

**FREE Teacher Resources** for over 460 titles now available to download

- Word Power - Advanced Fluency Levels
- Glossary - Early Level 2
- Word Whiz - Fiction - Fluency Levels
- Flash Cards - Emergent and Early Levels

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**Extension Activities** on the inside back covers provide extra learning opportunities.

**Word Counts** on the inside front covers simplify running records.

**Sight Words** are listed on the inside front covers so teachers can see at a glance the focus for each title.

**Color Coded Levels** allow children and teachers alike to see at a glance which level a book belongs to, making filing and title selection simple.

**Teacher Talk** gives a brief introduction and overview of each story (its characters, plot, scene and vocabulary), to aid group discussions.

**Teaching Plan** lists the reading strategies promoted in each text, such as punctuation, suffixes, diagraphs, contractions and compound words.

**Water from Rain**

Within each Red Rocket Reader is a set of useful tools designed to support and guide the teacher:

### Teacher Tools

## Advanced Fluency

Scaffolding on knowledge and skills acquired in the earlier Red Rocket levels, the new Advanced Fluency levels of Silver, Emerald, Ruby and Sapphire will increase student's reading ability and boost their confidence by engaging interest using a variety of appealing text types and genres.

- 64 Titles, each with 24 Pages
- increased complexity of structural formats
- level appropriate challenges for advanced readers
- use of a more sophisticated font

READING LEVEL	GUIDED READING	R/R INTERVENTION	LEXILE
Advanced Fluency 1	Silver L-P	23-24	520L-1220L
Advanced Fluency 2	Emerald M-R	25-26	560L-1100L
Advanced Fluency 3	Ruby N-T	27-28	560L-1240L
Advanced Fluency 4	Sapphire O-U	29-30	630L-1280L

**Engaging Content**  
Identifying closely with content both motivates interest and aids comprehension.

**Purposeful Reading**  
Clear narrative structure of problem, climax and resolution enhances enjoyment.

**Comprehensive Strategies**  
Text styles support strategies such as making meaning, asking and answering and visualizing.

**Recurring Characters**  
From earlier levels engage and provide familiarity in more challenging texts.

## Launchpacks and Bookrooms

Keep your Red Rocket Readers organized and in good condition. Red Rocket Leveled Launchpacks contain 6 packs of all 32 titles at each level, plus free 1 year eBook subscription, and indexed divider cards, packaged in sturdy plastic carry cases.

**20 years** Giving Children a Flying Start!

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**Literacy from Cover to Cover!**

At Flying Start Books we believe literacy is the key to success in life, so we are passionate about giving children a flying start by launching them into literacy.

This core belief is at the heart of every Red Rocket Readers book.

**Child Focused**  
Red Rocket Readers are carefully designed to support children through the use of controlled natural language and appropriately sized, well-spaced and easy-to-read type.

**Teacher Driven**  
Red Rocket Readers have been developed by New Zealand literacy specialists, teacher and author, Pam Holden.

**Fun**  
Strong characters, humor and defensible plots combine graduated word recognition and language development with wonderful stories that children will really enjoy!

**Red Rocket Readers** feature bright, entertaining illustrations and photographs that support the text, launch oral discussions and develop comprehension. The classic story structure (tension, climax and resolution) ensures children will want to engage with the texts.

**Red Rocket Readers:**

- develop and ensure the success of reading strategies
- enable students to read for enjoyment and information as they access meaning from fiction and non-fiction text
- feature meaningful concepts and experiences that children can relate to
- provide stories with strong characters, humor and defensible plots
- develop word recognition along with language development
- focus on increasing knowledge of print conventions, phonological patterns and phonic knowledge in context

**Red Rocket Readers**

600+ Award-winning Fiction and Non-Fiction Readers

Series Poster Inside

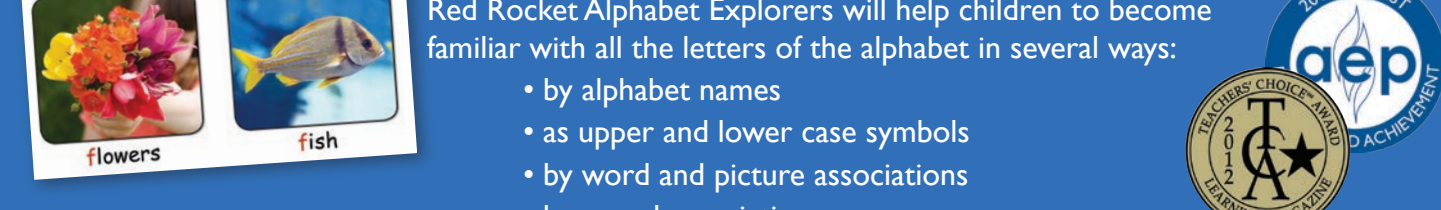
## Alphabet Explorers

Red Rocket Alphabet Explorers Boxed Set features thirty 8-page books; individual titles for each letter of the alphabet, plus one each focusing on the primary blends ch, ph, sh and th.

Alphabet Explorers Photocopy Worksheets give additional learning through practice of letter formation. One worksheet for each of the 26 letters of the alphabet, in PDF format free to download.

Red Rocket Alphabet Explorers will help children to become familiar with all the letters of the alphabet in several ways:

- by alphabet names
- as upper and lower case symbols
- by word and picture associations
- by sound associations
- by sharing rhymes (inside back cover)
- through practice of letter formation



## Spanish Adaptations

These 26 Red Rocket Readers have been skillfully adapted into Spanish by experienced early reading specialist, Annette Torres Elias. Designed to support both Spanish-speaking ELL students and young readers first exploring Spanish, they feature the use of controlled natural-language, reinforced by high-impact photographs and bright, entertaining illustrations.

## Te Reo Māori Adaptations

Ideal for Māori-speaking students learning to read with Guided Reading or small group instruction and also for young readers first exploring Te Reo Māori. Rather than simple translation, each story has been authentically adapted by Tiare Dickson.

## eBook Editions

eBook editions are available now for all titles in the Red Rocket series. New Read Aloud editions bring literacy to life, and are widely available on well known platforms, such as EPIC, Brain Hive, MackinVia, Apple iBooks, and OverDrive.

## Child Focused



Through a carefully controlled sequence of challenges at the Early levels of Red, Yellow, Blue and Green, students will:

- increase control of print conventions (supported by the red highlighting of punctuation throughout Early Level 1)
- increase control of phonological patterns and phonic knowledge in context
- master control of increased complexity in syntactic and sentence structure
- further develop their oral language, comprehension and critical thinking skills
- enjoy a wide range of entertaining fiction stories, including popular traditional tales
- master more than 20 new words at every level
- build familiarity with non-fiction features such as table of contents, glossaries and captions
- develop skills for reading informational, expository text
- Fiction Strand Extension Activity: Key Word Flashcards
- Non Fiction Strand Extension Activity: Key Word Flashcards (Early Level 1) Glossary (Early Level 2 and above)

READING LEVEL	GUIDED READING	R/R INTERVENTION	LEXILE
Early Level 1	Red B-D	3-5	BR80L-390L
Early Level 2	Yellow C-G	6-8	110L-370L
Early Level 3	Blue D-H	9-11	150L-490L
Early Level 4	Green F-K	12-14	250L-510L

**Illustrations**  
Supportive illustrations assist students to decode text.

**Classic Story Structure**  
Red Rocket Readers feature the classic story structure of introduction, climax and resolution. Illustrations skillfully support the opportunities for critical thinking.

**Character Development**  
Well loved and strong characters, including many from traditional tales, recur throughout the series. This provides a context of fun and familiarity, supporting the ability to take on new challenges.

**Critical Thinking**  
Visual interest launches oral discussion and critical thinking.

**Background Knowledge**  
Non-fiction topics help students build background knowledge - a key element for literacy success.

## Pre-Reading and Emergent Levels

An essential first introduction to the basic conventions of print. Unlike traditional 'ABC' alphabet books, the letters are presented within a story context. Using letter knowledge and picture clues, children can experience first reading success. Emergent Level Readers engage students with wonderful fiction and non-fiction texts, fully supported by attractive illustrations and photographs.

Pre-Reading and Emergent Level titles:

- use bold type and additional spacing between words
- introduce and build phonemic awareness and phonic knowledge
- introduce upper and lowercase letters together to ensure automatic association of both forms
- use red highlighting to emphasize focus letters and punctuation
- feature exciting illustrations and photographs that give clues for word recognition and launch oral discussion and critical thinking.
- ensure the child builds control of a bank of high-frequency words that can be instantly recalled.
- Extension Activity - Key Letter Flashcards (PreReading Level) - Key Word Flashcards (Emergent Level)

**Key Letters**  
Red highlighting supports the introduction of upper and lowercase letters. Stimulating visuals provide letter clues and an element of fun.

**Text Support**  
Bold font, extra spacing and red highlighting support the learning reader.

**Strong Non-Fiction Themes**  
The non-fiction titles explore social studies, science, math and technology topics. Emergent titles explore the senses, counting and community.

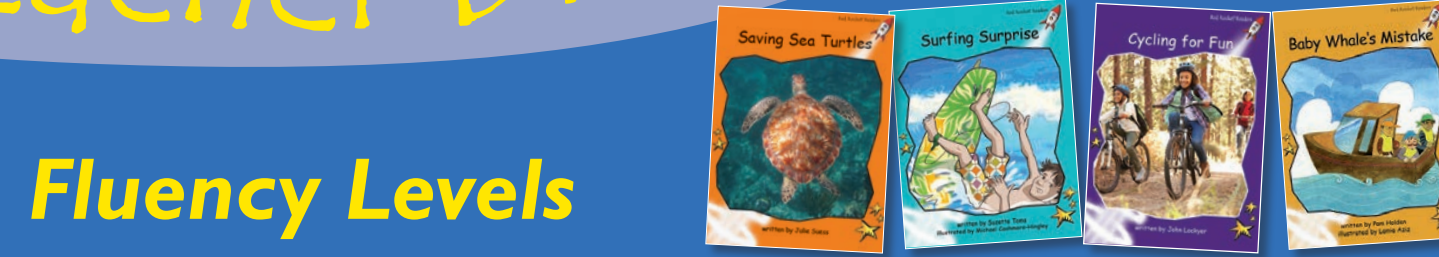
**Recurring Characters**  
Students are introduced to engaging characters who will recur in Emergent, Early and Fluency stories.

**Speech Bubbles and Signs**  
These provide further reading opportunities and connect meaning to text. They also add an element of fun and expression.

**Stunning Photography**  
High-impact photographs capture student interest and support textual understanding.

READING LEVEL	GUIDED READING	R/R INTERVENTION	LEXILE
Pre-Reading Level	Pink A-B	I	BR40L-290L
Emergent Level	Magenta A-C	I-2	BR80L-410L

## Teacher Driven



The mastery of more complex strategies will enable students to read with increased pace, flow, phrasing and intonation, freeing their attention to the meaning within text. With the Red Rocket Fluency levels of Orange, Purple, Turquoise and Gold students will:

- reinforce the reading strategies of earlier levels
- be encouraged to apply newly acquired skills to more challenging texts
- focus on more challenging vocabulary, print conventions, phonological patterns and phonic knowledge in context
- further develop thinking skills and comprehension
- master more than 50 new words at each level
- explore high-interest topics and reinforce and extend subject area content
- further develop non-fiction literacy skills with more complex text
- Fiction Strand Extension Activity: Word Whiz
- Non Fiction Strand Extension Activity: Glossary

READING LEVEL	GUIDED READING	R/R INTERVENTION	LEXILE
Fluency Level 1	Orange H-M	15-16	310L-600L
Fluency Level 2	Turquoise H-M	17-18	360L-590L
Fluency Level 3	Purple I-O	19-20	470L-800L
Fluency Level 4	Gold J-N	21-22	490L-880L

**Fun**  
Key elements of humor and fantasy engage student interest and develop an enjoyment of language.