



## ***Reading Freedom***

A comprehensive, fully integrated phonics series of 5 levels that are carefully structured to teach students the skills they need to become effective readers. They are especially useful for students with reading difficulties, and are intended for use in the middle primary years, secondary schools, with adult learners and for students learning English as a second language.

The strength of *Reading Freedom* is in its modern phonics-based approach and its fundamental principles of structured instruction, and positive reinforcement through the demonstrated mastery of basic reading skills.

In ***Reading Freedom 1*** students start by learning the sounds the letters make and go on to blend these sounds together to make words. Students also learn to spell these words, and to read sentences made from the words. They then go onto adding word endings and then to reading comprehension passages based around the sounds and words learned in each unit of work. When students have completed *Reading Freedom 1* they will have mastered the skill of reading words containing single letter sound correspondences.



In ***Reading Freedom 2*** students learn to use sophisticated phonics skills to read words containing vowel and consonant digraphs, vowel-consonant-final 'e', long vowels and the soft 'c' and soft 'g' sounds, and asks them to demonstrate mastery of these words through a series of activities. This involves blending words that cannot be recognised immediately, spelling, and extensive word recognition activities that include the reading of comprehension passages based around the sounds and words learned in each unit of work.

***Reading Freedom 3*** is specifically designed for students at the intermediate stage of their reading acquisition, including those students with reading problems. The program enables students to use sophisticated phonics skills to read words containing diphthongs, vowel sounds before 'r', vowel digraphs and silent letters, and asks them to demonstrate mastery of these words through a series of activities. This involves blending words that cannot be recognised immediately, spelling, basic sight vocabulary, and extensive word recognition activities.

***Reading Freedom 4*** is specifically designed for students who lack independent reading skills, including those students with reading problems.

The program teaches students to use the essential skills necessary to deal with the long and complex words they encounter in their reading experiences. It enables them to read multi syllabic words and those containing prefixes, base words and suffixes, compound words, and contractions. Students are asked to demonstrate mastery of these words through a series of activities. This involves dividing and then reading words that cannot be recognised immediately, spelling, extensive word recognition activities and vocabulary development.



***The Reading Freedom 5 - Achievement Tests*** is a valuable diagnostic tool for parents and teachers. The carefully structured tests have been specifically designed to monitor student progress through the Reading Freedom series of programs, by providing a familiar and non-threatening form of assessment.



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They are an effective means of monitoring efficiency of instruction, demonstrating mastery of the reading skills learnt and indicating areas that need further reinforcement, while providing an encouraging record of progress for students.

The program is self-marking, and compiles a comprehensive, printable record of the results attained for each test. Student achievement is also recognised with the awarding of printable certificates that can be viewed on screen at any time.

The interactive exercises, voiceover support, motivational activities and reinforcement through positive feedback combine to help students gradually develop their skills so they can read these words with accuracy and fluency. The program is fully interactive, and students are able to listen to individual words and sounds that are new to them while enjoying the colourful graphics.

Parents and teachers are able to view and print student results, as well as a list of problem words recorded by the program for each student. Pass rates can also be changed to meet teaching needs.

Printable certificates are awarded for successful completion of each of the 17 units of work covering 52 individual lessons.