

# More to explore

Macmillan Factual Readers,

Macmillan Children's Readers,

Macmillan Explorers Phonics,

YLE Practice tests,

YL Portal

*If children have interests then  
education happens*

*Sugata Mitra*

# Macmillan Extra Resources

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**MACMILLAN factual READERS**

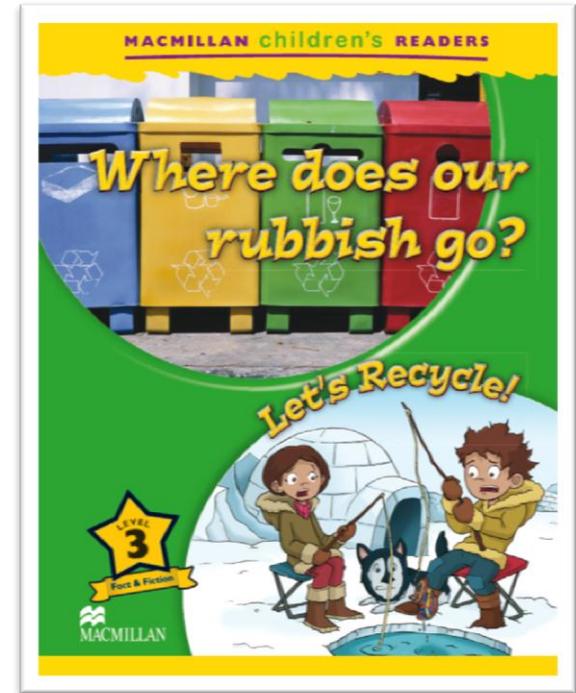
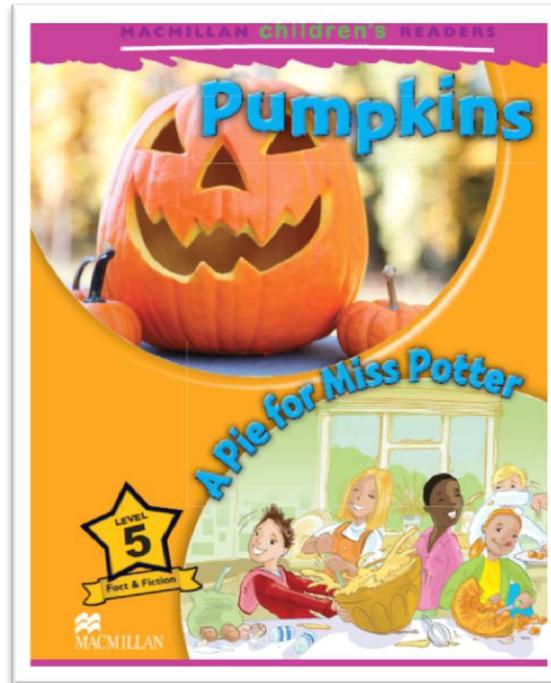
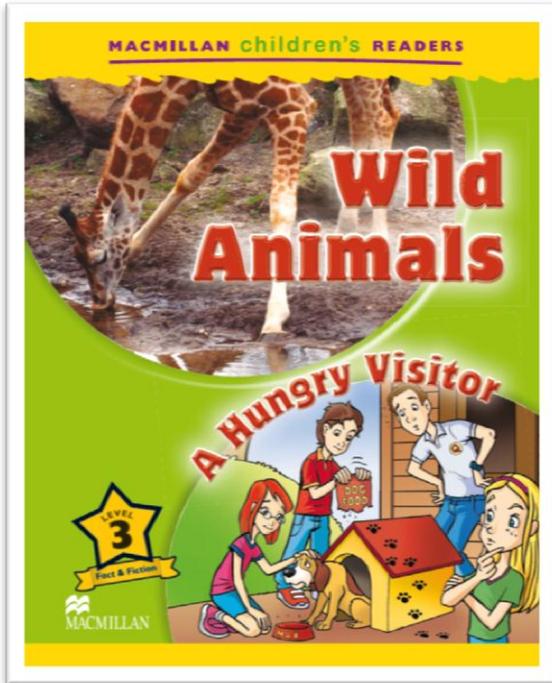
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# MACMILLAN children's READERS



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### Growing pumpkins

The best time to plant a pumpkin seed is at the end of spring. Plant it in a small pot or a plastic cup. Water it and keep it warm.



seed

leaf stem

roots

Seven to ten days after planting, the roots begin to grow. Then the stem begins to grow.

Three to four weeks after planting, the plant, which is called a vine, is a little bigger. The leaves are growing. You can now plant the vine outside.



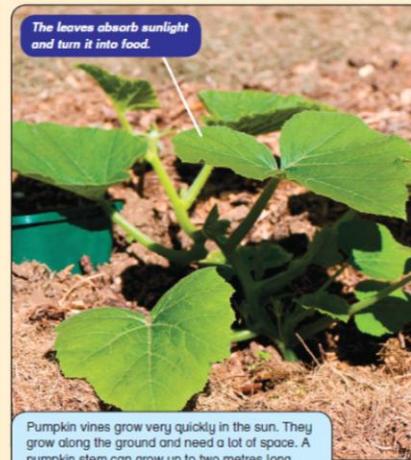
The roots absorb water and food from the soil.



Snails love eating pumpkin leaves, so it's a good idea to protect the vine with a jar.

About six weeks after planting, the vine is much bigger. It has got more leaves.

The leaves absorb sunlight and turn it into food.



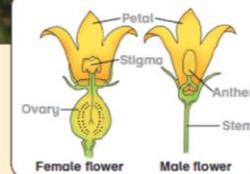
Pumpkin vines grow very quickly in the sun. They grow along the ground and need a lot of space. A pumpkin stem can grow up to two metres long.

About ten weeks after planting, big yellow flowers appear on the vine. These flowers are not all the same. Some are male flowers and some are female flowers.

female flower



male flower



Female flower

Male flower

The summer holiday is over. It's 5th September, the first day of the new school year at St George's Primary School, in London.



The children ask Miss Potter some questions.



Boys and girls, this is our new teaching assistant. Her name is Miss Potter. She's from the USA and she's going to be with us for one year. I want you to make her feel very welcome.



# Macmillan Factual Readers Quiz

# Questions 1-5

1. What is the world's longest snake?
2. Where are a butterfly's main taste buds?
3. Do polar bears live in the North or South Pole?
4. How many bones are there in the human body?  
106, 206 or 306?
5. Which volcano destroyed the town of Pompeii?

# Questions 6-9

6. What is the name of the river Rome is built on?
7. What is the term for a flat, layered cloud that often brings rain?
8. What is the largest species of shark?
9. Which continent contains nearly half of all the world's tropical rainforests?

# Questions 10-13

10. Approximately how long did it take Concorde to cross the Atlantic in its record-breaking fastest ever flight? Two, three or four hours?
11. What is an Ancient Egyptian king called?
12. What is the name of the galaxy we live in?

# Quiz ANSWERS

# Question 1

- Q: What is the world's longest snake?
- A: The python.

## Question 2

- Q: Where are a butterfly's main taste buds?
- A: On its feet.

# Question 3

- Q: Do polar bears live in the North or South Pole?
- A: North Pole.

# Question 4

- Q: How many bones are there in the human body? 106, 206 or 306?
- A: 206.

# Question 5

- Q: Which volcano destroyed the town of Pompeii?
- A: Mount Vesuvius.

# Question 6

- Q: What is the name of the river Rome is built on?
- A: The River Tiber.

# Question 7

- Q: What is the term for a flat, layered cloud that often brings rain?
- A: Stratus.

# Question 8

- Q: What is the largest species of shark?
- A: The whale shark.

# Question 9

- Q: Which continent contains nearly half of all the world's tropical rainforests?
- A: South America.

# Question 10

- Q: Approximately how long did it take Concorde to cross the Atlantic in its record-breaking fastest ever flight? Two, three or four hours?
- A: Three hours.

# Question 11

- Q: What is an Ancient Egyptian king called?
- A: A Pharaoh.

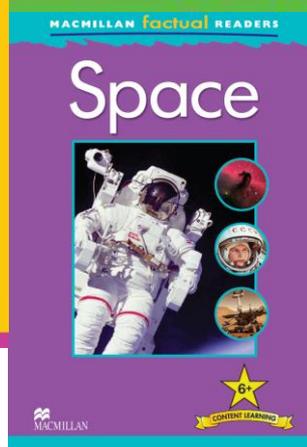
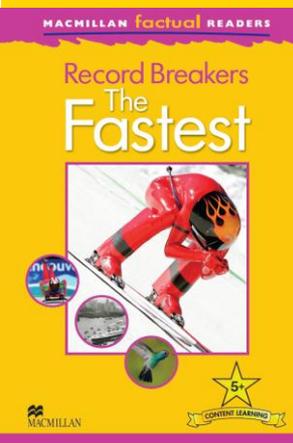
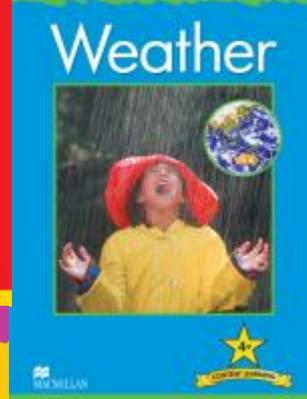
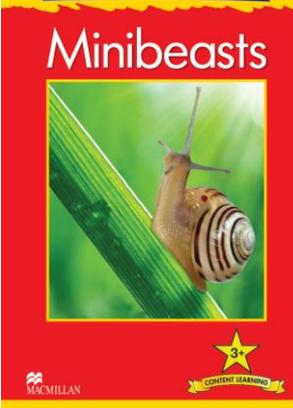
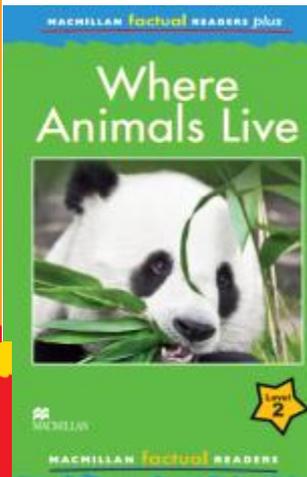
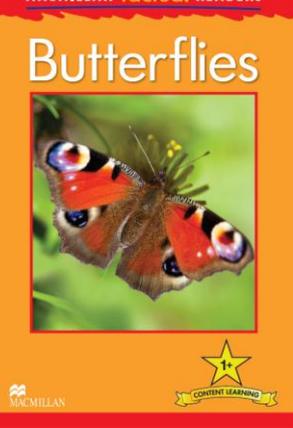
# Question 12

- What is the name of the galaxy we live in?
- The Milky Way.

# Tie-breaker: *Flight*, Level 4

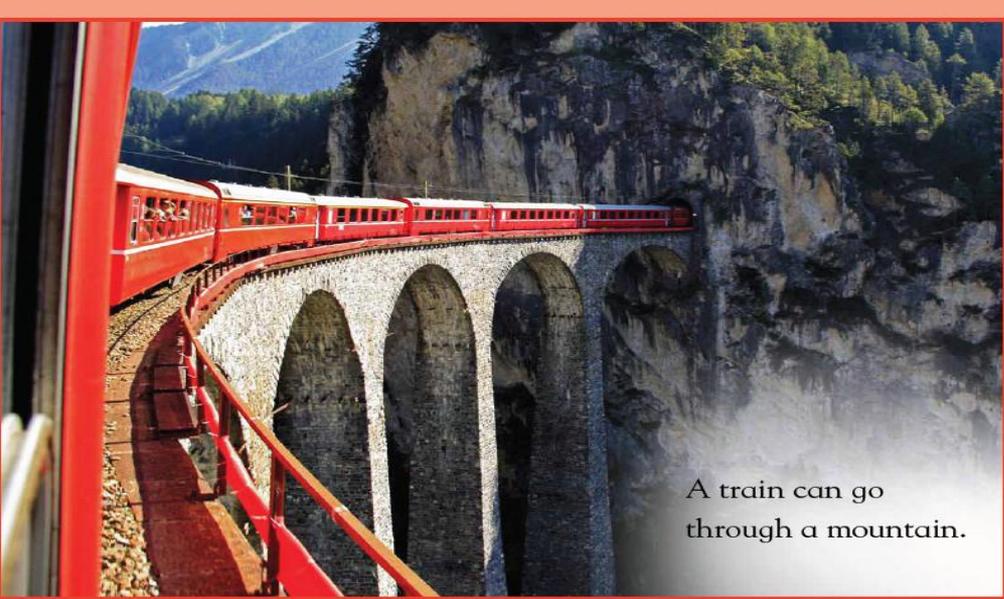
- Q: How many passengers can the biggest airliner in the world (the Airbus A380) carry?
- A: 853

# Macmillan Factual Readers



- Six levels – careful grading and clear progression
- Complements and extends the MCR series by focussing on purely factual content: Macmillan Factual Readers
- CLIL focus
- Wide range of high interest topics, also appealing to boys and reluctant readers
- Engages young minds

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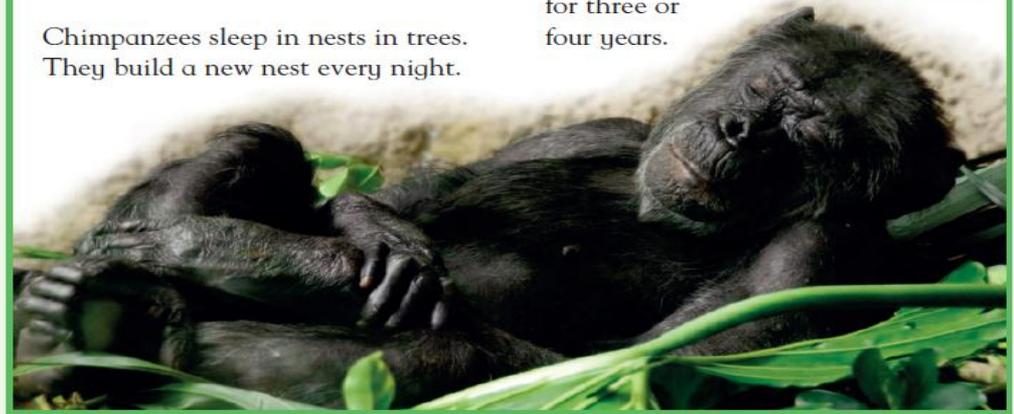
A train can go through a mountain.

## Chimpanzees

Chimpanzees live in forests in Africa. Their long arms help them swing from the trees.

Chimpanzees sleep in nests in trees. They build a new nest every night.

Chimps live with lots of families in a colony. The baby chimp keeps close to its mother for three or four years.



## Minibeast senses

Minibeasts use their senses to find out about the world around them. A fly has two huge eyes on the sides of its head.

Each eye has hundreds of tiny lenses. The insect uses its eyes to see tiny movements.

### Did you know?

A cricket has ears on its front legs. They are tiny holes with skin stretched across the top.



Insects use antennae for smelling. A mole moth has long antennae that look like feathers. It can pick up smells from a long way away. Insects also use their antennae for tasting and touching things.



### Did you know?

Spiders can't see very well. They use the hairs on their bodies to help them find their way.



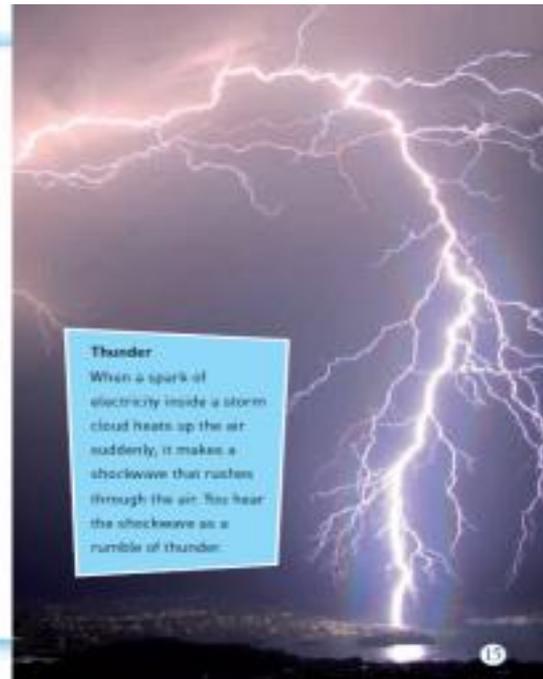
## Lightning and thunder

A flash of lightning is a spectacular sight. Lightning comes from giant storm clouds, called cumulonimbus clouds. They are full of water droplets and bits of ice that are flung up and down by super-strong winds.



Storm clouds can be 15 kilometres tall!

Inside a storm cloud, the water droplets and bits of ice crash into each other. This makes electricity in the cloud. When there is too much electricity for the cloud to hold, the electricity jumps to the ground making a giant spark. This is lightning.



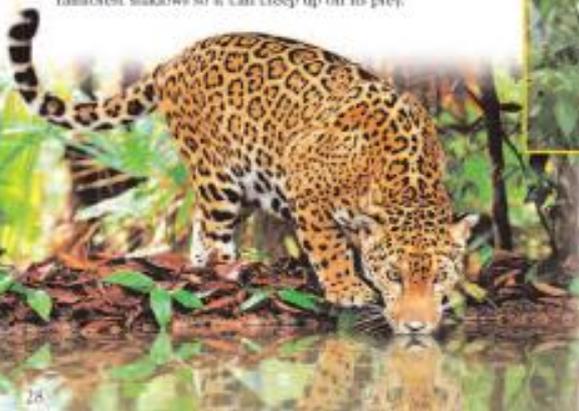
### Thunder

When a spark of electricity inside a storm cloud heats up the air suddenly, it makes a shockwave that rushes through the air. You hear the shockwave as a rumble of thunder.

## King of the rainforest

Danger lurks at every level of a tropical rainforest. Animals on the ground must watch out for the biggest cat in the rainforest, the jaguar. The jaguar likes to prowl along tree branches, searching the forest floor for mice or larger animals such as monkeys, tapirs and deer. This big cat moves very quietly on padded paws.

The jaguar's spotted coat helps it to blend into the rainforest shadows so it can creep up on its prey.



It swims and climbs trees well. A jaguar hunts alone and can hook out fish from the river with a paw.

A jaguar will even fight an alligator and its powerful jaws can cut through a turtle's shell. These cats usually hunt at night and they have excellent eyesight. Jaguars rest and sleep in the trees, often with a leg or tail hanging over a branch.



The jaguar hunts monkeys, such as this squirrel monkey, in the lower branches of trees.

### Jaguars in danger

Jaguars once roamed the rainforests freely, using trees as cover. Today they are in danger of disappearing as rainforests are cleared. The animals are shot for their fur and by farmers who say they will kill their cats.

## Building at Giza

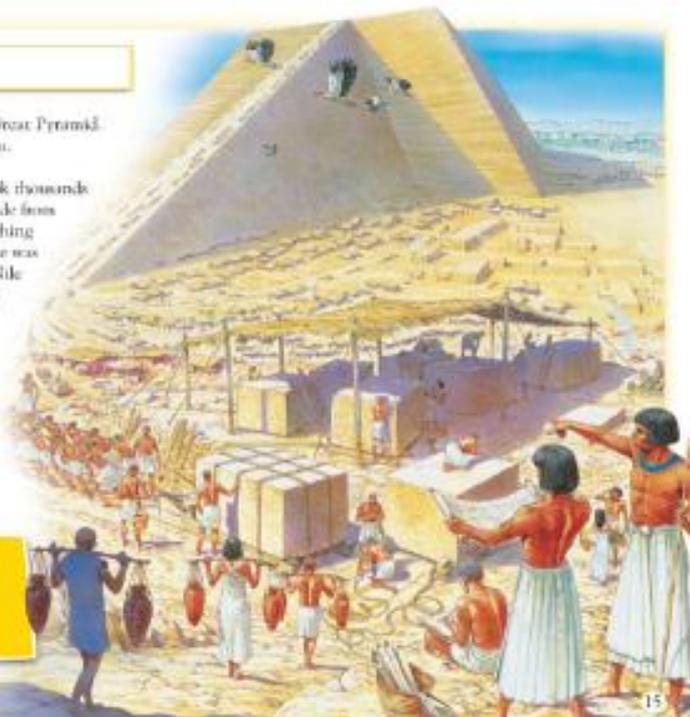
The biggest monument at Giza is the Great Pyramid. It is the tomb of a pharaoh called Khufu.

Building the Great Pyramid probably took thousands of workers more than 20 years. It was made from more than 2.5 million stone blocks, weighing between 2 and 15 tonnes each. The stone was cut from quarries and carried down the Nile in barges. Then labourers loaded it on to wooden sleds and dragged them over rollers to the site.

The builders probably built ramps from mud brick and soil to pull the stones up. Later they knocked the ramps away. Secret tunnels led to the burial chamber, sealed with massive stones. Even so, their treasures were stolen by robbers.

### Wonder of the world

The Great Pyramid was 147 metres tall and it was the tallest building on Earth for thousands of years. Over time the wind and sand have worn it down and today it is 137 metres high.



- Due to CLIL content, specific vocabulary required
- More words on a page to get the detail across
- Frequent repetition of key words
- Photographic assistance
- Glossary

## Glossary

**aircraft** A machine that flies.

**airliner** A large plane that carries passengers.

**climb** To fly upwards.

**cockpit** The space in a plane where the pilot sits.

**descend** To fly downwards.

**drag** A push from the air that slows down a plane.

**engine** A machine that pushes a plane along.

**exhaust** Where gases come out of an engine.

**fuselage** The body of a plane, shaped like a tube.

**glider** A plane with no engine.

**gliding** Flying without moving wings (bird) or using an engine (plane).

**hover** To stay in one place while flying.

**landing gear** Aircraft wheels used for landing, take-off and moving on the ground.

**lift** An upwards push made by a plane's wings.

**nectar** A sweet liquid that flowers make to attract insects and birds.

**pilot** A person who flies a plane.

**predator** An animal that eats other animals.

**propeller** An object like a fan that is turned by a plane's engine. It pushes a plane along.

**rotor** Part of a machine that spins round very fast.

**runway** A long, wide area where planes take off and land.

**skydiver** A person who jumps from a plane and lands using a parachute.

**spy plane** A plane that flies high in the sky and takes photographs of the ground below.

**thrust** The push made by a plane's engines.

**turbine** Part of a jet engine, a bit like a fan. It spins when gas rushes through it.

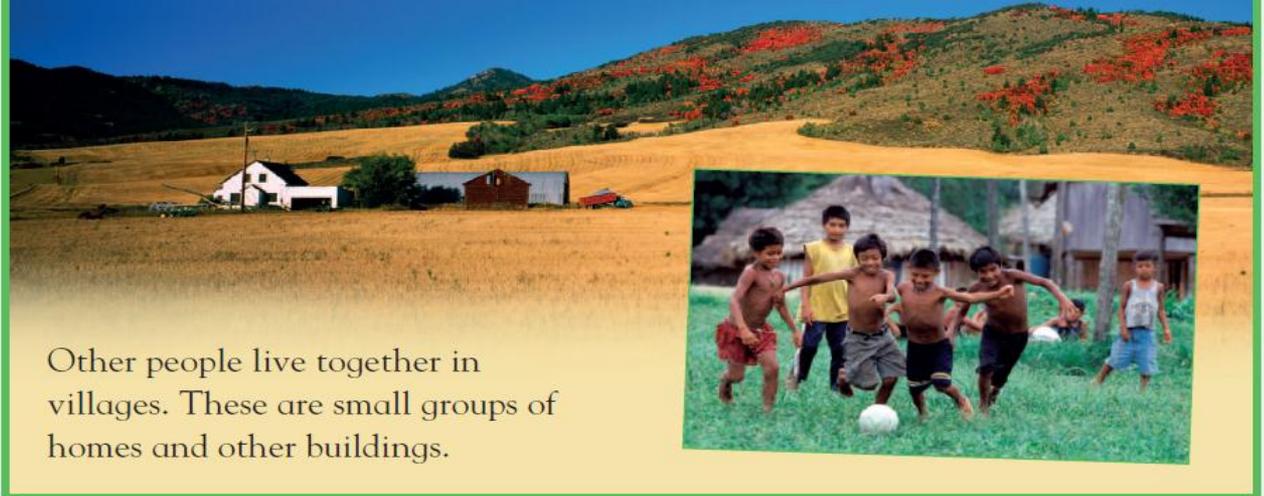
**weight** The pull made by gravity that makes things fall to the ground.

**wings** The parts of a plane or a flying animal that lift the plane or animal into the air.



## In the countryside

Some people live in the countryside and work on farms. They may live in homes far from each other.



Other people live together in villages. These are small groups of homes and other buildings.



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- International scope

# Links to Primary Courses

## Macmillan Factual Readers - Mapping to YL courses

Level	Title	Macmillan English	English World	Bugs World	Quest	Footprints	Brilliant	Top Deck
1	Butterflies		Level 4 unit 6 (insects + animals)	Level 1 unit 1				
	Jobs People Do		Level 3 unit 3 (jobs for men & women)	Level 6 unit 3		Level 4 unit 4, Level 6 unit 4	Level 3 unit 5	
	Trains	Level 1 unit 11	Level 3 unit 7 (trains & eco transport)					
	Snakes Alive							
2	Where Animals Live	Level 1 unit 8	Level 2 units 8+9 (animals & sea creatures)	Level 1 unit 4+6 + Level 3 unit 1	Level 1 unit 5 (only Animals) + Level 2 unit 3 (Jungles) + Level 3 unit 2 (what animals eat)			
	Your Body		Level 2 unit 6	Level 2 unit 3	Level 1, unit 3	Level 1 unit 3		
	Fur and Feathers	Level 1 unit 15						
	Where We Live	Level 1 unit 5	Level 1 unit 7 (rooms in a house)		Level 2 unit 1 (only House)	Level 2 unit 6		Level 1 unit 1 (deserts) + Level 2 unit 1
3	Minibeasts							
	Volcanoes	Level 4 unit 2		Level 5 unit 6				Level 2 unit 1
	The Romans	Level 3 unit 14						
	The Biggest					Level 4 unit 5		
4	Pirates		Level 2 units 3+5 (pirate-theme only)				Level 1 unit 5	
	Sharks							
	Weather	Level 1 unit 14, Level 2 unit 13	Level 1 unit 12			Level 2 unit 5	Level 3 unit 6	
	Flight	Level 3 unit 7	level 4 units 3+4 (birds and animals)					
5	The Rainforest	Coral reefs, Level 3 unit 12		Level 3 unit 7 (places around the world)		Forests - level 4 unit 9		
	The Fastest		Level 3 unit 6 (sports winners)					Level 1 unit 3 (the Olympics)
6	Ancient Egyptians		Level 4 unit 7+8+11 (people and cultures)	Level 5 unit 7				Level 2 unit 3
	Space	Level 5 unit 8	Level 4 unit 10	Level 1 unit 3 (the Moon)	Level 3 unit 6	Level 6 unit 5		Level 1 Unit 6

# Macmillan Factual Readers Plus

- Same six levels as the MCR
- Added 'plus'

Level 1 +	
Level 2 +	◀ ◀ ◀
Level 3 +	
Level 4 +	
Level 5 +	
Level 6 +	

# Support materials

MACMILLAN FACTUAL READERS COMPONENTS CHART					
READERS					
LEVELS	NATURAL SCIENCE/ ENVIRONMENT	HISTORY	ABOUT US	WILDLIFE	TRANSPORT
LEVEL 1+					
LEVEL 2+					
LEVEL 3+					
LEVEL 4+					
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LEVEL 6+					
TEACHER SUPPORT					
WORK-SHEETS					
TEACHING NOTES					
AUDIO MP3					

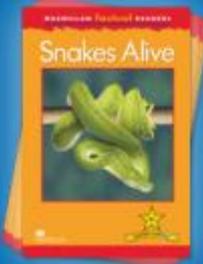
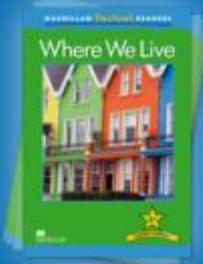
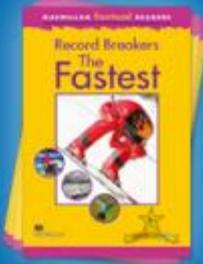
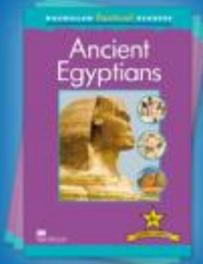
# MACMILLAN **factual** READERS

This six-level series of factual readers allows English language learners to explore a variety of fascinating real-world topics.

Each reader has been carefully graded to reinforce the main structures and vocabulary covered in most major language courses. The use of the plus symbol (+) highlights the increased level of challenge in language as compared to a standard reader, reflecting the focus on content learning.



## Readers levels

					
<a href="#">LEVEL 1 +</a>	<a href="#">LEVEL 2 +</a>	<a href="#">LEVEL 3 +</a>	<a href="#">LEVEL 4 +</a>	<a href="#">LEVEL 5 +</a>	<a href="#">LEVEL 6 +</a>

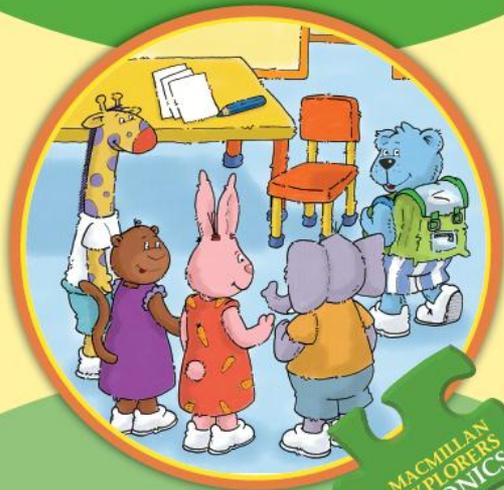
## Audio and worksheets

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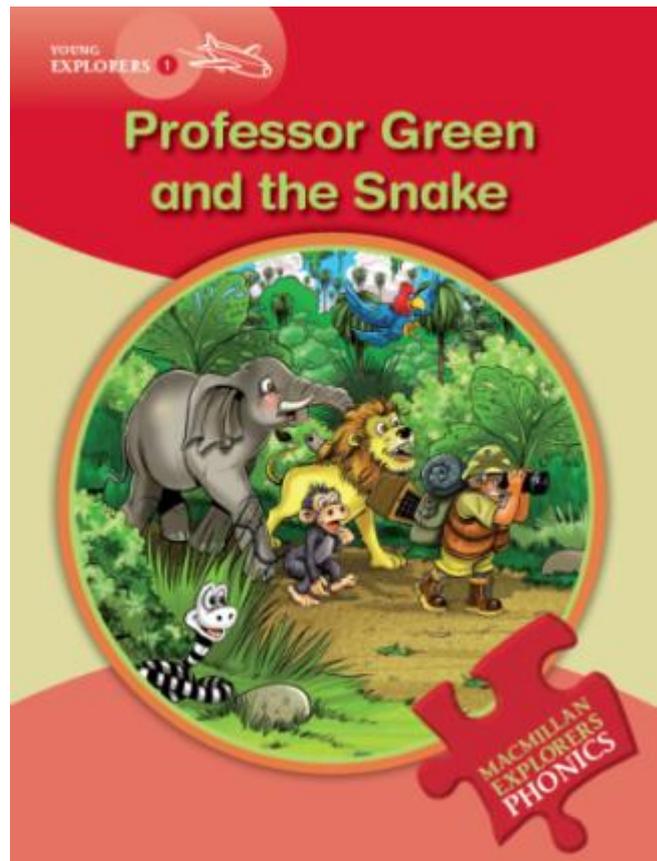
## In Teddy's Bag



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PHONICS

# Phonics Explorers

- 16 titles
- Four lower levels
- Original fiction



Here is my goat. Here is my guitar.



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# Phonics Explorers



'Can you get me a fan?' said Teddy.

'Yes. I can get you a fan,' said Mum.

4

# Phonics Explorers

- Based on UK approach to reading
- Highlights the phonically regular language
- Develops fluency, builds vocab
- Lots of teacher support





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I like to hide

I like to hide.



12



Am I in the newspaper?  
Am I on the necklace?

13

# Practise and learn

Look at each picture.

Say the word.

Listen to the sound at the beginning of each word.

1



newspaper



necklace

2



oranges



octopus



ostrich

3



piano



pizza



picture

4



quilt



queen



quickly

5



rug



rocket



run

6



sofa



sock



snake

7



teddy



television



table

# Check-up

1 Point to the **n** picture.



2 Point to the **o** picture.



3 Point to the **p** picture.



4 Point to the **q** picture.



5 Point to the **r** picture.



6 Point to the **s** picture.



7 Point to the **t** picture.



- Also work as stand alone Readers as they all form complete stories
- Can be used alongside other reading programmes
- Support: Audio
- Teacher's notes

# From LOTs to HOTs

MCRs

MFRs

Explorers



Knowledge - Comprehension - Application - Analysis - Synthesis – Evaluation

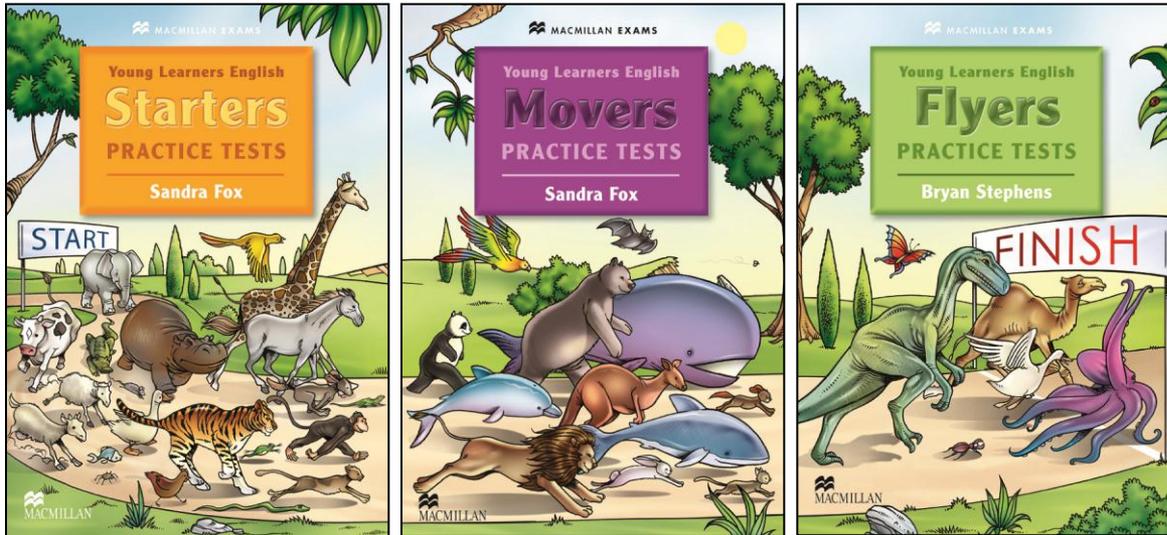
*Where? What?*

*What do you think?*

*What do you understand?*



# MACMILLAN EXAMS



Preparing students for the Cambridge Young Learner English Exams

# The exam experience for young learners

- First experience
- The exam itself
- The book structure

# The Book package

## **In the Teacher's Notes:**

- Full lesson plan for Test 1
- Exam 'plan' for teacher to follow for each test
- Warmers suggestions
- Vocabulary activities
- Revision activities
- Speaking preparation activities and tips
- Answer key
- Full tapescript

## **In the Student's Book:**

- Grammar and vocabulary lists
- Speaking cards to cut out and use
- Listening test audio

# Lesson plan sequence

1. Warmer
2. Preparation for the language
3. Preparation for the task
4. Task
5. Follow up ideas (for many of the sections)

# Young Learner Portal

# Resource websites

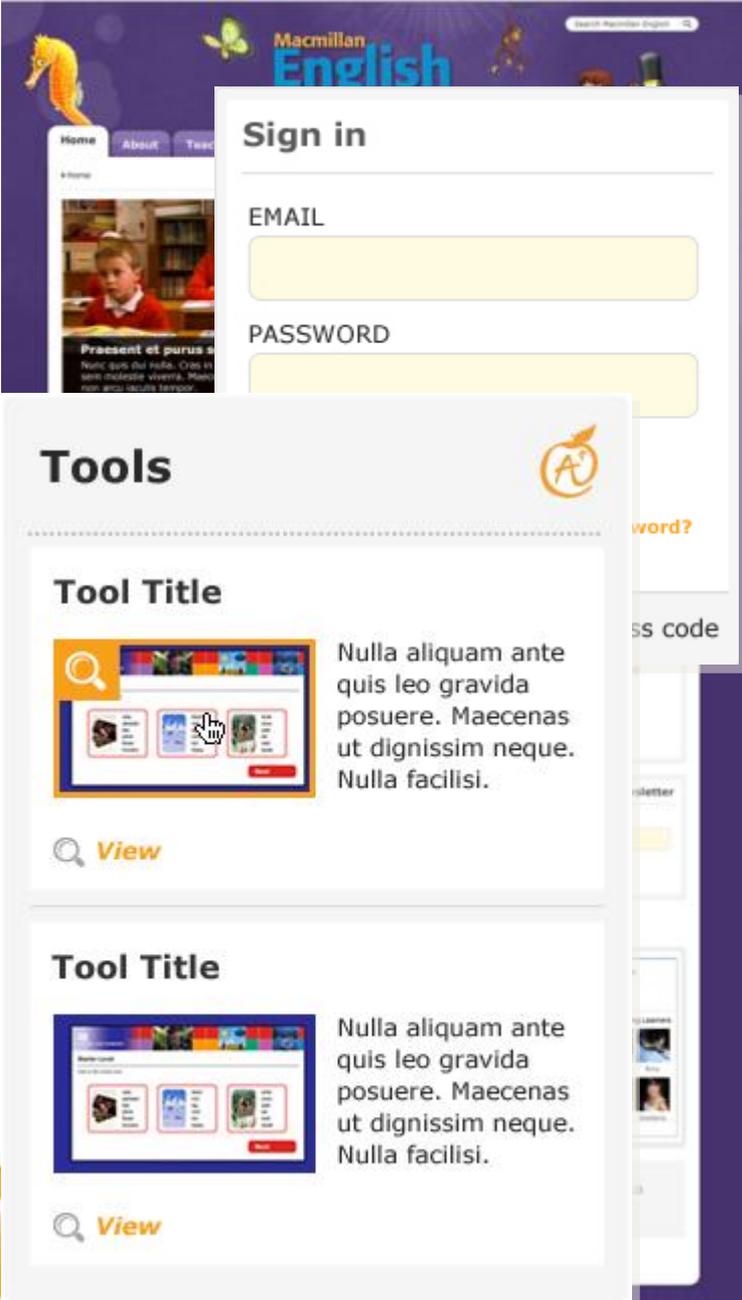
Free access



A screenshot of the Macmillan Young Learners website interface. The page has a purple header with the 'YOUNG LEARNERS' logo and a 'Search Selections' box. Below the header is a 'Selections' section with a 'New Edition' badge and a cartoon character. The main content area features a 'Home' button, a 'Teacher' button, and a 'Parent' button. There are several content cards, including one with a photo of children in a classroom and the text 'Praesent et purus sed nulla pretium blandit!'. On the right side, there is a 'Sign up to our newsletter' form, a 'Sign in' form with fields for email and password, and a 'Visit our new actual Readers website' link. The bottom right corner features the 'design' logo.

# Resource websites

## Subscription content



The image shows a screenshot of the Macmillan Young Learners website. At the top, the logo "MACMILLAN YOUNG LEARNERS" is visible in orange. Below it, the "Macmillan English" logo is displayed in blue and white. A navigation menu includes "Home", "About", and "Teach". A "Sign in" form is overlaid on the right side, featuring fields for "EMAIL" and "PASSWORD". Below the sign-in form, a "Tools" section is visible, containing two tool cards. Each card has a "Tool Title", a thumbnail image of a tool interface, and a "View" button. The text "Nulla aliquam ante quis leo gravida posuere. Maecenas ut dignissim neque. Nulla facilisi." is repeated next to each tool card. The Macmillan Young Learners logo is also present at the bottom of the page.

# Course-branded Teacher Tools

Brainwave TEST BUILDER

## Exercise 4

Write the missing numbers.

3 6 7 -2- 9 5 8 4



## Exercise 5

Write the word.

What are you doing?



- 1 I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I'm \_\_\_\_\_ my doll.

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**Brainwave Test Builder** YOUNG LEARNERS

Create Prewritten My Saved

Choose Level

Choose a Unit

### Welcome to the Brainwave Test Builder

You can use the Test Builder to create new tests from a large bank of exercises.

To get started go to the menus in the top left corner of this screen:

- Select a Level.
- Select a Unit.
- Filter your results by category.

Once you have made your selections you can:

- Select Edit to organize your test.
- Select Preview to view your test.
- Select Print to print your test with or without answers.
- Select Save to save your test to your online profile.
- Select Export to export your test as a PDF.

You can return to tests you have saved by selecting the My Saved tab at the top.

If you would like to start with a test that has been edited and organized for you, select the Prewritten tab.

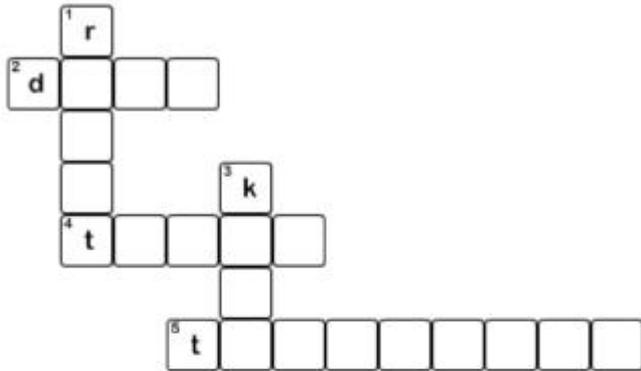
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# A Range of Tools & Software

Toys

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Solve the clues.



List of clues:

Across:

2.



4.



5.



Down:

1.



3.

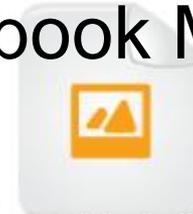


**Maker** 

- Test Builder
- Crossword Maker
- Wordsearch Maker
- Card Factory
- Storybook Maker for IWB
- Top Trumps for IWB

**Maker**

 Create a Text Crossword

 Create a Picture Crossword

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