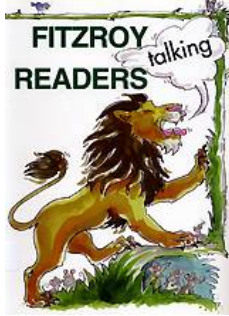


The Fitzroy Talking Stories (Years K to 2)

This software does just what a personal tutor would do—only with infinite patience! It reads pages, repeats any word on request (in a different voice), lets the student creatively alter or rewrite any story and print it, and play word games with the vocabulary of each story.



There are two *Fitzroy Talking Stories* CDs, each containing twenty books:

Books 1–10 and 1X–10X (*beginner level*)

Books 11–20 and 21–30 (*more advanced*)

Each CD offers facilities to read and write stories, plus an extra activity to suit the child's level of skill. All images on the CD versions are in colour, with support for both colour and monochrome printers.

Reading

Children can hear each story read as often as they like and read along as they gain confidence. Each word is highlighted as it is read. If children wish to read by themselves they need only click on an unfamiliar word to hear it spoken by the computer.

Writing

Children can write their own version of the stories, then print them with or without the illustrations. The software can also read their story aloud.

Alphabet game

An alphabet game is included on the Books 1–10X CD. This game helps children relate upper and lower case letters, and match the shapes of each letter with the corresponding sound and name.

Word Square

More experienced readers often enjoy the challenge of a word square, so software to make word squares has been included on the Books 11–30 CD. Word square puzzles can be solved on the screen, or printed for off-computer use. The computer speaks the word after the child clicks on the correct letters in sequence. The words are chosen from the stories.

Teacher controls

Many aspects of the activities can be adjusted to suit students' needs. Clues can be enabled or disabled, puzzles can be made suitably challenging, printing facilities can be turned on or off, the stories available can be restricted to a particular set and so on. Teacher settings can be protected by a password if necessary.

Fitzroy Readers (Books)

The *Fitzroy Readers* are a popular series of books for helping children learn to read. They are based on a progressive phonic system, making them particularly successful with children whose progress with traditional readers is slow. Each book introduces a new English sound-and-spelling pattern, as well as a few sight words that do not conform to phonic principles.