

Reader's Theatre: Complete Set

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Summary

Reader's Theatre is minimal theatre based around reading rather than performing. Narration sets each scene and no props or costumes are needed. Participating students do not need to memorise lines or characters. No preparation is needed other than the assigning of parts. Students first see the text as they are delivering it, a process that aids both engagement and comprehension when compared to other less immediate methods of text delivery.

The books in this **Reader's Theatre** series all tell stories that will engage and entertain students while exposing them to concepts in **Maths**; **Science**; or **Humanities and Social Sciences**, respectively. While principally concerned with reading fluency and comprehension, this enables teachers to "tie in" each story with their own instruction and maintain relevance to these subjects throughout. Because embarking upon a Reader's Theatre piece involves students not only reading text, but delivering it aloud as they do so, all the while interacting with others as they undertake the same task, performances are reinforced with immediate real-world experience and instant, relevant feedback.

Each book in the **Reader's Theatre** series focuses on a topic that complements an element from the **Maths**; **Science**; and **Humanities and Social Sciences**, subjects in the new **Australian Curriculum**, while incorporating **English** elements throughout. Texts are additionally identified as to the reading level involved in each and give a total word count to aid the teacher in allocating time for the group reading.

Reader's Theatre is a unique and exciting way of increasing reading fluency and comprehension while engaging students of different reading levels and abilities in concepts from across the curricula. This Complete Set includes all 18 books in the Reader's Theatre series. Humanities and Social Sciences: How the Chipmunk Got its Stripes; The Magical Australian History Tour; How Teamwork Saved the Lake. Science: Jill Gets Fit; Above the Clouds; Why the Moon Changes in the Night Sky; Tornado!; The Day I Followed My Food; The Food Pyramid Disaster; Wild Weather; The Three Sisters. Maths: Garage Sale Today; In Search of Numbers; The Pattern Walk; Late Again!; "No Maths" Day at School; "Pet Care" Kids; Alex in Numberland.

Supporting Resources

- *Reader's Theatre: The Magical Australian History Tour (Set of 5)* (HB4995)
- *Reader's Theatre: "No Maths" Day at School (Set of 5)* (NL4865)
- *Reader's Theatre: In Search of Numbers (Set of 5)* (NL4889)
- *Reader's Theatre: How the Chipmunk Got its Stripes (Set of 5)* (NL4872)