

GET BOLTON READING

Start Well Stories

The **Get Bolton Reading Campaign** proudly presents '**Start Well Stories**', a carefully curated collection of 12 captivating storybooks (voted for by Bolton Early Years Practitioners), dedicated to fostering a love for reading and cultivating essential skills in children under three and over three, with a key focus on bridging the word gap.

This document includes the chosen **Start Well Stories**, with a linked song or rhyme **Activity Card** and **Blank Level Questions**. Click on the images in the document to access the resource. For quick reference, download, print, cut and stick the Activity Card and Blank Level Questions in each book from your library.





For under three learners, Start Well Stories offer a world of delight and learning. Through engaging illustrations and accessible vocabulary, these stories aim to enhance language skills, making reading a joyful and enriching experience.

Stories for under three's:

- Baby Touch and Feel: Animals
- The Animal Boogie
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
- Ten Little Fingers And Ten Little Toes
- Dear Zoo
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar

For over three learners, the ambition of the Start Well Stories escalates. These books lay the foundation for lifelong literacy, introducing a diverse range of vocabulary and emphasising the significance of phonics.

Stories for over three's:

- The Gruffalo
- The Runaway Chapati
- We're Going On A Bear Hunt
- Handa's Surprise
- Wonky Donkey
- Owl Babies

Click on each image below to open/download/print the book video, activity card and blank level questions document

The Book

The Linked Song and Rhyme Activity Card

The Blank Level Questions

Baby Touch and Feel Animals (DK)



'Sleeping Bunnies' and 'Little Peter Rabbit'

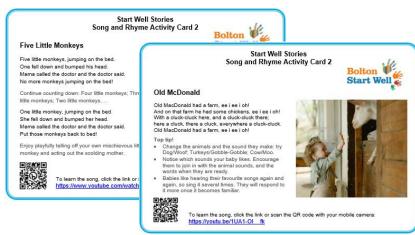


Baby Touch and Feel Animals			
Question	Page Number	Blank Level	
How many rabbits can you see?	Cover	Level 2	
What is the cat playing with?	Page 1	Level 1 Animals	
What is the tiger doing?	Page 3	Level 2	
What's happened?	Page 6	Level 3	
Why do butterflies have wings?	Page 8	Level 4	
Find the rabbits ears.	Cover	Level 1	

The Animal Boogie (Barefoot Books)

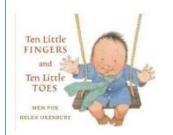


'Five Little Monkeys' and 'Old McDonald'



The Animal I	Boogie	
Question	Page Number	Blank Level
Who is swinging through the trees?	Page 6	Level 2
Point to the bear.	Page 4	Level 1
Find another flower like this.	Page 9-10	Level 1
How does the boy feel?	Page 1-2	Level 3
What has the boy got in his shorts?	Page 17-18	Level 2
How do you know they are happy?	Page 27-28	Level 4

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes (Mem Fox and Helen Oxenbury)

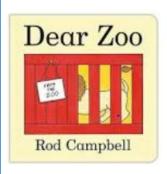


'I Have Ten Little Fingers' and 'Tommy Thumb'



Ten Little Fingers ar	nd Ten Little Toes	
Question	Page Number	Blank Level
Point to the tent.	Page 22	Level 1
What colour is the baby's t-shirt?	Page 13	Level 2
How many fingers?	Page 7	Level 2
How does the baby feel?	Page 32	Level 3
Find another sheep like this.	Page 15	Level 1
Why is the mummy kissing the baby?	Page 35	Level 4

Dear Zoo (Macmillan Children's Books)

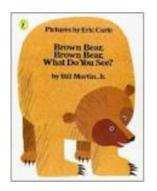


'We're All Going To The Zoo Tomorrow' and 'Let's Go To The Zoo'



Dear Zoo			
Question	Page Number	Blank Level	
Show me the lion.	Page 5-6	Level 1 Dear Z	
Point to the camel.	Page 7-8	Level 1	.00
What is the monkey doing?	Page 11-12	Level 2	T
Show me something that jumps.	Page 13-14	Level 2	
What happened to the giraffe?	Page 3-4	Level 3	
Why is the puppy perfect?	Page 15-16	Level 4 Rod Campb	ell

Brown Bear, Brown Bear (Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carl) 'Teddy E Garden'

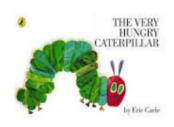


'Teddy Bear Picnic' and 'Round and Round The Garden'



Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?			
Question	Page Number	Blank Level	
What colour is the bird?	Page 3-4	Level 2	
Show me the frog.	Page 9-10	Level 1	
How do the children feel?	Page 21-22	Level 3	
How do you know they feel?	Page 21-22	Level 4	
Show me an animal that quacks.	Page 5-6	Level 2	
What are these? (Point to teacher's glasses)	Page 19-20	Level 1	1

The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Eric Carl)

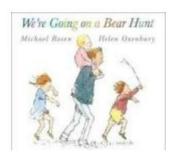


'Little Arabella Miller' and 'The Butterfly Song'

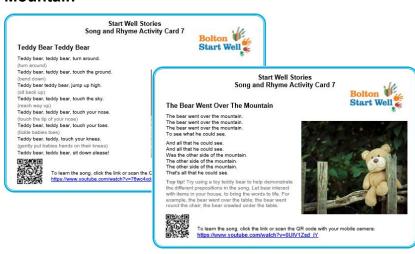


The Very Hungry C	aterpillar	
Question	Page Number	Blank Level
Point to the caterpillar.	Page 3-4	Level 1
Who ate the apple?	Page 6	Level 2
What happens when the caterpillar eats too much food?	Page18	Level 2
Tell me what other food the caterpillar likes eating.	Page 14-15	Level 3
What might happen if the caterpillar only eats healthy foods?	Page 14-15	Level 3
What do caterpillars need to do to grow into butterflies?	Page 20	Level 4
How do you think the butterfly feels?	Page 20	Level 4

We're Going On A Bear Hunt (Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury)

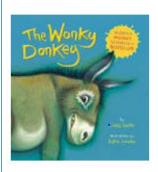


'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear' and 'The Bear Went Over The Mountain'



We're Going on a B	Bear Hunt		
Question	Page Number	Blank Level	
Show me the dog.	Page 1-2	Level 1	Bill to Going on a Jilya Most
Where are they?	Page 3-4	Level 2	Michael Base Space Standard
What will happen next?	Page 9-10	Level 3	2 1 2
How do you think the bear is feeling?	Page 32	Level 3	BALA
How can we tell they are all scared?	Page 26-26	Level 4	2000 Blade - 24

Wonkey Donkey (Scholastic)

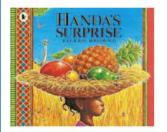


'Donkey Donkey, Don't You Stop' and 'Donkey, Donkey, Old And Grey'



Wonkey	Donkey	
Question	Page Number	Blank Level
Point to the bee	Page 1	Level 1
Why is Donkey cranky?	Page 13-14	Level 4
How many legs does Donkey have?	Any page	Level 2
What colour is Donkey?	Page 3-4	Level 2
Show me Donkey's hat.	Page 7-8	Level 1
What does Donkey say?	Page 3 onward	Level 3

Handa's Surprise (Eileen Browne)



'One Elephant Went Out To Play' and 'Nellie The Elephant'



Handa's Surp	rise		
Question	Page Number	Blank Level	
Point to the banana.	Page 2	Level 1	
Where is the Zebra	Page 9-10	Level 1	HANDAS STRPRISE
Who took the mango?	Page 11-12	Level 2	and the
What happened to the fruit?	Page 17-18	Level 2	1
What happens to the tangerines?	Page 19-20	Level 3	
Why was Handa surprised?	Page 23	Level 4	- A 100
Why did Handa carry fruit on her head?	Cover	Level 4	

The Runaway Chapati (Susan Price)



'Hot Chapatis' and 'Pat-a-cake'

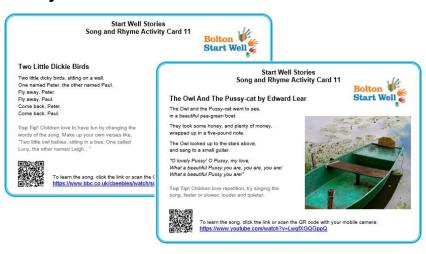


The Runaway Chapati			
Question	Page Number	Blank Level	
What is that? (Point to the rolling pin).	Page 1-2	Level 1	Section 19
What is the chapati doing?	Page 4	Level 2	Chopen Chopen
Show me something that is running.	Page 12	Level 2	distant of the last
How does the chapati feel?		Level 3	On.
Why is the girl chasing the chapati?	Page 8	Level 4	1000
Point to the tiger's tongue.	Page 26	Level 1	

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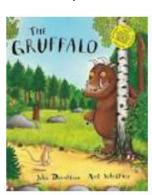


The Owl Babies (Martin 'Two Little Dickie Birds' and 'The Owl and the Pussy-Cat' by Edward Lear



Owl Babies	.	
Question	Page Number	Blank Level
Show me the owl.	Page 6-7	Level 1
What can the owl sit on?	Page 1	Level 2 Owl Babies
What is happening? (Point to)	Page 17-18	Level 2
Find me something you can tickle.	Page 1-2	Level 3
What might happen next?	Page 23-24	Level 3
Why does mum leave the tree at night?	Page 3-4	Level 4
Why did the owls all sit together?	Page13-14	Level 4

The Gruffalo (Julia Donaldson)



'Hickory, Dickory, Dock' and 'Three Blind Mice'



The Gruf	falo	
Question	Page Number	Blank Level
Show me the fox.	Page 1	Level 1
Point to the mouse.	Page 1	Level 1
How many teeth has the Gruffalo?	Page 3-4	Level 2 GRUFFALD
Where is the mouse?	Page 3-4	Level 2
"There's no such thing as" Finish the	Page 3-4	Level 2
sentence What will become pout?	Dogo E C	Lovel 2
What will happen next? What might the mouse say?	Page 5-6 Page 5-6	Level 3
Why did the mouse say the Gruffalo was coming?	Page 7-8	Level 4
How can we tell the mouse is not afraid?	Page 7-8	Level 4

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Additional Resources

- Start Well Stories Blank Level Questions
- Blank Level Questions EYCLDS Pack
- Blank Level Question Quick Reference Handout
- GMCA Tip 5: I love it when we play, sing and look at books together
- Bolton's Early Years Integrated Communication and Language Pathway
- Monthly Tips to Promote Communication and Language
- Bolton's 5 Golden Rules for Communication
- Supporting Literacy Development
- Reflecting on Child-Adult Interaction: Leicestershire LA