

English Stars is jam-packed with imaginative, persuasive and informative texts to engage students and ensure the targeted teaching of English concepts.

### Sourced Texts

We've partnered with Australian and international publishers to provide a wide range of multimedia texts. Our selection includes modern children's literature, fables, procedures, explanations, artworks and poems.

Why not include some of these great texts in your library or as part of your reading program?

Text Name	Author	Text Type	Location
The Ant and the Grasshopper	Aesop	Fable	2.2 Plot 2.12 Task – Write a Fable
The Ant and the Dove	Aesop	Fable (comic strip)	2.2 Plot
The Tortoise and the Hare	Aesop	Fable	2.5 Comprehension – The Tortoise and the Hare 2.10 Task – Compare Texts 2.11 Paragraph 2 2.12 Task – Write a Fable 2.14 Rewrite the Ending of a Fable (illustration only)
Kangaroo and Hermit Crab (from Our World Bardi Jaawi, Life at Ardiyooloon)	One Arm Point Remote Community School	Fable	2.9 Comprehension – Kangaroo and Hermit Crab 2.10 Task – Compare Texts 2.12 Task – Write a Fable
The Fox and the Crow	Aesop	Fable	2.13 Comprehension – The Fox and the Crow 2.15 Task – Play Character Hot Seat
The Monkey and the Crocodile	Unknown	Fable	2.14 Task – Rewrite the Ending of a Fable
The Lion and the Mouse	Aesop	Fable	2.15 Task – Play Character Hot Seat
Are We There Yet?	Alison Lester	Narrative	3.1 Comprehension – Are We There Yet?
Sophie Scott Goes South	Alison Lester	Narrative	3.5 Comprehension – Sophie Scott Goes South
Diary of a Soccer Star	Shamini Flint	Narrative	3.9 Comprehension – Diary of a Soccer Star
Colour Country	Sally Gabori	Artwork	4.3 Comprehension – Review of Untitled
Untitled (from Review of Untitled)	Doris Elkedra	Artwork	4.3 Comprehension – Review of Untitled
Bedroom in Arles	Vincent van Gogh	Artwork	4.6 Task – Review an Artwork
Mirage	Salvador Dalí	Artwork	4.6 Task – Review an Artwork
Ngayuku Ngura – My Country	Shirley Adamson	Artwork	4.6 Task – Review an Artwork
Chook Chook Mei's Secret Pets	Wai Chim	Narrative	4.7 Making Connections
Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl	Narrative	4.7 Making Connections 6.10 Comprehension – Fantastic Mr Fox
Little J and Big Cuz: Lucky Undies	Screen Australia; National Indigenous Television; The Australian Council for Educational Research	Narrative (video)	4.10 Task – Review an Animation
Short Cuts to Glory: Smashed Potatoes	Matt Okine	Procedure (video)	5.5 Comprehension – Short Cuts to Glory: Smashed Potatoes
George's Marvellous Medicine	Roald Dahl	Narrative	2.1 Predicting 5.12 Task – Write a Silly Science Procedure
How to Make an Earth Oven (from Our World Bardi Jaawi, Life at Ardiyooloon)	One Arm Point Remote Community School	Procedure	5.13 Comprehension – How to Make an Earth Oven
Deadly D and Justice Jones: Making the Team	Scott Prince and Dave Hartley	Narrative	6.1 Comprehension – Deadly D and Justice Jones: Making the Team
Sisters	Raina Telgemeier	Narrative (comic strip)	6.2 Different Ways to Tell a Story
Fridge	Michael Rosen	Poem (video)	6.2 Different Ways to Tell a Story
Toast	Eric Chan	Narrative (video)	6.2 Different Ways to Tell a Story
Badu Gili	Artists In Motion; Jenuarrie (aka Judith Warrie); Alick Tipodi; Francis Belle Parker; Lin Onus; Minnie Pwerle	Narrative (video)	6.2 Different Ways to Tell a Story
One Snowy Night	Nick Butterworth	Narrative	6.13 Task – Complete the Comprehension Text

Text Name	Author	Text Type	Location
BTN: Resuscitation Class	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Explanation (video)	7.2 Summarising
Bushwhacked! – Corroboree Frog	Australian Children's Television Foundation	Explanation (video)	7.2 Summarising
BTN: Bark Canoe	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Explanation (video)	7.5 Comprehension – BTN: Bark Canoe
A Bus Called Heaven	Bob Graham	Narrative	7.A18 Comprehension Test
The Boxer	Spike Milligan	Poem	8.5 Onomatopoeia
Onamatapia	Spike Milligan	Poem	8.5 Onomatopoeia
Be Glad Your Nose Is on Your Face	Jack Prelutsky	Poem	8.6 Quatrains
My Sister Laura	Spike Milligan	Poem	8.6 Quatrains
A Hippopotamus	Spike Milligan	Poem	8.6 Quatrains
A Peanut Sat on a Railroad Track	Anonymous	Poem	8.6 Quatrains
I Eat My Peas with Honey	Anonymous	Poem	8.6 Quatrains
Down Behind the Dustbin	Michael Rosen	Poem (video)	8.7 Task – Write Quatrains
The Writer of This Poem	Roger McGough	Poem (audio)	8.9 Similes and Metaphors
Do I Know You?	Michael Rosen	Poem (audio)	8.9 Similes and Metaphors

### Bespoke Texts

English Stars also contains texts that have been specifically created to teach concepts, practise comprehension skills, model text types and be used as stimulus for activities.

Text Name	Text Type	Location
It's Time to Unplug Technology	Persuasive Essay	1.4 Persuasive Essay Structure 1.18 Design a Slideshow
Plastic Bags Should Be Banned	Persuasive Essay	1.4 Persuasive Essay Structure
Build a Water Park at School!	Persuasive Essay	1.4 Persuasive Essay Structure
All Children Should Play Sport	Persuasive Essay	1.5 Comprehension – All Children Should Play Sport
Books Are Better than Films	Persuasive Essay	1.9 Comprehension – Books Are Better than Films
Ceiling Fans Are Better than Air Conditioners	Persuasive Essay	1.10 Paragraphs 1
Everyone Should Try Camping	Persuasive Essay	1.10 Paragraphs 1
It's Wrong to Boast about Your Grades	Persuasive Essay	1.10 Paragraphs 1
It's Time to Party!	Invitation (poster)	1.12 Task – Create a Persuasive Poster
Experience Teaches Us More than Books	Persuasive Essay (audio)	1.13 Comprehension – Experience Teaches Us More than Books
The Wonderful World of Walking	Persuasive Speech	1.17 Oral Presentation Skills
It's Time to Unplug Technology	Persuasive Presentation (slideshow)	1.18 Design a Slideshow
The Ocean in a Shell	Narrative	2.1 Predicting
Late for Dinner	Narrative	2.1 Predicting
Sophie's Match	Narrative	2.2 Plot 2.11 Paragraphs 2 6.3 Revise Plot
Terry's Breakfast	Narrative	2.2 Plot
Dilly's Rescue	Narrative	2.2 Plot 2.11 Paragraphs 2
Peter and the Wolf	Fable	2.11 Paragraphs 2
Imogen the Goat	Fable	2.11 Paragraphs 2
The Greedy Spider	Fable	2.11 Paragraphs 2
Before Breakfast	Recount	3.2 Recount Structure
Puggle Rescue	Recount	3.2 Recount Structure
Birthday Disaster	Recount	3.2 Recount Structure 3.14 Revise Oral Presentation Skills

Text Name	Text Type	Location
Moscow	Explanation	4.A9 Comprehension Test
Review of The Angry Birds Movie	Film Review	4.1 Comprehension – Review of The Angry Birds Movie
Fidget Spinner Review	Game Review	4.2 Review Structure
Review of Untitled	Art Review	4.3 Comprehension – Review of Untitled
Review of UNO	Game Review	4.11 Comprehension – Review of UNO
Ant Antics	Procedure	5.1 Comprehension – Ant Antics
How to Play Hopscotch	Procedure	5.4 Procedural Text Structure
Woo Dessert	Procedure	5.4 Procedural Text Structure
How to Ride from Home to Cedar Creek School	Procedure	5.4 Procedural Text Structure
Woodlice Habitats	Procedure	5.4 Procedural Text Structure 5.12 Task – Write a Silly Science Procedure
Impossible Invisibility Spray	Procedure	5.9 Comprehension – Impossible Invisibility Spray
How to Make a Cheese and Tomato Sandwich	Visual Procedure (slideshow)	5.17 Visual Procedure Structure 5.18 Revise Slideshow Design
How Colours Came to Be	Narrative	6.3 Revise Plot
Snow Joke	Narrative	6.3 Revise Plot
The Cinderella Letters	Letters	6.5 Comprehension – The Cinderella Letters
Boogie Board Thief	Narrative	6.11 Task – Perform a Tableau
Day Out Disaster	Narrative (comic strip)	6.15 Write a Story from Pictures
Day Out Disaster	Narrative	6.15 Write a Story from Pictures
How Does Milk Get to Your Fridge?	Explanation	7.1 Comprehension – How Does Milk Get to Your Fridge?
Why Is the Sea Salty?	Explanation (audio)	7.2 Summarising
The Life and Work of Roald Dahl	Biography	7.2 Summarising
Tasmanian Tigers	Information Report	7.2 Summarising
How Do Bees Make Honey?	Explanation	7.4 Explanation Text Structure 7.17 Revise Oral Presentation Skills
How Does an Anteater Eat?	Explanation	7.6 Technical Vocabulary
How Do Spiders Make Webs?	Explanation	7.6 Technical Vocabulary
Why Do We Cry When We Cut an Onion?	Explanation	7.6 Technical Vocabulary
How Does a Violin Make Sound?	Explanation	7.6 Technical Vocabulary
Why Do the Seasons Change?	Explanation	7.9 Comprehension – Why Do the Seasons Change?
The Life Cycle of a Butterfly	Explanation (video)	7.11 Task – Explain a Life Cycle
How Is Snooker Played?	Explanation	7.12 Comprehension – How Is Snooker Played?
What Is Poetry?	Information Article	8.1 Comprehension – What Is Poetry?
Monkey	Poem	8.4 Comprehension – Monkey
What Is a Cinquain?	Information Article	8.8 Comprehension – What Is a Cinquain?
What Is a Haiku?	Information Article	8.12 Comprehension – What Is a Haiku?