

Online Links for Home Learning - First Level: English & Literacy

General Resources

[The School Run - Primary Literacy Glossary for Parents](#) - A guide to Literacy concepts taught in primary school.

[Twinkl - Supporting Your Child's Learning in First Level Literacy and English Adult Guidance](#) - A downloadable guide to supporting your child with Literacy at home.

[BBC Bitesize - Karate Cats English](#) - A game that supports learning in different areas of Literacy, allowing the learner to progress through different levels collecting coloured belts.

[BBC Bitesize - Small Town Superheroes](#) - A superhero-themed collection of 18 mini games to practise different literacy skills.

Areas of the English/Literacy Curriculum

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Listening & Talking

- Video/Learning Materials

- [BBC Bitesize - What are the basics of speaking?](#) - A short animation that explains the basics of speaking so that others listen and understand.
- [BBC Bitesize - How do you have a conversation?](#) - A short animation and activity that outlines important features of conversation.
- [BBC Scotland - Time for a story](#) - Audio stories for children to listen to.
- [BBC Scotland - Sonic Snackbox](#) - Fun, facts, stories, quizzes and activities on audio.

- Games/Audio

- [PBS Kids - Sled Dog Dash](#) - A game that offers practice in listening for instructions.
- [Literactive - The Drums Game](#) - Listen/watch carefully and repeat the drum sequence.
- [BBC Scotland - Time for a story](#) - Audio stories for children to listen to.
- [BBC Scotland - Sonic Snackbox](#) - Fun, facts, stories, quizzes and activities on audio.

Reading

● **Decoding**

- Videos/Learning Materials

- [BBC Bitesize - Sounds and Patterns](#) - Phonics learner guides on the initial sounds as well as some digraphs and blends.
- [BBC Bitesize - How to pronounce new words](#) - An animation explaining decoding and an activity to practise with.
- [YouTube - Mr T's Phonics](#) - Fun videos from Mr Thorne (and sometimes Geraldine the Giraffe) to help

- Games

- [PhonicsPlay - Pick a Picture](#) - Match pictures to words.
- [PhonicsPlay - Picnic On Pluto](#) - Read words and decide whether they are real or fake.
- [ICT Games - Phonics Pop](#) - Match sounds to their written representation.
- [ICT Games - Dinosaur Eggs](#) - Listen to sounds and click on the letters that make them.
- [ICT Games - Viking Full Circle](#) - Listen to words and build them using their component sounds.
- [Top Marks - Consonant Digraphs](#) - Build words containing consonant digraphs.

● **Comprehension**

- **Videos/Learning Materials**

- [Oxford Owl - Reading - Comprehension](#) - A really useful run down on the kind of things your child might do in reading comprehension in school with tips and links for help at home.
English curriculum-based: Year 1 = P2, Year 2 = P3, Year 3 = P4.
- [The School Run - Reading Comprehension](#) - A short explanation of reading comprehension (English curriculum-based but still relevant).
- [The School Run - Reading to Learn](#) - A great list of questions to ask your child while reading to aid their comprehension.
- [Scottish Book Trust - Parents and Carers](#) - Advice and resources for reading at home.
- [Scottish Book Trust - 10 things to do with any book \(primary\)](#) - Link to a downloadable file with activity ideas that can be used with any fiction book.

- **Games**

- [BBC - Small Town Superheroes](#) - Use the arrows to find the character "Ursula" who has three simple comprehension games: Signs, Headings & Captions; Using a Contents Page: Reading & Understanding.
- [Fun English Games - Poetry Activity](#) - An online activity for more advanced First Level readers. Read the poem and answer a series of questions about meaning and features of language.
- [Education Quizzes - Comprehension - Monkey Facts](#) - A comprehension quiz suitable for children in P2.
- [Education Quizzes - Comprehension - A Letter to the Queen](#) - A comprehension quiz suitable for most children towards the end of P2/beginning of P3.
- [Education Quizzes - Comprehension - Inference](#) - A comprehension quiz focusing on the skill of inference suitable for most children in P3.
- [Education Quizzes - Comprehension - Aliens Stole My Homework](#) - A comprehension quiz suitable for most children towards the end of P3/beginning of P4.

● Reading for Enjoyment

- Videos/Learning Materials

- [Book Trust - Bookfinder](#) - Answers the question, "What shall I read next?". Bookfinder allows your child to select their age and the type of genres and themes they enjoy and then suggests a range of books they might like to read.
- [Scottish Book Trust - Book Lists](#) - Lists of books divided into age range then type of book.
- [Scottish Book Trust - Reading Dares](#) - Link to a file with fun suggestions for ways to interact with books.
- [Audible - Free Children's Audiobooks](#) - For those who find the written word challenging but still love a story or want to learn more about a topic, Audible have made some of its children's audiobooks free. There are even books available in languages other than English.

● Genre

- Videos/Learning Materials

- [BBC Bitesize - Different types of story](#) - Videos and activities that explain genre.
- [BBC Bitesize - What are the types of fiction?](#) - Video and quiz about different genres within fiction.
- [BBC Bitesize - Poems](#) - Resources that help learners find out about features of poetry.

- Games

- [Education Quizzes - Fiction or Non-Fiction Texts](#) - A quiz that challenges children to tell the difference between fiction and non-fiction (information) in a series of questions.

Writing

● **Spelling**

- Videos/Learning Materials

- [BBC Bitesize - Phonics](#) - Phonics learner guides
- [BBC Bitesize - Spelling](#) - Learner guides on compound words and silent letters
- [BBC Bitesize - Homophones](#) - Learner guides on homophones in general and one each on *their, they're and there* and *to, too and two*.
- [BBC Bitesize - Prefixes & Suffixes](#) - Learner guides on prefixes, suffixes and one on the suffix *-ly*.
- [Oxford Owl - Spelling](#) - Helpful advice for parents/carers on supporting their children with spelling.
- [The School Run - Spelling](#) - Advice, articles and resources to help with spelling.

- Games

- [PhonicsPlay - Pond Life Plurals](#) - Decide what to add the end of words to make them plural.
- [BBC Bitesize - Small Town Superheroes](#) - Visit some of the different characters in Small Town to find games that will help with spelling practice.
- [BBC Bitesize - Karate Cats English](#) - Play spelling, punctuation and grammar games to win different coloured belts.

● **Punctuation & Grammar**

- Videos/Learning Materials

- [BBC Bitesize - Punctuation](#) - Learner guides on various forms of punctuation.
- [BBC Bitesize - Grammar](#) - Grammar learner guides.
- [Mr Thorne Does Grammar](#) - A YouTube playlist from teacher, Mr Thorne, on grammar and punctuation.
- [The School Run - Grammar](#) - Articles, resources and explanations on English grammar (includes punctuation).
- [The Children's University of Manchester - Words](#) - Information and quizzes on the use of words in the English language.

- Games

- [BBC Bitesize - Karate Cats English](#) - Play spelling, punctuation and grammar games to win different coloured belts.
- [Roy the Zebra - The Full Stops Game](#) - Decide where to put the full stops.
- [Sheppard Software - Nouns](#) - Click on the fish labelled with nouns to feed them worms.
- [Sheppard Software - Verbs](#) - Click on the robot holding the verb.
- [Vocabulary Ninja - Magic Verbs](#) - Make the stories more interesting by selecting verbs and watch the animation illustrate your choices.
- [Sheppard Software - Adjectives](#) - Click on the spider labelled with an adjective.
- [Big Brown Bear - Nouns, Verbs and Adjectives](#) - Sort words into nouns, verbs and adjectives.
- [Scootle - Super Stories: Nouns and Adjectives](#) - This game teaches how nouns and adjectives work and how they can be used to improve your writing.

● Handwriting

Speak to your child's teacher about the type of handwriting taught at their school and stage.

- Videos/Learning Materials

- [The School Run - Handwriting](#) - Articles, resources and explanations on handwriting.
- [BBC Bitesize - Handwriting](#) - Learner guides and videos on handwriting.
- [Oxford Owl - Handwriting](#) - A guide for parents on what to expect and how to support their child with handwriting.
- [ICT Games - Sky Writer](#) - Select cursive or non-cursive writing, then a letter, and watch the airplane demonstrate letter formations.

- Games

- [Doorway Online - Number and Letter Formation](#) - Watch, follow or trace the formation of letters and numbers.
- [ICT Games - Writing Repeater](#) - Write using a trackpad or onto the screen and then play back the letter/word formation.

● **Creating Texts**

- [The Literacy Shed](#) - a range of videos, pictures and story starts to inspire writing
- [Pobble 365](#) - supports teachers with creative writing activities whether it be generating interesting vocabulary or teaching punctuation or grammar. For every day of the year it begins with a thought provoking image to stimulate inspiring ideas. It's free.
- [BBC Bitesize - Creative Writing](#) - Learner guides to creative writing.
- [BBC Bitesize - Factual Writing](#) - Learner guides to factual writing.
- [Enchanted Learning - Word Lists](#) - Themed word banks to support spelling and inspire writing as your child creates texts at home.