

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

General Resources

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

[Education Scotland](#) - Supporting Literacy at home.

[Woodlands School Literacy Zone](#) - Activities and guides to support words and spelling, punctuation, grammar and writing.

[Oxford Owl](#) - A parent guide to supporting reading and literacy skills at different stages.

[Talk 4 Writing](#) - Free school closure writing resources.

[National Literacy Trust](#) - Engaging reading and writing activities, book lists, videos, audiobooks, competitions and reading challenges, curated for early years to early teens.

Areas of the English/Literacy Curriculum

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Listening & Talking

- Video/Learning Materials

- [BBC Bitesize](#) - speaking and Listening video clips
- [The School Run](#) - advice and practical ideas to encourage good listening and talking

- Online resources

- [BBC School Radio](#) - Online audio stories for children on a broad range of primary topics. Stories are typically about 5 minutes long and ideal for fostering speaking and listening skills and stimulating children's imaginations. New stories added each week.
- [BBC Schools Podcasts](#) - new episodes weekly
- [Harper Collins](#) - a selection of audiobooks free to listen to
- [CBBC Newsround](#) - reports and articles to listen to and read relating to a wide range of current affairs and topical issues

Reading

● General Online resources

- [OVERDRIVE KIDS from Edinburgh Libraries](#) - Access to 1000s of brilliant ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and comics for children and teens. Sign in with an Edinburgh library card is required.

● Comprehension

- [Oxford Owl - Reading - Comprehension](#) - A 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 3=P4, Year 4=P5, Year 5=P6, Year 6=P7
- [BBC Bitesize - Understanding Texts](#) A guide to how metaphors and similes, personification, inferences, synonyms and antonyms are used in texts.
- [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 & 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.

● Reading for Enjoyment

- [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.

● Genre

- [BBC Bitesize - A guide to different types of text](#)

Writing

● Spelling

- [Spell zone](#) - an online English spelling resource for pupils aged seven to adult. It unlocks the mystery of English spelling and is adaptable for all abilities including students learning English as a foreign language and those with dyslexia. Access free with an Edinburgh library card.
- [BBC Bitesize - Spelling](#) - Second level spelling guide.
- [Spelling Frame](#) - Word lists, games and activities to practise spelling rules and patterns.
- [TopMarks - Spelling](#) - A range of spelling games.
- [The School Run](#) - A range of spelling strategies to try at home.

● Punctuation

- [BBC Bitesize - Punctuation](#) - Second level punctuation guide.
- [Wordwall - Punctuation Games](#) - Various punctuation games.

● Grammar

- [Funbrain - Grammar Gorillas](#) - a fun game to help learners identify parts of speech (nouns, adverbs, pronouns etc.)
- [BBC Bitesize - Grammar](#) - Second level grammar guide.

● Handwriting

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

- [BBC Bitesize - Handwriting: Joining Letters](#) - A guide to joining letters.
- [Twinkl YouTube Video](#) - A beginners guide to cursive handwriting.

● **Creating Texts**

- [The Literacy Shed](#) - A range of videos, pictures and story starters 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](#) - A guide to creative writing.
- [BBC Bitesize - Factual Writing](#) - A guide to factual writing.
- [Enchanted Learning - Word Lists](#) - Themed word banks to support spelling and inspire writing as your child creates texts at home.