him, he finds it hard at first. But he is lucky - his first home is a good one, where his owners are kind people. But in the 19th century many people were cruel to their horses,	96

			whipping and beating them and using them like machines until they dropped dead.	
Stage 5	The Age of Innocence	Wharton, E; retold by West, C	'The Age of Innocence' examines the narrow social world of New York in the 1870s. Newland Archer is asked to help a beautiful Countess, but this proves a dangerous path for a young, soon to be married, man to follow.	100
Stage 6	Jane Eyre	Bronte, C; retold by West, C	Jane Eyre is alone in the world. Disliked by her aunt's family, she is sent away to school. Here she learns that a young girl, with neither money nor family to support her, can expect little from the world. She survives, but she wants more from life than simply to survive: she wants respect, and love. When she goes to work for Mr Rochester, she hopes she has found both at once. But the sound of strange laughter, late at night, behind a locked door, warns her that her troubles are only beginning. Includes CD	114
Stage 6	Night Without End	MacLean, A; retold by Naudi, M	On the Polar ice-cap, 640 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle, the deadly, icy winds can freeze a man to death in minutes. But the survivors of the crashed airliner are lucky - they are rescued by three scientists from a nearby weather station. But why did the airliner crash in the first place? Who smashed the radio to pieces? And why does the dead pilot have a bullet hole in his back? The rescue quickly turns into a nightmare: a race through the endless Arctic night, a race against time, cold, hunger - and a killer with a gun.	116