

English Stars is jam-packed with literary, persuasive and informative texts to engage students and ensure the targeted teaching of English concepts.

Sourced Texts

We've partnered with Australian and international publishers to provide a wide range of multimedia texts. Our selection includes modern children's literature, poems, news reports, songs and fairytales.

Why not include these great texts in your library or as part of your reading program?

| Text Name | Author | Text Type | Location |
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| 30 Australian Sports Legends | Loretta Barnard | Biography | 1.1 Comprehension – 30 Australian Sports Legends |
| Snowy: The Diary of Eva Fischer | Siobhan McHugh | Imaginative Recount | A1 Comprehension Test |
| My Girragundji | Meme McDonald & Boori Pryor | Narrative | 2.1 Comprehension – My Girragundji 2.7 Make Connections in Texts |
| The Ugly Duckling | Hans Christian Andersen | Fairytales | 2.7 Make Connections in Texts |
| Caught in the Crowd | Kate Miller-Heidke | Song (video) | 2.7 Make Connections in Texts |
| Bully on the Bus | Kathryn Apel | Poem | 2.7 Make Connections in Texts |
| Bleakboy and Hunter Stand Out in the Rain | Steven Herrick | Narrative | 2.7 Make Connections in Texts |
| Two Weeks with the Queen | Morris Gleitzman | Narrative | 2.9 Punctuation for Quoted Speech |
| New Boy | Nick Earls | Narrative | 2.9 Punctuation for Quoted Speech 3.4 Comprehension – New Boy |
| Refuge | Jackie French | Narrative | 3.1 Comprehension – Refuge 3.6 Sensory Language 3.8 Different Authors, Similar Themes |
| James and the Giant Peach | Roald Dahl | Narrative | 3.3 An Author's Style |
| Wonder | RJ Palacio | Narrative | 3.3 An Author's Style |
| Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire | JK Rowling | Narrative | 3.3 An Author's Style |
| WeirDo 1 | Anh Do | Narrative | 3.3 An Author's Style |
| I Can Jump Puddles | Alan Marshall | Narrative | 3.3 An Author's Style |
| Just Crazy | Andy Griffiths | Narrative | 3.3 An Author's Style |
| The Curious Dictionary | Nick Earls & Terry Whidborne | Narrative | 3.3 An Author's Style 3.8 Different Authors, Similar Themes |
| The Peasant Prince | Li Cunxin | Narrative | 3.3 An Author's Style |
| Billionaire Boy | David Walliams | Narrative | 3.3 An Author's Style |
| The BFG | Roald Dahl | Narrative | 3.3 An Author's Style |
| Charlie and the Chocolate Factory | Roald Dahl | Narrative | 3.7 Comprehension – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory |
| The Little Refugee | Anh Do & Suzanne Do | Narrative | 3.8 Different Authors, Similar Themes |
| Making a Point | Margery & Michael Forde | Play | 4.1 Comprehension – Making a Point 4.2 Create Characters 4.7 Plot 4.8 Dialogue and Stage Directions |
| BTN: Australian Accents | Australian Broadcasting Corporation | News Report (video) | 4.4 Australian Accents |
| My Country | Dorothea Mackellar | Poem | 4.4 Australian Accents |
| Pirates | Lesley Englert, Ann Hogan & Peter Stannard | Play | 4.8 Dialogue and Stage Directions |
| Boy Overboard | Patricia Cornelius | Play | 4.8 Dialogue and Stage Directions |
| Bridget: A New Australian | J Moloney | Narrative | 5.1 Comprehension – Bridget: A New Australian 5.2 Cohesive Links 5.8 Adverb Phrases |
| Two Hands Together | Diana Kidd | Narrative | A7 Comprehension Test |
| BTN: Piracy Crackdown | Australian Broadcasting Corporation | News Report (video) | 7.1 Comprehension – BTN: Piracy Crackdown |
| BTN: Fake News | Australian Broadcasting Corporation | News Report (video) | 7.7 Comprehension – BTN: Fake News |

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| Toby: Not Good Enough (from <i>On Track</i>) | Kathryn Apel | Poem | 8.1 Comprehension – Toby: Not Good Enough |
| Daffodils | William Wordsworth | Poem | 8.2 Imagery 8.4 Sound Devices 8.6 Ballads |
| Ode of Remembrance | Laurence Binyon | Poem | 8.3 Task – Write Any Poem |
| Ampersand | Patrick Winstanley | Poem | 8.3 Task – Write Any Poem |
| Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day? | William Shakespeare | Sonnet | 8.3 Task – Write Any Poem |
| Annabel Lee | Edgar Allan Poe | Poem | 8.4 Sound Devices 8.6 Ballads |
| Jingle Bells | James Lord Pierpont | Song | 8.5 Language Patterns |
| Hokey Pokey | Larry LaPrise and Robert Degen | Song | 8.5 Language Patterns |
| This Old Man | Unknown | Song | 8.5 Language Patterns |
| Waltzing Matilda | AB 'Banjo' Paterson | Song | 8.6 Ballads |
| Mulga Bill's Bicycle | AB 'Banjo' Paterson | Ballad | 8.6 Ballads |
| Black Velvet Band | Unknown | Song | 8.6 Ballads |
| The Dying Stockman | Unknown | Ballad | 8.6 Ballads |
| Fog | Carl Sandburg | Poem | 8.8 Free Verse |
| Shaun: Toby and Me (from <i>On Track</i>) | Kathryn Apel | Poem | 8.8 Free Verse |
| Winter Poem | Nikki Giovanni | Poem | 8.8 Free Verse |
| The Man from Snowy River | AB 'Banjo' Paterson | Ballad | 8.9 Build a Ballad |
| The Wild Colonial Boy | Unknown | Ballad (video) | 8.9 Build a Ballad |

Bespoke Texts

English Stars also contains texts that have been specifically created to teach concepts, practise comprehension skills, model text types and be used as stimulus for activities.

| Text Name | Text Type | Location |
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| Measuring Friction | Procedure | 1.4 Comprehension – Measuring Friction |
| The Little Lunar Kitchen | Procedure (video) | 1.6 Task – Write a Recipe |
| Eaton Lake | Map | 1.7 Comprehension – Eaton Lake 1.10 Task – Write Directions |
| Smacking Is Not Ok! | Persuasive Essay | 2.4 Persuasive Essay Structure 2.11 Design Principles |
| Vote For Me! | Persuasive Speech (video) | 2.5 Comprehension – Vote For Me! |
| Transcript: Vote For Me! | Persuasive Speech | 2.5 Comprehension – Vote For Me! 2.6 Task – Write a Persuasive Speech |
| Book Review: Little Brother | Discussion/Book Review (video) | 3.8 Different Authors, Similar Themes 3.12 Write a Book Pitch 3.14 Oral Presentation Skills |
| Paper Planes Film Review | Film Review | 3.11 Evaluative Language |
| The Fishing Trip | Play | 4.5 Comprehension – The Fishing Trip 4.9 Play Script Format and Structure |
| Plot Outline (Home Alone) | Plot Outline | 4.7 Plot |
| Red Letter Day | Play | 4.9 Play Script Format and Structure |
| The Weird Day | Recount | 5.4 Comprehension – The Weird Day |
| Boxing: For and Against | Discussion | 6.1 Comprehension – Boxing: For and Against |
| Shark Nets: For and Against | Discussion | 6.4 Comprehension – Shark Nets: For and Against 6.8 Discussion Article Structure 6.11 Revise Design Principles |

| Text Name | Text Type | Location |
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| Research on Dams | Discussion | 6.9 Task – Discuss Dams |
| Animal Testing: For and Against | Discussion | 6.10 Comprehension – Animal Testing: For and Against |
| News Video Script Exemplar | News Script | 7.3 Finding Facts 7.5 News Video Script Features |
| Rock Star Throws Tiara in River | News Script | 7.4 Comprehension – Rock Star Throws Tiara in River |
| Jack and the Viper | Ballad | 8.7 Task – From Ballad to Story |
| The New Girl at School | Ballad | 8.9 Build a Ballad |
| The Class of Year 6 Students | Ballad | 8.9 Build a Ballad |