Preface

The Words-Worth series of English Reader is specially structured for young learners. The books cover all the essentials of English Grammar and are primarily multi-skilled course books that focus on a holistic approach and are designed to develop linguistic competence.

The aim of this series has been to provide Learner Centric Education with emphasis on the young learners’ needs and interests. Our objective throughout the series has been to develop students’ basic ability to appreciate English through a creative and an innovative approach.

The Reader series presents a blend of integrated literary and communicative methods of studying the English language. This will help the students develop the basic skills to comprehend a language other than their mother tongue and give them tools to express themselves confidently, thereby developing their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The series encourages students to foster a positive attitude towards communicating in English.

The books in this series highlight the basic phonetic structure and its usage for communication and expression. The exercises at the culmination of each topic are meant to teach and not to test the ability of students. They have been designed to urge students to develop a sense of inquiry and ability to think from more than a single point of view. The entire course material encourages the learners to formulate and express their own ideas and offers ample scope for creativity.

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Alphabet Song

READ AND RECITE

A – B – C – D – E
The school is the best place for me

F – G – H – I – J
We will learn and play all day

K – L – M – N – O
Reading writing here we go

P – Q – R – S – T
Let us be friends you and me

Learning is fun, let us go ahead.
Match the capital letters with their small letters.

A D F G M P Q Z
d f a p q z m g

Let us sing
I know the famous five friends. Do you?
They are five vowels A–E–I–O–U
Try them out and sing them too

There are 26 letters in English Alphabet.

A B C D E
F G H I J
K L M N O
P Q R S T
U V W X Y Z

Encircle the vowels.
Count and write the number of consonants.
A and An are used when you mean only one of something. For example: a hat, an egg, a butterfly, an owl.
We write an before a word beginning with a vowel. While we write a before the rest of the letters of the alphabet.

Draw a green colour line joining the words using a before them and blue line for the words using an before them.
**WORD BUILDING**

Given below are some words from the poem ‘Alphabet Song’. Fill in the vowels to complete the words.

b…st  d…y  f…n
pl…y  sch…..l  fr…..nds

Fill in the vowels to make more new words.

b…ll  c…ty  b…rd
j…mp  w…t  cr…w
b…by  b…dy  d…sk

m…th …r  f…th…r

**TALK TIME**

We always use Please when we request someone. Practise the following requests with your friends.

- Please give me a storybook.
- Please shut the door.
- Please come inside.
- Please be quick.
- Please hold my bag.
My name is Tia.
I am a girl.
I am 5 years old.

I have many toys.
My *favourite* toy is a *beach* ball.
My beach ball is very *colourful*.
My best *friend* is Mona.
Every evening Mona and I play on the swings.
We play with my ball too.
I want to be friends with you.
Will you be my friend?

**favourite**: dearest  
**beach**: seaside  
**colourful**: full of colours  
**friend**: one who likes you
A. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box below.

| beach | colourful | friend | toys |

1. I have many .................. .
2. My favourite toy is a .................. ball.
3. My beach ball is very .................. .
4. My best .................. is Mona.

B. Write about yourself. Paste your picture in the given box.

My name is .................. .
I am a .................. . (boy/girl)
I am .................. years old.
My best friend is .................. .
My favourite toy is .................. .

GRAMMAR GLEE

We use

- *am*—with ‘I’, e.g. I am a girl.
- *is*—with one person or thing, e.g. Saloni is a girl.
- *are*—with two or more persons or things, e.g. They are girls.
Complete the following sentences using—is, am and are.

1. I .................. a tall boy.
2. Priya ................. my friend.
3. They ................. late.
4. She .................. my younger sister.
5. Hari and Rita ............... my friends.

WORD BUILDING

Complete the following word chains. Make a new word with the last letter of each word.

fall  loud  drum  ................  ................  ................
plate  egg  goat  ................  ................  ................
ear  ring  gold  ................  ................  ................
sharp  pond  dog  ................  ................  ................
dream  men  nose  ................  ................  ................
LISTEN AND SAY ALOUD

Fun with the sound of ‘a’

Listen to the sound of ‘a’ in the following words. Complete the remaining words by adding ‘a’ and say each word aloud.

- plate
- plane
- g...te
- r...te
- tr...in
- n...me

- stay
- rain
- pl...y
- d...y
- sk...tes
- gr...in

Think and Write

Listen to the sound of ‘a’ in words like hat, man, band. Think and write some more words with similar sounds.

hat, man, band, ............................................

.................................................., .................................................., ..................................................,
Note: The word ‘am’ is used with the word ‘I’ and the word ‘are’ is used with ‘you’.

Meet Mona and Nitin

*You can read their conversation in pairs or in groups.

I am a girl.

You are tall.

I am wearing a blue frock.

You are strong.

I am a boy.

You are short.

I am wearing a red shirt.

You are pretty.

We are wearing black shoes.

*Suggestive ideas for teacher/parents:
Form small groups of students and help them enact similar situation.
WRITING SKILLS

Tia wants to describe her visit to the zoo. Write what you see in the pictures to complete the sentences.

1. Yesterday, I went to the ____________ with my friends.

2. I saw a ____________, a ____________, a ____________, and a ____________ in the zoo.

3. There were many colourful ____________ too.

4. We went for an ____________ ride.

5. We enjoyed very much.
One day Jaya was playing in the garden. She saw a tiny bird lying on the ground. She picked it up gently. The bird had hurt her wing.

Jaya ran home to her mother. Her mother quickly cleaned the injured wing of the bird and bandaged it.

Her mother then put some cotton into a basket to make a soft bed for the bird.

Every day Jaya and her mother fed her crumbs of food. Slowly, the bird grew strong and her wing healed.

On a bright sunny morning, the little bird flew away. Jaya felt sad. She missed her little friend.
But then one day, she saw the little bird singing on her window. How happy Jaya was!

She looked out and saw that the little bird had made a nest on a tree in her garden. There were four tiny eggs in the nest.

Jaya was very excited. She wondered how long it would take for the eggs to hatch!

**COMPREHENSION**

*Fill in the blanks using the words given in the box.*

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1. Jaya’s mother cleaned the ..................... wing of the bird.

2. The little bird had made a ..................... on a tree.

3. The bird had hurt her ..................... .

4. Jaya wondered when would the eggs ..................... .

5. The bird’s wing ..................... slowly.

*hatch: break open*
Rewrite the following sentences in the correct order.

- Then she put the bird into a basket.
- They fed the little bird some crumbs of food.
- A little bird was lying on the ground.
- The bird soon grew strong and flew away.
- Jaya’s mother bandaged the injured wing.
- Jaya picked it up gently and ran home to her mother.

1. ........................................................................................................................
2. ........................................................................................................................
3. ........................................................................................................................
4. ........................................................................................................................
5. ........................................................................................................................
6. ........................................................................................................................

Answer the following questions.

1. Where was Jaya playing?
   ........................................................................................................................

2. What did Jaya and her mother feed the injured bird?
   ........................................................................................................................

3. Why was Jaya happy?
   ........................................................................................................................

4. How many eggs were there in the nest?
   ........................................................................................................................
Sentence

Read these group of words.
love parents my me much very
Now, read these—
My parents love me very much.
A sentence is a group of words that makes complete sense.

A. Tick (✓) the group of words that are sentences.
   1. in air the birds fly.
   2. I love my country.
   3. Ria is
   4. Ria is a tall girl.
   5. This is a lovely jacket.

Punctuation

- Each sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop.
- The word ‘I’ is always written in capital.

B. Use the capital letter and full stop wherever necessary.
   1. neha is a pretty girl

   ..............................................................

   2. i like to eat ice-cream

   ..............................................................
3. nitin goes to the market

4. mona likes to play in the park

WORD BUILDING

Make as many words as you can from the following word. You have 5 minutes to complete this exercise.

hat

ant
LISTEN AND SAY ALOUD

Fun with the sound of ‘e’

Listen to the sound of ‘ee’ as in see and ‘ea’ as in eat. Don’t they sound similar?

Fill in the blanks with ‘ee’ or ‘ea’ to form different words.

- gr ... n
- n ... t
- k n ...
- p ... l
- f ... l
- p l ... s e
- s ... t
- d ...
- s ... d
- c l ...
- n

Listen to the sound of ‘ey’ as in key. Doesn’t it sound like ‘ee’ as in see and ‘ea’ as in treat.

Can you think of one rhyming word for each of the following words?

honey ................................
monkey ................................

Think and Write

Listen to the sound of ‘ea’ as in head. It sounds different as in heat.

Think of one more word with the sound of ‘ea’ as in head.

- bread ........................
Look at the picture carefully and read what Meenu has to say about the two houses.

This is my house. That is Rahul’s house.
This house has a red door.
This house has a big tree.
This house does not have a chimney.

That house has a blue door.
That house does not have a tree.
That house has a chimney.
I like this house. That house is nice too.

Now colour the picture.

*Suggestive ideas for teacher/parents:
Divide students in pairs and help them talk about different situations using this/that.
Once there was a .................................. . He had a piece of .................................. . He sat on the ......................... of a tree to eat the bread. A hungry ............................. saw him. He said, “Mr. Crow, your voice is so ....................... . Please sing a ....................... for me.” The ....................... crow opened his mouth to sing. The bread fell ....................... . The fox picked it up and ....................... away.
A Box of Crayons

READ AND RECITE

I had a box of crayons
All shiny, straight and new.
I lent a friend one crayon
And oops! It broke in two.

My friend said, “I am sorry.”
But I said, “It is fine.
Because we both can share,
Now half is yours and half is mine.”
**COMPREHENSION**

**A** Write True or False for the given statements.

1. The child had a box of chocolates. ............................
2. The child’s friend broke the crayon in two pieces. ...............
3. Now they can share the crayon. ..................................
4. The child’s friend said, “It is fine.” ............................

**B** Answer the questions in a complete sentence.

1. What did the child lend? ..........................................................
2. What happened to the crayon? ...........................................
3. Was the child happy or sad? ..............................................

**LET US ENJOY THE POEM**

**A** Write two words from the poem that rhyme with

new — ...........................   fine — ...........................

**B** What do you think friends are for? Discuss with your partner

two things that friends should do together.
WORD BUILDING

Singular and Plural (One and Many)

one car  two cars  one flower  many flowers

Write the plurals for the following words.

bat

star

dog

chair

kitten