

Free decodable texts

Below is a list of some of the online decodable texts for Australian classrooms available on third-party websites in March 2023. While many of these are always free, some are only free for particular periods of the year. Check each provider's website for details.

Be mindful that some texts are linked to a commercial program and are often complemented by a program-specific phonics progression and learning activities. **Before using, check the texts and sequences to ensure they match your phonics progression.** Remember the purpose of decodable texts is to support students to decode with words containing only those letter-sound correspondences that they have been taught.

Professional learning on decodable texts

Find out about choosing and using decodable texts in your classroom through professional learning on the Literacy Hub.

Note: The decodable texts and links on the following pages are not controlled by Education Services Australia or by the Australian Government Department of Education.



Resource	Target audience	Sequence	Features
SPELD (SA) Phonics Readers - New series	Beginning readers	Follows the Jolly Phonics Sequence	 Indigenous contexts
		Set 1: s, a, t, p, i, n	 Multiple books for each sound set
		Set 2: c, k, ck, e, h, r, m, d	 Teaching notes
		Set 3: g, o, u, l, f, b	Fluency word lists
		Set 4: ai, j, oa, ie, ee, or	 Templates for follow-up tasks
		Set 5: z, w, ng, v, oo (book), oo (room)	Online access
		Set 6: y, x, sh, ch, th (think), th (that)	 PowerPoint option for interactive whiteboard or printing
		Set 7: qu, ou, oi, ue, er, ar	
		Set 8: y (sunny), a (apron), a-e (cake), e (female), e-e (eve), i (silent), i-e (kite), o (open), o-e (home), u (student), u-e (tune)	
		Set 9: ay (play), ey (they), oy (toy), y (mystery), ea (dream), ie (chief), y (dry), igh (night)	
		Set 10: oe (toe), ow (rainbow), ow (now), ir (bird), ur (turn), ew (few), au (launch), aw (paw), al (talk)	
Moon Dogs at Home series	Older readers at early stages of reading (8 to 14 years)	Follows the Sounds Write Sequence	More mature themes
		Book 1: a, ai, ay, a-e and ea for the sound ae	Teaching notes
		Book 2: ee, e, e-e, ea and y for the sound ee	Fluency word lists
		Book 3: o-e, ow, o, oa, and oe for the sound ow	Templates for follow-up tasks
		Book 4: er, ur, ir, or and ear for the sound <i>er</i>	Online accessPrintable PDFs
		Book 5: ow and ou, oi with the spellings oi and oy	
		Book 6: 00, 0u, ew, u, ue, and u-e for the sound oo	
		Book 7: igh, I, i-e, ie and y for the sound <i>ie</i>	
		Book 8: or, ore, aw, au, al, ar, awe, a and ough for the sound <i>ar</i>	
		Book 9: air, are, ear, ere and eir for the sound <i>air</i>	
		Book 10: ar, a, al, ear and au for the sound ar	



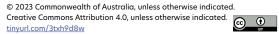
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<u>Half-Pint Kids</u>	Beginning readers	Level A: Sights and Sounds Introduces all consonant sounds, short vowel sounds and 33 sight words Level B: Blends and Ends Introduces 16 blends and digraphs and 24 sight words Level C: Moving-A-Long Introduces 16 blends and digraphs and 4 sight words	 Fluency word lists Irregular word list Comprehension questions Templates for follow-up tasks Online access Printable PDFs
Flyleaf Online Materials Please note you will need to download SMART notebook.	Beginning readers	Part 1: VC and CVC words Part 2: CCVCC words (blends) Part 3: Compound words Part 4: Multisyllabic words Part 5: Words with endings Part 6: Foundational skills consolidation Part 7: Consonant digraphs Part 8: Long vowels with silent e Part 9: Single long vowels and patterns and soft c and g Part 10: R-controlled vowels Part 11: Vowel digraphs Part 12: Variant vowel digraphs Part 13: Diphthongs Part 14: Advanced letter-sound correspondences	 Fluency word lists Irregular word list Templates for follow-up tasks Online access Printable PDFs



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Starfall Learn to Read	Beginning readers	Book 1: an, at	Online games linked to each text
Online version		Book 2: en, et	 Audio option included
Print version		Book 3: ig, ip	 Templates for follow-up tasks
		Book 4: ot, og	Online access
		Book 5: ug, short vowel sounds	Printable PDFs
		Book 6: silent e, long a sound	
		Book 7: ee and th	
		Book 8: silent e, long <i>i</i> sound	
		Book 9: silent e, long o sound	
		Book 10: silent e, long <i>u</i> sound	
		Book 11: oa, vowel teams	
		Book 12: ar	
		Book 13: or	
		Book 14: er, ir, ur	
		Book 15: y as long e sound	

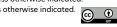


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Phonics Play comics	Beginning and older readers	Phase 2: s, a, t, p i, n, m, d g, o, c, k ck, e, u, r h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss Phase 3: j, v, w, x y, z, qu sh, ch, th, ng ai, ee, igh, oa oo, ar, or ur, ow, oi ear, air, er Phase 4: CVCC CCVC All prior phases Phase 5a: ay, ou, ie, ea oy, ir, ue, aw wh, ph, ew, oe, au, ey split digraph e Phase 5b:	 Comic strip format Make your own comic template included Links to Phonics Play website (online games) Online access Printable PDFs
		Alternative pronunciations for i, o, c, g, u, ow, ie, ea, er, a, y, ch, ou, ey	





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Really Great Reading decodable passages	Beginning readers	There are three categories of decodable passages on this site. Countdown: Initial code (VC and CVC words) Digraphs sh, th, ch, wh, ck Blending adjacent consonants (CVCC/CCVC, CCVCC) Two-syllable words with closed syllables Blast: Digraphs sh, th, ch, wh, ck Trigraphs tch, dge FLOSS rule reading passage Blending adjacent consonants (CVCC/CCVC, CCVCC) Two-syllable words with closed syllables Open single-syllable words Two-syllable words with open and closed syllables Two-syllable words with a schwa One-syllable split digraph e Two-syllable split digraph e Long vowel spellings ee, ea, ai, ay, y as long e Vowel teams igh and oa Suffix -ed Inflectional endings -er, -ed, -s, -es, and -ing Review: closed, open, VCE and vowel team syllables Additional passages: HD Word passages use a cumulative knowledge tool once scope and sequence is complete.	 Teaching notes Fluency word lists Irregular words lists Grapheme-phoneme correspondences noted on each page Spelling lists Dictation sentences Single-page passages





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Open Source Phonics: Decodable stories	Older readers (8 years plus)	Group 1: Short-syllable stories Group 2: Silent e stories Group 3: Open- and closed-syllable stories Group 4: First vowel team stories Group 5: R-controlled vowel stories Group 6: Snow, cow and cloud stories Group 7: Consonant -le stories Group 8: 'Y' as a vowel stories Group 9: Soft c and g stories	 More mature themes Teaching notes Single-page passages Focus on quotation marks Text only (no pictures)
		Group 10: Advanced phonics stories	