

Fun and educational websites and apps to assist your child with literacy



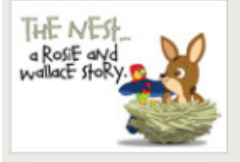



The internet offers a range of engaging educational websites to help children strengthen and consolidate their literacy, numeracy, science, SOSE and other knowledge.

Parents can work with their children to extend their understanding of concepts or simply spend time completing fun, interactive activities with them.




Apart from the resources available through [the Learning Place](#) (Education Queensland's eLearning environment) below is a list of independent websites you may wish to explore to support your child's learning.

Websites

 <p>BBC Skillswise - Words</p> <p>Area: ENGLISH – general</p> <p>Age group: Middle and upper primary and lower secondary</p> <p>Synopsis: This site was developed to help adults improve their reading, writing skills but is also useful for middle to upper primary and lower secondary students. It provides fact sheets, worksheets, quizzes and games in: grammar, spelling, reading, writing, listening and vocabulary.</p>	 <p>BBC KS2 Bitesize</p> <p>Area: ENGLISH – general</p> <p>Age group: lower and middle primary</p> <p>Synopsis: This website provides games and activities in: reading, writing, spelling and grammar.</p>	 <p>Read Write Think</p> <p>Area: ENGLISH - reading and writing</p> <p>Age group: Prep-12</p> <p>Synopsis: Engaging ways to introduce children to reading or to encourage them to write. Provides age-appropriate book suggestions and rainy day activities. The site is fun, educational, and easy to use outside of school. Published by the International Reading Association.</p>
 <p>Woodlands Junior School</p> <p>Area: ENGLISH – general</p> <p>Age group: primary</p> <p>Synopsis: This site provides activities and games in: words and spelling, grammar, punctuation and writing.</p>	 <p>Dust Echoes</p> <p>Area: ENGLISH</p> <p>Age group: Years 5-9</p> <p>Synopsis: These superbly animated Dreaming stories have been collected from the Wugularr (Beswick) Community in Arnhem Land. Visually stunning, the stories illustrate and explain the origins of Aboriginal laws and customs, teach respect and morality and entertain. Activities and study guides can be downloaded. Some of the stories are more suited to secondary students.</p>	 <p>Children's Book Council of Australia</p> <p>Area: ENGLISH</p> <p>Age group: Years P-12</p> <p>Synopsis: Award-winning books from Australian authors and illustrators are listed here. Reviews can be obtained from their published guides such as Notable Australian Children's Books 2010.</p>

 <p>BookHive</p> <p>Area: ENGLISH</p> <p>Age group: Years P-12</p> <p>Synopsis: This guide to children's literature, from a public library in the USA, contains hundreds of reviews and recommended reads.</p>	 <p>Database of Award Winning Children's Literature</p> <p>Area: ENGLISH</p> <p>Age group: Years P-12</p> <p>Synopsis: This database enables the generation of simply-annotated reading lists of award-winning books. Users can request lists by age, genre, historical period, year of publication, multicultural emphasis, language or gender. Brief reviews are provided.</p>	 <p>Rosie and Wallace Story Books</p> <p>Area: ENGLISH</p> <p>Age group: Years 1-3</p> <p>Synopsis: This series of 30 virtual books contains many frequently used sight words and is sequenced from simple text and repetitive sentence patterns to longer stories with more complex sentence structures. The books contain recounts and stories of Rosie the rosella and her best friend Wallace the wallaby. The books have been written to encourage and support students' use of picture and context clues and letter-sound knowledge.</p>
 <p>Fun Brain</p>	 <p>ABCYA</p> <p>This site includes references to educational apps</p>	 <p>Crickweb</p>

Apps

 <p>Simon Says</p> <p>Classic memory game</p>	 <p>Word Abacus</p> <p>Word puzzle game</p>	 <p>Jumblin 2</p> <p>Word games of various levels</p>
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