

English Stars is jam-packed with literary, 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, poems, a news article and a film trailer.

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

Text Name	Author	Text Type	Location
Two Weeks with the Queen	Morris Gleitzman	Narrative	1.12 Punctuation 8.7 Comprehension – Two Weeks with the Queen
Taj and the Great Camel Trek	Rosanne Hawke	Narrative	A2 Comprehension Test
The Goat	Buster Keaton	Narrative (video)	2.12 Non-Verbal Cues
Kerenza: A New Australian	Rosanne Hawke	Narrative	3.1 Comprehension – Kerenza: A New Australian 7.2 Explore Contexts in Literature
BTN: Future Jobs	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	News Report (video)	4.1 Comprehension – BTN: Future Jobs
Havoc as Flood Peak Hits Brisbane	ABC News Online	News Article	4.5 Comprehension – Havoc as Flood Peak Hits Brisbane
Hunt for the Wilderpeople	Madman Entertainment	Film Trailer (video)	5.7 Comprehension – Hunt for the Wilderpeople
A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park	Narrative	6.1 Comprehension – A Long Walk to Water
Stay Well Soon	Penny Tangey	Narrative	6.1 Comprehension – A Long Walk to Water
Our New Selection	Steele Rudd	Narrative	A10 Comprehension Test
Home to Mother	Doris Pilkington Garimama	Narrative	7.2 Explore Contexts in Literature
Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai	Narrative	7.2 Explore Contexts in Literature
On Our Selection	Steele Rudd	Narrative	7.2 Explore Contexts in Literature
SeeSaw Girl	Linda Sue Park	Narrative	7.2 Explore Contexts in Literature
When My Name Was Keoko	Linda Sue Park	Narrative	7.2 Explore Contexts in Literature
Interview with Sir Edmund Hillary	Scholastic Inc.	Interview	7.6 Comprehension – Interview with Sir Edmund Hillary
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	Narrative	8.1 Comprehension – Alice's Adventures in Wonderland 8.2 Genre and Fantasy
Pookie Aleera Is Not My Boyfriend	Steven Herrick	Poem	9.1 Comprehension – Pookie Aleera Is Not My Boyfriend
Ampersand	Patrick Winstanley	Poem	9.3 Poetry Types 9.6 Task – Write a Poem
Ode of Remembrance	Laurence Binyon	Poem	9.3 Poetry Types 9.6 Task – Write a Poem
Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day?	William Shakespeare	Sonnet	9.3 Poetry Types 9.6 Task – Write a Poem
There was an Old Man of Peru	Anonymous	Limerick	9.3 Poetry Types
The Wind	James Stephens	Poem	9.7 Personification
Advance Australia Fair	Peter Dodds McCormick	Anthem	9.8 Sound Devices
Ode to Marbles	Max Mendelsohn	Poem	9.8 Sound Devices
By the River	Steven Herrick	Poem	9.9 Write in the Style of a Poet
The Walrus and the Carpenter	Lewis Carroll	Poem	9.9 Write in the Style of a Poet
Untangling Spaghetti	Steven Herrick	Poem	9.9 Write in the Style of a Poet

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
Our Changing Language	Information Article	1.1 Comprehension – Our Changing Language
How Is a Rainbow Formed?	Explanation	1.4 Comprehension – How Is a Rainbow Formed?
How Is Chocolate Made?	Explanation	1.7 Comprehension – How Is Chocolate Made?

Text Name	Text Type	Location
How Do Bees Make Honey?	Explanation	1.8 Explanation Text Structure
My Sport Rules!	Persuasive Essay	2.1 Comprehension – My Sport Rules! 2.2 Justify a Point of View
Dogs or Cats?	Discussion	2.2 Justify a Point of View
Foreign Languages in Schools	Discussion	2.2 Justify a Point of View
Should Children Get Pocket Money?	Discussion	2.2 Justify a Point of View
Who Says Burgers Are Bad?	Persuasive Essay	2.5 Comprehension – Who Says Burgers Are Bad?
Don't Waste Time at School	Persuasive Essay	2.6 Persuasive Essay Structure
Grow Greens from Garbage	Persuasive Essay	2.6 Persuasive Essay Structure
Don't Waste Water	Exposition (leaflet)	2.8 Comprehension – Don't Waste Water
Grow Greens from Garbage	Persuasive Presentation (slideshow)	2.14 Design a Slideshow 7.10 Revise Slideshow Design
The Blobfish	Information Report	3.4 Comprehension – The Blobfish
Dinosaur Discovery	Information Report	3.7 Comprehension – Dinosaur Discovery
Burke and Wills	Information Report	3.10 Skimming and Scanning
Peter Lalor	Information Report	3.10 Skimming and Scanning
Solar System	Information Report	3.10 Skimming and Scanning
Braving a New World	Interview	A5 Comprehension Test
Dramatic Rescue as Wild Weather Lashes Sunshine Coast	News Article	4.3 News Article Structure
Mysterious Creature Spotted in Lake Dribblychin	News Article	4.3 News Article Structure
Traffic Chaos as Truck Breaks Down in CBD	News Article	4.3 News Article Structure
Escaped Lion	News Report (video)	4.4 Task – Write a News Article
Computer Fault Blamed for Lion's Escape	News Article	4.4 Task – Write a News Article 4.8 News Video Techniques
News Video Script Exemplar	News Script	4.8 News Video Techniques
Paper Planes Film Review	Film Review	5.1 Comprehension – Paper Planes Film Review
The Sword in the Stone Film Review	Film Review	5.5 Film Review Structure
WALL-E Film Review	Film Review	5.5 Film Review Structure
So Much to Like About Star Wars	Film Review	5.5 Film Review Structure 5.8 Design Principles
The Adventures of Matthew Flinders	Biography	7.1 Comprehension – The Adventures of Matthew Flinders
Krycia Kosciuszko Biography	Biography	7.9 Write a Biography
The Geeglenash	Description	8.4 Comprehension – The Geeglenash
The Wandering Wand	Narrative	8.9 Comprehension – The Wandering Wand
Cobweb	Poem	9.4 Comprehension – Poems, Poems, Everywhere
A Young Fellow from France	Limerick	9.4 Comprehension – Poems, Poems, Everywhere
Ode to Camping at Coochin Creek	Poem	9.4 Comprehension – Poems, Poems, Everywhere 9.10 Task – Record a Poetry Recital