

## Reviews - Phonics Stories for Older Learners

**A great resource**, these stories are brilliant to use with learners who struggle to read. They are short and focus on a particular sound - so they are great when extra practice is needed. The activity/question sheets are brilliant as well. Thanks - these have quickly become an essential resource for my teaching.

Dave Stacey (25 Oct 2015)

**Phonics Stories for Older Learners is such a great resource!** I am using it with a couple of groups now; we use the story as Guided Reading then the children complete the comprehension, sound search and writing task independently. All this achievable in half an hour and the children love it!

Caron Callaghan – LSA in a primary school in Milton Keynes (Sept 2015)

**Fantastic resource for older children with gaps on their phonic knowledge**, I have found these stories a fantastic resource for pupils with gaps in their phonic knowledge. The short snappy stories and clear illustrations set within real life contexts motivate older pupils without patronising them and provide an excellent source of structured phonic support.

Drew Wilson (6 Jun 2014)

**Brilliant resource for adult learners**, I have been using these stories with adult learners and have found them invaluable. They feature scenarios that learners can relate to and the accompanying activities are great too. Feedback from learners was very positive as so often struggling adult learners are presented with material designed for children. I particularly liked the stories in Section Two where we could focus on a particular sound, and as I would usually photocopy the sheets for learners having the sound identified at the bottom of the sheet, as well as well as in the contents, made quick copying for rushed teacher easy. Quite honestly I don't know what I did without them.

Sheila Mulvenney (3 Jun 2014)

**Excellent stories - I'd be lost without them!** I use these stories (along with Phonics Resources for Older Learners) with my Pre-Entry ESOL students who have no or little reading and writing skills. The stories and related comprehension activities are an excellent and appropriate resource to use with adults. My students enjoy reading them and love the fact that they can actually read and understand a story in English. The stories are graded so you can gradually progress your students from simple cvc words to more complex phonemes. The same goes for the related activities so students may start with finding words in the text with particular sounds and progress to writing their own sentences. This also means that students can easily see their own improvements in reading which is so motivating for them. I use this book frequently in class and would be lost without it!

Vicky Lloyd (8 Apr 2014)

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**Excellent resource for older learners**, another long awaited resource supporting the phonic work presented in the resource book 'Phonics for Older Learners'. It has been virtually impossible to find phonic entry level stories for adult learners, so this collection (each with accompanying comprehension) is very much appreciated. For teachers the introduction clearly outlines what is being taught in each story and for the adult learners the text is clear and simple and paced so that they will succeed.

Rachael (1 Feb 2013)

**Excellent resource for adult learners!** This book contains brilliant, clearly thought through resources for adult learners who struggle with reading, of which there is an ever increasing number. I use it frequently for just such learners in literacy classes and several of them have commented on how useful, and appropriate, the resources are. The comprehension and writing questions following each story allow the learners to put the theory of synthetic phonics into practice.

Kevin (30 Nov 2012)