FOXTON READERS

CAREFULLY GRADED AND BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED ESL / EAL READERS

◦ Comprehension ◦ Grammar ◦ Vocabulary

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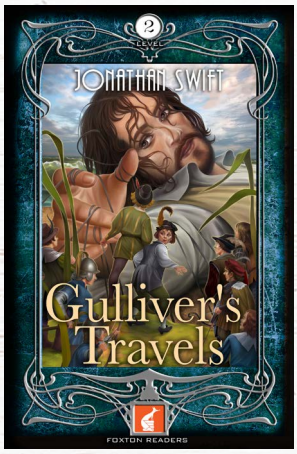
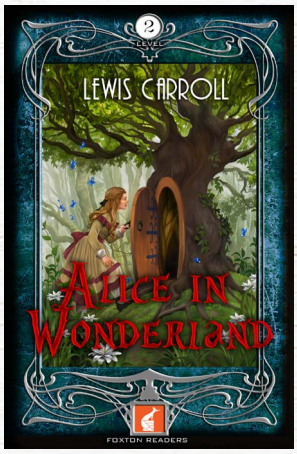
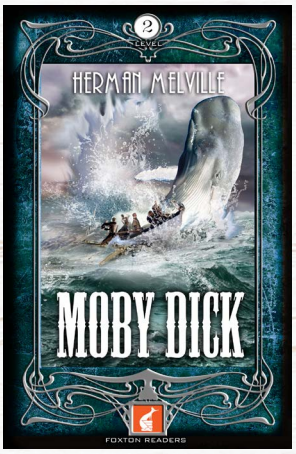
Foxton Readers are a series of carefully graded books aimed at ESL / EAL learners of beginner to advanced levels. They are based on a comprehensive grammar and vocabulary framework to match each ability level and to ensure each learner progresses. They are not only suitable for ESL / EAL learners but can also be used with native speakers of primary and secondary school age.







ESL / EAL LEARNERS

Students with ESL / EAL come from a wide range of different backgrounds, and therefore it is important to offer reading materials which have a broad appeal. Foxton Readers are all based on classic universal stories of many different genres, so there is something for everyone.

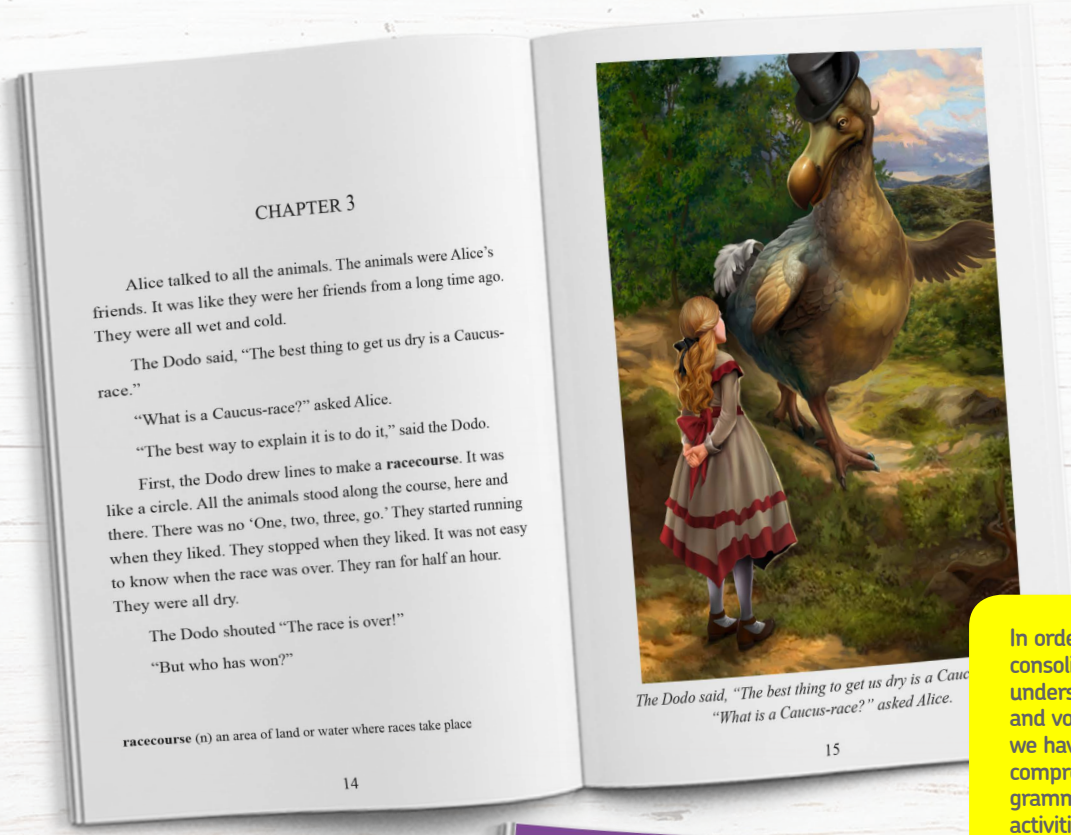
In an ESL classroom, where teachers normally use an English language text book, the readers are a great resource when you feel you need to do something a little different and change the dynamics of the class.

Research has shown that students who read improve in all other areas of language learning (speaking, listening and writing) and at a faster rate than those who don't read. Of course, reading English also helps students build their vocabulary and develop their grammar knowledge.

For most students, reading a book in English is a difficult task. Too much unknown vocabulary means students stopping frequently to look up words, demotivating them and spoiling their enjoyment of the story. As such, the graded readers are ideal. Students will gain huge confidence from being able to understand real fiction.

KEY FEATURES

- Best quality writing and storytelling
- Gripping plots and a range of genres
- Full colour illustrations
- Suitable for ESL and EAL learners
- Grammar syllabus for each level
- Comprehension, grammar and vocabulary tests following each story
- Audio files



CHAPTER 3

Alice talked to all the animals. The animals were Alice's friends. It was like they were her friends from a long time ago. They were all wet and cold.

The Dodo said, "The best thing to get us dry is a Caucus-race."

"What is a Caucus-race?" asked Alice.

"The best way to explain it is to do it," said the Dodo.

First, the Dodo drew lines to make a **racecourse**. It was like a circle. All the animals stood along the course, here and there. There was no 'One, two, three, go.' They started running when they liked. They stopped when they liked. It was not easy to know when the race was over. They ran for half an hour. They were all dry.

The Dodo shouted "The race is over!"

"But who has won?"

racecourse (n) an area of land or water where races take place

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Books come with beautiful illustrations to help readers gain a better understanding of the story and make books more fun and easier to read.

In order to test and consolidate readers' understanding, grammar and vocabulary skills, we have included comprehension, grammar and vocabulary activities at the end of each story.

Each book comes with a comprehensive grammar and vocabulary framework to match each ability level and make sure every learner is making progress.

For example, a Level-2 book will never have a sentence made with a passive verb or the past perfect tense.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test-1

Are the following sentences True (T) or False (F)?

1. Alice's sister fell asleep by the river. T / F
2. Alice followed the White Rabbit. T / F
3. The bottle on the table said "Do not drink me." T / F
4. Alice said, "Curiouser and curiouser." T / F
5. The Dodo sorted out the Caucus-race. T / F
6. Alice's cat was called Mary Ann. T / F
7. The Caterpillar didn't give Alice advice. T / F
8. The fish and the frog are both footmen. T / F
9. The Caterpillar was smoking a hookah. T / F
10. The animals threw small stones at Alice. T / F
11. Alice couldn't get out of the door because she was too big. T / F
12. The executioneer executed the Cheshire Cat. T / F
13. The March Hare asked, "Why is a raven like a writing-desk?" T / F
14. Alice told her adventures to her sister. T / F

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Test-2

Match the sentences.

Beginnings

1. Alice thought she was falling
2. The mouse winked at Alice
3. the Dodo drew lines
4. The large mushroom
5. Alice ate the mushroom,
6. The Duchess was sitting on a three-legged stool
7. The Cat vanished quite slowly,
8. The three gardeners
9. The pigeon thought
10. Alice picked up the jury box

Endings

a. but didn't say anything.
b. until she was nine inches shorter.
c. to make a racecourse.
d. beginning with the end of the tail, and ending with the grin.
e. Alice was a snake.
f. to the centre of the earth.
g. and put all the jury back in it.
h. in the middle of the kitchen.
i. ran to Alice to save them.
j. was the same size as Alice.

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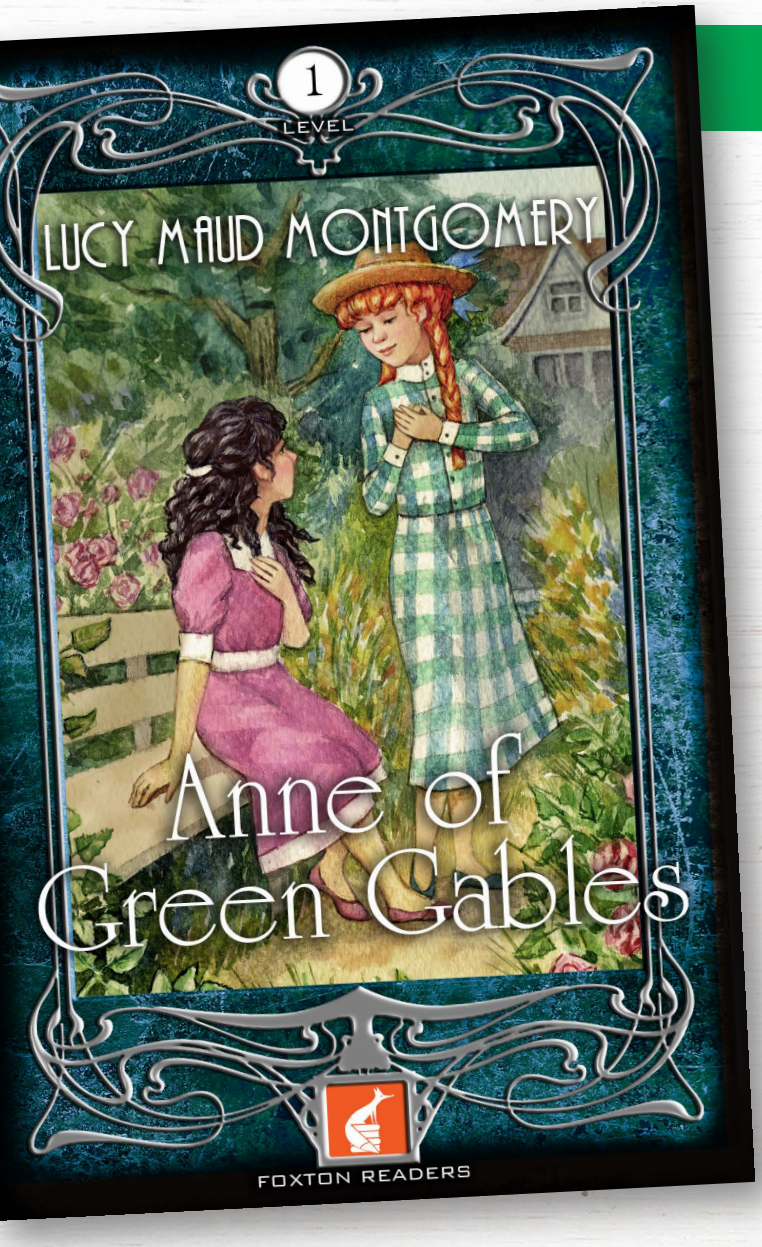
READER LEVELS

Level	Headwords	CEFR
STARTER	300	A1
LEVEL 1	400	A1 / A2
LEVEL 2	600	A2 / B1
LEVEL 3	900	B1
LEVEL 4	1300	B1 / B2
LEVEL 5	1700	B2
LEVEL 6	2300	B2 / C1

HOW THE READERS ARE ORGANISED

Each level of reader has a limited number of headwords as demonstrated on the table on the left. Any difficult words which are essential to the understanding of the story are highlighted at the bottom of the page with their meaning in English. There is also a complete glossary at the back of the book.

Each level of reader is also carefully graded in terms of the grammar. You can view the grammar syllabus for each level on our website at www.foxtonreaders.com



LEVEL 1

400 HEADWORDS

CEFR A1/A2

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Author : L. M. Montgomery

Retold : C. S. Woolley

Illustrations : Luibov Bodnarska

Pages : 60

Headwords : 400

ISBN : 978-1-911481-08-9

Anne Shirley is an orphan. Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert adopt her. Marilla doesn't like Anne at first, but she grows to love her. Anne has lots of adventures. She likes living at Green Gables. For the first time, she has a home and people that want her.

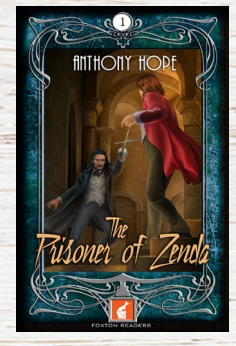
DRACULA

THE WIZARD OF OZ

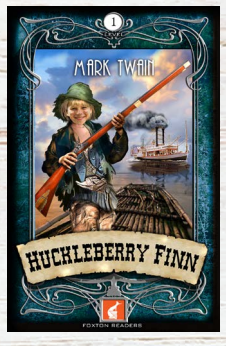
THE ADVENTURE OF THE SPECKLED BAND

THE LOST WORLD

THE PRISONER OF ZENDA



HUCKLEBERRY FINN

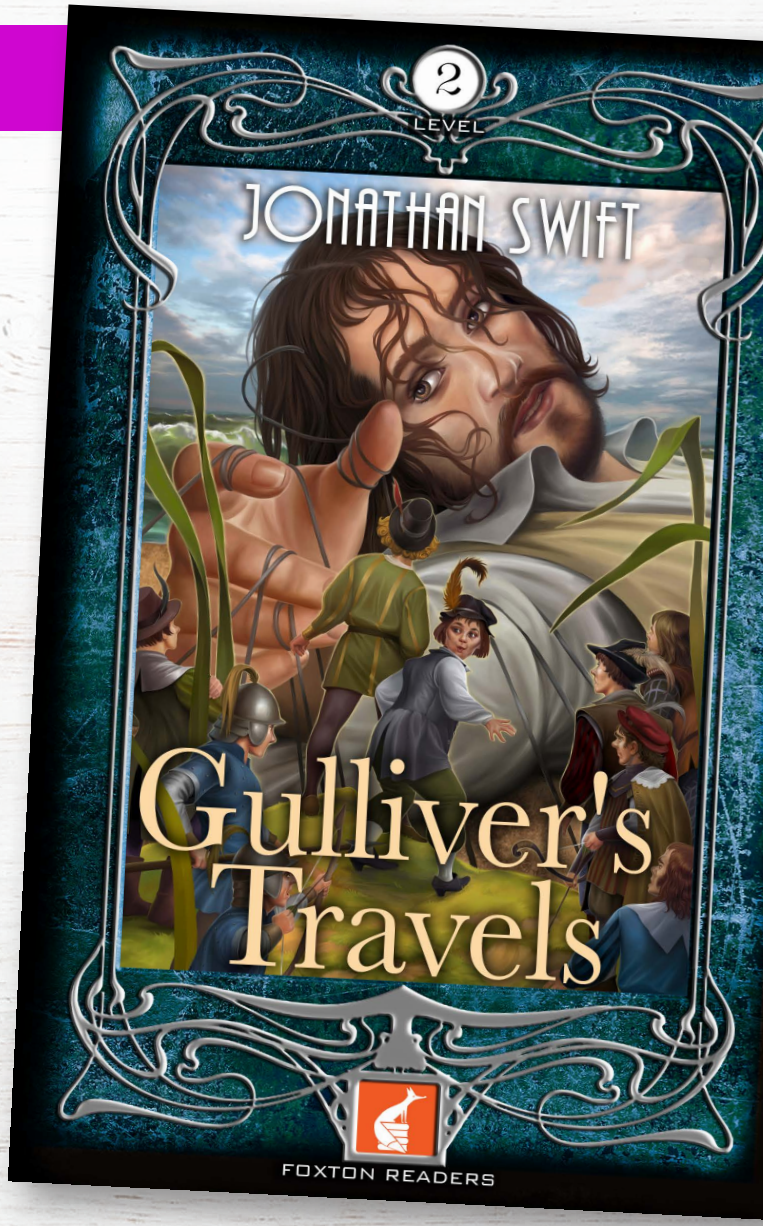


TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN	HEADWORDS	PAGES	LEVEL
Dracula	Bram Stoker	978-1-911481-07-2	400	60	Level-1
Anne of Green Gables	L. Maud Montgomery	978-1-911481-08-9	400	60	Level-1
The Wizard of Oz	L. Frank Baum	978-1-911481-10-2	400	58	Level-1
The Adventure of the Speckled Band	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	978-1-911481-15-7	400	56	Level-1
The Lost World	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	978-1-911481-16-4	400	68	Level-1
The Prisoner of Zenda	Anthony Hope	978-1-911481-17-1	400	58	Level-1
Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	978-1-911481-22-5	400	52	Level-1

LEVEL 2

600 HEADWORDS

CEFR A2/B1



GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

Author : Jonathan Swift

Retold : C. S. Woolley

Illustrations : Olga Anatolyevna

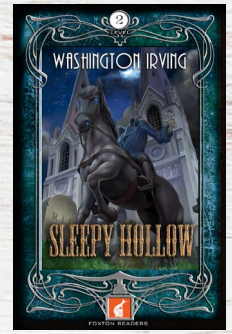
Pages : 52

Headwords : 600

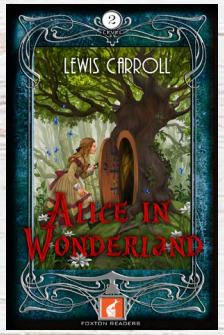
ISBN : 978-1-911481-12-6

Gulliver has two adventures in two strange lands. First, he lands on the island of Lilliput where the people are only six inches tall. Then, he lands on the island of Brobdingnag whose people are giants. He has lots of adventures in both lands. He escapes and goes back to England on a ship.

SLEEPY HOLLOW



ALICE IN WONDERLAND



AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS

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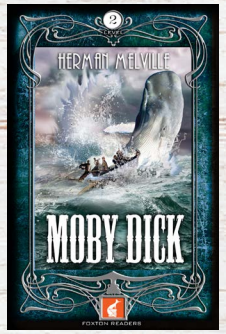
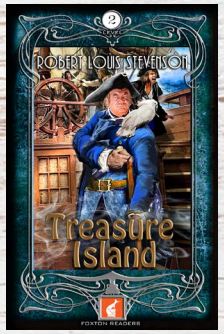


ROBINSON CRUSOE

TREASURE ISLAND



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Sleepy Hollow	Washington Irving	978-1-911481-09-6	600	64	Level-2
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	978-1-911481-11-9	600	70	Level-2
Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	978-1-911481-12-6	600	52	Level-2
Around the World in Eighty Days	Jules Verne	978-1-911481-13-3	600	60	Level-2
Moby Dick	Herman Melville	978-1-911481-14-0	600	52	Level-2
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe	978-1-911481-18-8	600	64	Level-2
Treasure Island	R. Louis Stevenson	978-1-911481-19-5	600	60	Level-2

LEVEL 3

900 HEADWORDS

CEFR B1

OLIVER TWIST

Author : Charles Dickens

Retold : C. S. Woolley

Illustrations : Alexander Solovyov

Pages : 64

Headwords : 900

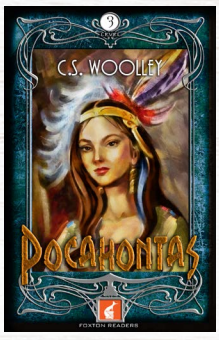
ISBN : 978-1-911481-05-8

Oliver Twist's mother dies when he's born. He's sent to a workhouse. He's unhappy there and runs away. He lives in London. He doesn't have a childhood. He has to work. He doesn't have a family. He doesn't know what love is.

JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH

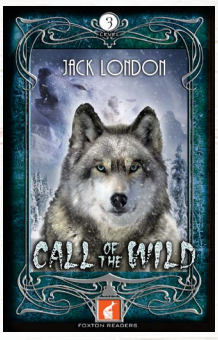
FRANKENSTEIN

POCAHONTAS



THE THREE MUSKETEERS

CALL OF THE WILD



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Journey to the centre of the earth	Jules Verne	978-1-911481-03-4	900	59	Level-3
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	978-1-911481-04-1	900	52	Level-3
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	978-1-911481-05-8	900	64	Level-3
Pocahontas	C.S. Woolley	978-1-911481-06-5	900	52	Level-3
The Three Musketeers	Alexandre Dumas	978-1-911481-20-1	900	66	Level-3
Call of the Wild	Jack London	978-1-911481-21-8	900	68	Level-3

LEVEL 4

1300 HEADWORDS

CEFR B1/B2

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

Author:
Edith Nesbit

Retold:
C. S. Woolley

Illustrations:
Olga Anatolyevna

Pages:
106

Headwords:
1300

ISBN:
978-1-911481-25-6

When their father was taken away from them, three children and their mother moved from the city to the country. The children discovered a nearby railway line which became a link to their missing father. The railway also helped them to make many new friends including the porter and stationmaster as well as an old gentleman who travelled in the first-class carriage of the Green Dragon steam train.

LEVEL 5

1700 HEADWORDS

CEFR B2

DAVID COPPERFIELD

Author:
Charles Dickens

Retold:
C. S. Woolley

Illustrations:
Olga Anatolyevna

Pages:
104

Headwords:
1700

ISBN:
978-1-911481-29-4

David Copperfield is the tale of a young man whose life is filled with tragedy. Can he overcome all of the pain and disappointment in his life to find happiness or will he suffer failure and cruelty forever?.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

JANE EYRE

THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO

THE THIRTY-NINE STEPS

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA

TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN	HEADWORDS	PAGES	LEVEL
The Merchant of Venice	William Shakespeare	978-1-911481-24-9	1300	104	Level-4
The Railway Children	Edith Nesbit	978-1-911481-25-6	1300	106	Level-4
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	978-1-911481-26-3	1300	100	Level-4
The Count of Monte Cristo	Alexandre Dumas	978-1-911481-27-0	1300	110	Level-4
The Thirty-Nine Steps	John Buchan	978-1-911481-28-7	1700	118	Level-5
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