

Reviews - The Drop-In Series (Levels 1-3)

I have been using the Drop-In Series of stories with a struggling learner aged 15. My pupil came to me as a complete non reader and highly anxious about learning to read. These books have been a lifesaver for both him and me as they offer such beautiful safe progression that he cannot slip through the net when learning to read. He is slowly and confidently progressing through the different levels. The support materials are fantastic and the emphasis on real world activities such as doing a crossword puzzle are so empowering get for older learners who have missed out on engaging in this part of every day life.

My pupil is now starting to work on consonant digraphs as well as being able to spell simple longer words by breaking them down into syllables. Last week he left his lesson absolutely bowled over that he could both read and spell the words 'fantastic' and 'hospital' totally independently. They really are a truly fabulous resource. In terms of practicality the fact that they are downloadable is a huge asset as means you can download as many as you need.

I download one copy of a book for him to read and then a second copy to use for dictation. I block out some of the text in the second copy with white stickers and then dictate the story text to him. He is therefore doing a dictation exercise that is meaningful to him and results in a book he can take home that he not only can read but has written himself.

Clair Wilson (2017)

My son is 15. He's been at school since he was 5 and still hadn't learned to read. None of it seemed to stick with him. He's just started at a Dyslexia Centre and the teacher uses the Drop-In Series books. He brings one home every week in his bag and he can read it to me, really read it. The stories make him laugh and he tells me all about the characters and what they get up to. Most importantly he's actually able to read the words. I'm so grateful for these books. They've given my son a way into reading.

Lamarr's mother (2019)