

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, news reports, songs and fairytales.

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

Text Name	Author	Text Type	Location
30 Australian Sports Legends	Loretta Barnard	Biography	1.1 Comprehension – 30 Australian Sports Legends
Snowy: The Diary of Eva Fischer	Siobhan McHugh	Imaginative Recount	A1 Comprehension Test
My Girragundji	Meme McDonald & Boori Pryor	Narrative	2.1 Comprehension – My Girragundji 2.7 Make Connections in Texts
The Ugly Duckling	Hans Christian Andersen	Fairytale	2.7 Make Connections in Texts
Caught in the Crowd	Kate Miller-Heidke	Song (video)	2.7 Make Connections in Texts
Bully on the Bus	Kathryn Apel	Poem	2.7 Make Connections in Texts
Bleakboy and Hunter Stand Out in the Rain	Steven Herrick	Narrative	2.7 Make Connections in Texts
Two Weeks with the Queen	Morris Gleitzman	Narrative	2.9 Punctuation for Quoted Speech
New Boy	Nick Earls	Narrative	2.9 Punctuation for Quoted Speech 3.4 Comprehension – New Boy
Refuge	Jackie French	Narrative	3.1 Comprehension – Refuge 3.6 Sensory Language 3.8 Different Authors, Similar Themes
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl	Narrative	3.3 An Author's Style
Wonder	RJ Palacio	Narrative	3.3 An Author's Style
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	JK Rowling	Narrative	3.3 An Author's Style
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I Can Jump Puddles	Alan Marshall	Narrative	3.3 An Author's Style
Just Crazy	Andy Griffiths	Narrative	3.3 An Author's Style
The Curious Dictionary	Nick Earls & Terry Whidborne	Narrative	3.3 An Author's Style 3.8 Different Authors, Similar Themes
The Peasant Prince	Li Cunxin	Narrative	3.3 An Author's Style
Billionaire Boy	David Walliams	Narrative	3.3 An Author's Style
The BFG	Roald Dahl	Narrative	3.3 An Author's Style
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl	Narrative	3.7 Comprehension – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
The Little Refugee	Anh Do & Suzanne Do	Narrative	3.8 Different Authors, Similar Themes
Making a Point	Margery & Michael Forde	Play	4.1 Comprehension – Making a Point 4.2 Create Characters 4.7 Plot 4.8 Dialogue and Stage Directions
BTN: Australian Accents	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	News Report (video)	4.4 Australian Accents
My Country	Dorothea Mackellar	Poem	4.4 Australian Accents
Pirates	Lesley Englert, Ann Hogan & Peter Stannard	Play	4.8 Dialogue and Stage Directions
Boy Overboard	Patricia Cornelius	Play	4.8 Dialogue and Stage Directions
Bridget: A New Australian	J Moloney	Narrative	5.1 Comprehension – Bridget: A New Australian 5.2 Cohesive Links 5.8 Adverb Phrases
Two Hands Together	Diana Kidd	Narrative	A7 Comprehension Test
BTN: Piracy Crackdown	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	News Report (video)	7.1 Comprehension – BTN: Piracy Crackdown
BTN: Fake News	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	News Report (video)	7.7 Comprehension – BTN: Fake News

Text Name	Author	Text Type	Location
Toby: Not Good Enough (from <i>On Track</i> )	Kathryn Apel	Poem	8.1 Comprehension – Toby: Not Good Enough
Daffodils	William Wordsworth	Poem	8.2 Imagery 8.4 Sound Devices 8.6 Ballads
Ode of Remembrance	Laurence Binyon	Poem	8.3 Task – Write Any Poem
Ampersand	Patrick Winstanley	Poem	8.3 Task – Write Any Poem
Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day?	William Shakespeare	Sonnet	8.3 Task – Write Any Poem
Annabel Lee	Edgar Allan Poe	Poem	8.4 Sound Devices 8.6 Ballads
Jingle Bells	James Lord Pierpont	Song	8.5 Language Patterns
Hokey Pokey	Larry LaPrise and Robert Degen	Song	8.5 Language Patterns
This Old Man	Unknown	Song	8.5 Language Patterns
Waltzing Matilda	AB 'Banjo' Paterson	Song	8.6 Ballads
Mulga Bill's Bicycle	AB 'Banjo' Paterson	Ballad	8.6 Ballads
Black Velvet Band	Unknown	Song	8.6 Ballads
The Dying Stockman	Unknown	Ballad	8.6 Ballads
Fog	Carl Sandburg	Poem	8.8 Free Verse
Shaun: Toby and Me (from <i>On Track</i> )	Kathryn Apel	Poem	8.8 Free Verse
Winter Poem	Nikki Giovanni	Poem	8.8 Free Verse
The Man from Snowy River	AB 'Banjo' Paterson	Ballad	8.9 Build a Ballad
The Wild Colonial Boy	Unknown	Ballad (video)	8.9 Build a Ballad

### 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
Measuring Friction	Procedure	1.4 Comprehension – Measuring Friction
The Little Lunar Kitchen	Procedure (video)	1.6 Task – Write a Recipe
Eaton Lake	Map	1.7 Comprehension – Eaton Lake 1.10 Task – Write Directions
Smacking Is Not Ok!	Persuasive Essay	2.4 Persuasive Essay Structure 2.11 Design Principles
Vote For Me!	Persuasive Speech (video)	2.5 Comprehension – Vote For Me!
Transcript: Vote For Me!	Persuasive Speech	2.5 Comprehension – Vote For Me! 2.6 Task – Write a Persuasive Speech
Book Review: Little Brother	Discussion/Book Review (video)	3.8 Different Authors, Similar Themes 3.12 Write a Book Pitch 3.14 Oral Presentation Skills
Paper Planes Film Review	Film Review	3.11 Evaluative Language
The Fishing Trip	Play	4.5 Comprehension – The Fishing Trip 4.9 Play Script Format and Structure
Plot Outline (Home Alone)	Plot Outline	4.7 Plot
Red Letter Day	Play	4.9 Play Script Format and Structure
The Weird Day	Recount	5.4 Comprehension – The Weird Day
Boxing: For and Against	Discussion	6.1 Comprehension – Boxing: For and Against
Shark Nets: For and Against	Discussion	6.4 Comprehension – Shark Nets: For and Against 6.8 Discussion Article Structure 6.11 Revise Design Principles

Text Name	Text Type	Location
Research on Dams	Discussion	6.9 Task – Discuss Dams
Animal Testing: For and Against	Discussion	6.10 Comprehension – Animal Testing: For and Against
News Video Script Exemplar	News Script	7.3 Finding Facts 7.5 News Video Script Features
Rock Star Throws Tiara in River	News Script	7.4 Comprehension – Rock Star Throws Tiara in River
Jack and the Viper	Ballad	8.7 Task – From Ballad to Story
The New Girl at School	Ballad	8.9 Build a Ballad
The Class of Year 6 Students	Ballad	8.9 Build a Ballad