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## Keywords

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Thanks to their contents, levels and the way they were designed, graded readers provide a wide range of activities that can be done in the classroom, at home, in the book or on the move.

The philosophy behind graded readers is that they should be accessible to everyone, catering for personal learning styles, special needs or other particular requirements.

To make the most of the readers, a Black Cat handbook is available, as a guide offering inspiration for activities and providing lots of **ideas** and suggestions on how to:

- find out about the graded **levels** available and their related grammatical and lexical characteristics;
- recognise the criteria for choosing a level and how to use it in language teaching;

 organize and administer pre-reading, during-reading and after-reading activities;

- use the Internet to create projects related to reading and texts;
- use listening activities to follow the text, to suggest alternative ways of dealing with the plot, to help particular learning difficulties or particular requirements;
  - plan summary-based activities for each level;
  - integrate the Cambridge and Trinity exam activities, present in all graded readers, into the lessons;
    - activate CLIL activities thanks to crosscurricular materials in various graded readers;
      - organize drama activities;
      - ... and much more!



The description of all graded reader levels with information regarding the number of words, CEFR levels, Trinity and Cambridge examinations.



Detailed advice on the different type of pre-, during- and after reading activities and how to use films and the Internet.





Help and suggestions on how to choose a graded reader for the class and how to help the students make their own independent choice. Advice on how to organise effective reading activities in class.





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