

Reading and writing support for adults

This is a guide for adults who are new to reading or adults who would like to practise and improve their reading and writing skills.

We have gathered helpful resources that work for many different learning styles and levels of ability.

Auckland Libraries can help you:

- Find reading, writing and literacy classes near you
- Use free online learning tools
- Get a free library membership
- Find and borrow free easy-to-read books
- Get one-on-one help to suit your needs

Follow our guide to see the ways we can help you improve your reading and writing.

Tip

To borrow library books or log in to our online learning resources, you will need to be an Auckland Libraries member. Joining Auckland Libraries is easy and free! [Register online now](#) or visit your local library.

Sign up for classes

Literacy Aotearoa

Work on your reading and writing skills in friendly classes run by Literacy Aotearoa.

Visit the [Literacy Aotearoa website](#) or [follow them on Facebook](#) to find a class close to you.

Literacy Waitākere

Contact Literacy Waitākere to join a class that fits your learning needs.

Visit the [Literacy Waitākere website](#) or [follow them on Facebook](#) to find a class that suits you.

Tip

No class in your area? [Let us know](#) where you are and how we can help you.


Practise online




These online learning resources are great for practising your reading and writing skills at home and at the library.


Pathways Awarua

Pathways Awarua offers free and fun online courses for those wanting to improve their reading, writing and maths skills for work and life.

Try a module

 The number 4 starts with the sound "f".
Choose the correct answer.

 Which other number starts with the same sound as 4?

1
 5
 8

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In the workplace there are many situations where you might have to write or read instructions.

Match each of these instructions with their purpose. Click on the pictures to make them larger.

How to activate the fire alarm How to keep the staff kitchen tidy Where to go if there is an emergency and you need to leave (or evacuate) the building What to do if someone is hurt in an accident



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Register as a learner

Tip

When creating your Pathways Awarua learner account, you will be asked to enter a 'join code'. Click the 'No join code?' button and select the option that fits you.

- I have left school
- I am still at secondary school
- I live overseas

The correct 'join code' will be filled in for you.

Easy-to-read books

Auckland Libraries has a large collection of interesting fiction (made-up stories) and non-fiction (real-life stories and information) books written in simple English.

We have lots of options:

- Easy-to-read books for adults
- Easy-to-read book sets with CDs
- eBooks (digital books)
- eAudiobooks (digital books read out loud).

We have many easy-to-read books for people who want to practise their reading.

These books are written in plain English and feature a range of interesting topics, so you don't get bored! Many of these books also include CDs so you can listen along as you read.

Difficulty levels

Our easy-to-read books come in different levels of difficulty.

Level 1 (0 - 600 words)

These books repeat phrases and words and are designed to help you learn right from the start.

Level 2 (600 - 2000 words)

These are early chapter books and assist in developing vocabulary and fluency.

Level 3 (2000 - 4000 words)

These books have more engaging stories and include question and answer sheets to help you to build understanding.


Tip

Ask a librarian to help you find easy-to-read books in the Adult Readers or Adult Literacy section at your library.

To borrow library books, you will need to be an Auckland Libraries member. Joining Auckland Libraries is easy and free! [Register online now](#) or visit your local library.

Search the library catalogue

To find easy-to-read books in the library catalogue, search for 'readers for new literates'.

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Northanger Abbey / Jane Austen ; retold by Rachel Bladon ; illustrated by Robyn Neild
Bladon, Rachel, author.

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The human body / Alex Raynham

Raynham, Alex, author.

 Book | 2014.

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Use your library card barcode to log in to the Libby app or Overdrive website. All eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines return themselves automatically.

Book lists

Book lists are lists of books recommended by our librarians. We have lists on many different topics, including easy-to-read books for people who want to practise their reading.

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Read the true-life stories of inspirational people from around the world.

Get help

We're here to help. Here are some ways you can contact us for more help and guidance.

Book a librarian

Book a one-on-one help session with a librarian.

Some of the things we can help you with include:

- learning basic computer skills like using email, Word, social media, and the internet
- creating a CV
- helping with research or a project
- downloading free eBooks through our website
- using digital devices such as eReaders and iPads

Use our Book a librarian form to book an appointment at a time and library that works for you.

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Walk-in help

If you need help, our librarians can answer general questions on the spot or help you search for answers.

Talk to our friendly staff and ask us for help at the desk in any of our libraries.

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Contact us

If you need help but you cannot visit a library, we can help you online or on the phone.

Call our Te Māpuna Library Connect team on the phone to speak with trained librarians.

You can also send us an email enquiry using our website, and the team will email you back with information and support.

Our team can help you use library services, answer general questions, connect you to library locations and provide step-by-step instructions to support you with your needs.

To contact us now:

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