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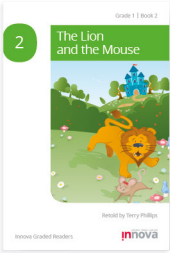

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The bee is small.

The frog is big.

The frog sees a mouse.

The mouse is bigger.

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What happens next? Read and choose.

1. The frog is bigger now.
2. The frog is smaller now.

Look at the next page. Check.

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The frog is bigger now.

The frog sees a cat.
The cat is bigger.

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The frog is bigger now.
The frog sees a dog.
The dog is bigger.

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What happens next? Read and choose.

1. The frog is bigger now.
2. The dog is bigger now.

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The frog is bigger now.

The frog sees a pig.

The pig is bigger.

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What happens next? Read and choose.

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2. The pig is bigger now.

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The frog is bigger now.

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The frog sees a cow.

The cow is bigger.

What happens next? Read and choose.

1. The frog is bigger now.
2. The frog is not bigger.

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The frog is bigger now.

The frog sees a horse.

The horse is bigger.

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What happens next? Read and choose.

1. The frog is bigger.
2. The horse is bigger.

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The frog is bigger ...

and bigger ...

and bigger ...

and ...

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What happens next? Read and choose.

1. The frog is small.
2. The frog is big.

Look at the next page. Check.

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The frog is small.

The bee is bigger!

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Look.

- Who is the smallest?
- Who is the biggest?

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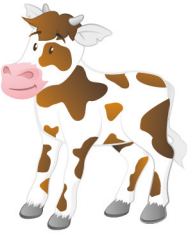
Picture dictionary

a bee

a cat



a cow

a dog

a mouse

a pig

a horse

big

a frog

small

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Exercises

Vocabulary 1

Read the words.

Find the words in the snake.

big
is
not
now
small

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Vocabulary 2

Write the numbers.

	a bee
	a cat
	a cow
	a dog

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	a frog
	a horse
	a mouse
	a pig

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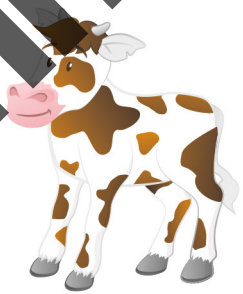

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Comprehension 1

Tell the story. Number the sentences in order.

	The bee is bigger!
1	The bee is small.
2	The frog is big.
	The frog is bigger ... and bigger ... and bigger ... and ...
	The frog is bigger now.
	The frog is small now.
	The frog sees a cat, a dog, a pig, a cow and a horse.
	The frog sees a mouse.
	The mouse is bigger.

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Comprehension 2: Word Order

Number the words.

2	1	3
is	The bee	small

a mouse	sees	The frog

is	now	The frog	bigger

sees	a cat	and a dog	The frog

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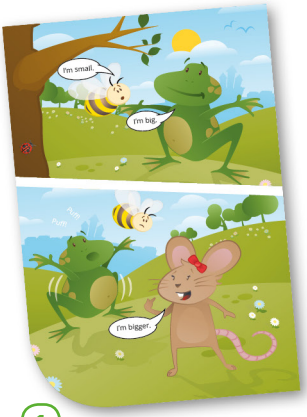

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A poem

The frog is bigger than the bee.
The frog is bigger than the cat.
The frog is bigger than the dog.
The frog is bigger than the pig.
The frog is bigger than the cow.

Hiss!

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The frog is smaller than the cow.
The frog is smaller than the pig.
The frog is smaller than the dog.
The frog is smaller than the cat.
The frog is smaller than the bee.

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Answer key

Vocabulary 1
is | small | big | not | now

Vocabulary 2
a bee 4; a cat 5; a cow 7; a dog 6; a frog 3; a horse 2 ; a mouse 1; a pig 8.

Comprehension 1:
1. The bee is small.
2. The frog is big.
3. The frog sees a mouse.
4. The mouse is bigger.
5. The frog is bigger now.
6. The frog sees a cat, a dog, a pig, a cow and a horse.
7. The frog is bigger ... and bigger ... and bigger ... and ...
8. The frog is small now.
9. The bee is bigger.

Comprehension 2: Word Order

2	1	3
is	The bee	small

3	2	1
a mouse	sees	The frog

2	4	1	3
is	now	The frog	bigger

2	3	4	1
sees	a cat	and a dog	The frog

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For Teachers and Parents

Aim

To begin to teach the **skill of reading** to **non-native speaker young learners**.

Encouraging learning

Classic tales retold with **engaging illustrations** of a magical land.

A hook at the end of every page – **'What happens next?'** – encourages young learners to predict, then check for themselves by reading on.

The stories are **fun** and often have a **moral** to discuss in the child's first language after reading.

Illustrations with speech and thought bubbles

Detailed **full-colour illustrations** support every page of prose text. **New nouns** are captioned. The illustrations and bubbles mean that children can understand a lot of the story before they read, or while they read, the prose text.

A **Picture Dictionary** shows the meaning of **new adjectives** and **new verbs** in the story.

Exercises and poems

Vocabulary, **comprehension** and **grammar** exercises for each reader, and **poems**, too!

Level of prose text

Grade 1: **Lexile 100L – 200L**, 50 – 150 words

Grade 2: **Lexile 200L – 300L**, 100 – 250 words

Grade 3: **Lexile 200L – 300L**, 250 – 350 words

Grade 4: **Lexile 300L – 400L**, 300 – 450 words

Young learners with a slightly lower Lexile level will be able to understand the stories in each case because of the support from the illustrations.

Reading skills in Grade 1

Skill 1: Understanding short sentences

Short sentences with basic English sentence patterns are introduced systematically. Each sentence is on its own line in the prose text, so children can see the structure clearly, and begin to internalize basic sentence patterns in English.

The patterns in Grade 1 are:

- S V, e.g., The dog runs.
- S V A, e.g., They walk past.
- S V C, e.g., She is happy.
- S V O, e.g., The chicken makes bread.
- S V O A, e.g., He drops the meat into the river.

Narrative **present simple** is used throughout.

Skill 2: Understanding relationships between sentences

Links between sentences – e.g., indefinite to definite article, noun to pronoun – are introduced gradually, and each feature appears many times to ensure that children understand discourse references.

Skill 3: Predicting next events in a continuing story

The 'What happens next?' feature on each page makes this essential subskill fun, and enables a teacher or parent to check how much the young learner has understood about the story and the possible continuation sentences.

Teacher / parent guide

Comprehensive methodology notes online. These include alternative routes through the story, group and individual activities and extension activities for children who finish quickly.

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Grade 1

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- **Magical tales** encourage children to learn to read English through a range of classic stories.
- **A controlled syllabus progression** for vocabulary and sentence structure ensures easy comprehension.
- **An interactive element** at the end of every page challenges children to predict "What happens next?".
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