

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

Sourced Texts

We've partnered with University of Queensland Press and other publishers to provide a diverse array of literary texts and text extracts, such as modern children's literature, poems, videos and fairytales.

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

Text Name	Author	Text Type	Location
Skateboarding in Afghanistan	Oliver Percovich	Personal Recount (video)	1.9 Comprehension – Skateboarding in Afghanistan 1.10 Effective Speaking 1.11 Non-Verbal Communication
Australian Education	Austrade	Promotional Film (video)	2.9 Compare Texts from Different Eras
Australia at School	Australian National Film Board	Promotional Film (video)	2.9 Compare Texts from Different Eras
North Wales: A Country of Poetry (from Rick Steves' Europe)	Rick Steves' Europe	Travelogue (video)	2.13 Comprehension – Visit Wales
The Curious Dictionary	Nick Earls & Terry Whidborne	Narrative	3.1 Comprehension – The Curious Dictionary 3.2 What Is a Story? 3.3 Characters 3.4 Setting 3.14 Tension and Suspense
BTN: Free Range	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	News Report (video)	5.1 Comprehension – BTN: Free Range
BTN: Debating Championships	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	News Report (video)	5.16 Comprehension – BTN: Debating Championships
WeirDo	Anh Do	Narrative	5.17 Improve Your Speaking
Somewhere Around the Corner	Jackie French	Narrative	7.1 Comprehension – Somewhere Around the Corner 7.2 Genres
The Lion and the Mouse	Aesop	Fable	7.9 Different Stories, Similar Ideas
The Mice that Set Elephants Free	Unknown	Fable	7.9 Different Stories, Similar Ideas
Little Red Riding Hood (based on Little Red Cap from Grimm's Fairy Tales)	Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm	Fairytale	7.9 Different Stories, Similar Ideas
Lon Po Po	Ed Young	Fairytale	7.9 Different Stories, Similar Ideas 7.10 Plot Summary
The Eagle	Alfred Lord Tennyson	Poem	8.2 Poetic Language
Grim and Gloomy	James Reeves	Poem	8.2 Poetic Language
Rain in Summer	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	Poem	8.2 Poetic Language
The Pied Piper of Hamelin	Robert Browning	Poem	8.2 Poetic Language
Mulga Bill's Bicycle	AB 'Banjo' Paterson	Poem	8.3 New Vocabulary 2
On the Thirty-Third of Januaugust (from The Armpit of Doom)	Kenn Nesbitt	Poem	8.4 Rhyme
A Baby Sardine	Spike Milligan	Poem	8.4 Rhyme
A Man Said to Me	Anonymous	Poem	8.4 Rhyme
There was an Old Man	Edward Lear	Limerick	8.11 Limericks
There was a Young Lady	Edward Lear	Limerick	8.11 Limericks

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
The Origins of English	Information Article	1.1 Comprehension – The Origins of English
A Trip to the Australian War Memorial	Recount	1.5 Comprehension – A Trip to the Australian War Memorial
Chinese New Year	Information Report (audio)	1.6 Effective Listening
Great Barrier Reef	Information Report (audio)	1.6 Effective Listening
Uluru	Information Report (audio)	1.6 Effective Listening

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Finding a Hero	Recount	1.13 Comprehension – Finding a Hero
The Day I Met Kurt Fearnley	Personal Recount	1.15 Write a Speech 1.17 Design a Slideshow
The Day I Met Kurt Fearnley	Recount Presentation (slideshow)	1.17 Design a Slideshow
The Bravery of William Tell	Narrative	A2 Comprehension Test
The Giraffe	Information Report	2.1 Comprehension – The Giraffe 2.2 Information Report Structure
Moranbah	Information Report	2.2 Information Report Structure
The Monster in the Roof	Narrative	2.3 This, That, These, Those 3.5 Comprehension – The Monster in the Roof 3.8 Quoted and Reported Speech 4.9 Pronoun Reference 4.12 Sentences
Buderim	Information Report	2.5 Comprehension – Buderim
Who Were the Convicts?	Information Article	2.11 New Vocabulary 1
Billy's Bad Day	Narrative	3.9 Comprehension – Billy's Bad Day 3.10 Task – Rewrite Billy's Bad Day
Rocky Valentine	Interview	3.11 Quotation Marks
The Sapphire Robbery	Narrative	3.13 Comprehension – The Sapphire Robbery 4.2 Adverbs 4.3 Adverb Phrases 4.7 Adverb Clauses 7.3 Spelling Rules
Matrix Blast Review	Game Review	4.1 Comprehension – Matrix Blast Review
Mona Lisa	Personal Response	4.5 Comprehension – Mona Lisa 4.6 Personal Response Structure
The Starry Night	Personal Response	4.6 Personal Response Structure
People, Places, Things	Stimulus (video)	A6 Personal Response
The Case For Homework	Persuasive Essay	5.5 Comprehension – The Case For Homework 5.6 Sequence Words 5.11 Persuasive Essay Structure
The Case Against Homework	Persuasive Essay	5.9 Comprehension – The Case Against Homework
Explore the Stars!	Exposition (poster)	5.13 Comprehension – Explore the Stars!
Don't Waste Time at School	Persuasive Essay (extract)	5.17 Improve Your Speaking
The Blobfish	Information Report (extract)	5.17 Improve Your Speaking
Who Says Burgers Are Bad?	Persuasive Essay	5.17 Improve Your Speaking
Streetscape	Description	6.1 Comprehension – Streetscape 6.3 Description Text Structure
Spotted Eagle Ray	Description	6.3 Description Text Structure
Who Am I?	Description (audio)	6.5 Comprehension – Who Am I?
Molly's Fabulous Present	Narrative	A10 Comprehension Test
At the Creek	Narrative	7.5 Comprehension – At the Creek 7.7 Task – Retell a Story
Book Review: Somewhere Around the Corner	Book Review	7.8 Task – Write Comprehension Questions 7.11 Book Review Language 7.12 Book Review Structure
Book Review: Catch the Zolt	Book Review	7.11 Book Review Language
Book Review: The Neverending Story	Book Review	7.11 Book Review Language
Book Review: Don Quixote	Book Review	7.12 Book Review Structure
Rosie's Scowl	Poem	8.1 Comprehension – Rosie's Scowl
This Is the Title	Poem	8.2 Poetic Language
Brodie B Buckles and Barnabas Blake	Poem	8.5 Comprehension – Brodie B Buckles and Barnabas Blake
Six Limericks	Limerick	8.9 Comprehension – Six Limericks