

How to Use This Book

Each unit in the *Reading Table* series includes eight parts plus additional review and consolidation activities in the workbook. These parts work together to get students thinking about the unit's topic, lead students through a reading passage, check students' comprehension of the reading passage, and then have students practice basic listening, organizing, and writing skills in English. A summary of each section is presented here.

Student Book

Warm-Up

includes two questions to stimulate students' interest about the topic. Sample responses for all Warm-Up questions are provided in the answer key for each book.

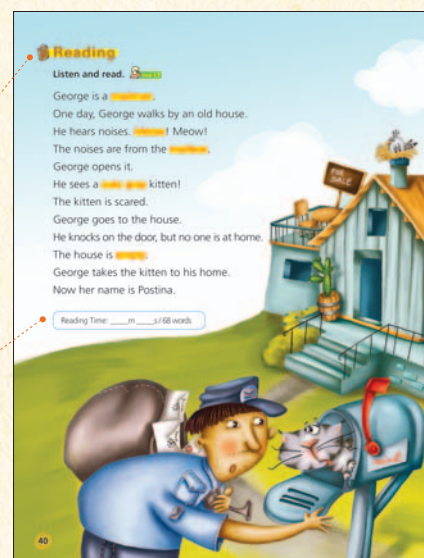
New Words

lists key vocabulary for each unit. Student match the words with photographs and sentences that provide context for the words.

Reading

alternates between original stories and informative passages linked by topics. An audio recording of each passage is provided on the audio CD. Students can track the words as the passages are read by native speakers.

After hearing the passage read aloud, students should be encouraged to read the passage themselves as a timed reading.



Checking

includes multiple-choice questions: the first focusing on the main idea of the passage and two additional detail questions related to the reading passage.

Listening

incorporates target vocabulary from the unit in simple tasks to help students develop their listening comprehension. The transcript for the Listening section is provided at the back of each book.

Checking

Choose the best answer.

- What is the reading about?
a. George and a kitten
b. George and his home
c. George and a scary house
d. George and a letter
- George walks by a house, and he _____ in the mailbox.
a. puts a letter
b. sees a cute mouse
c. knocks on the door
d. hears noises
- What is true about the house?
a. No one is there.
b. The kitten's mother lives there.
c. George lives there.
d. A man opens the door.

Listening

Listen. Circle the words you hear.

- The (mailbox / mailman) is near the woman.
- A (cute / gray) cat is behind her.
- The woman's hand is (empty / up).

Mapping

Read the passage again. Then choose the right answer for the blank.

- George puts the kitten in the mailbox.
- George takes the kitten to his house.
- George gives the kitten to his friend.

Mapping

reinforces comprehension of the reading passage as well as practice organizing texts in graphic/visual ways. Photos and short sentences or phrases provide students a comprehension check activity that is not strictly reading based.

Vocabulary Review

provides additional exposure to the target vocabulary of each unit in new contexts. These activities vary from unit to unit so that students practice with new words in a variety of ways over the course of each book.

Vocabulary Review

Write the words to complete the puzzle.

cute empty gray meow mailbox mailman

1. Pretty
2. He gives mail.
3. Not full!
4. What a cat says
5. Black mixed with white

Summary

Choose the right words from the box to summarize the reading. One word is extra.

mailbox meow empty mailman cute gray

George works as a 1. _____.

One day, he hears a noise in a 2. _____.

He hears a kitten say 3. _____.

The mailbox is by a house, but the house is 4. _____.

George takes the 5. _____ gray kitten home.

Summary

reviews target vocabulary for the unit, stimulates recall of key information from the reading, and develops reading fluency by repeating words and structures that students have studied in the unit.

Workbook

What Is That?

Dictation

Listen and write the words.

George is a _____.

One day, George walks by an _____ house.

He hears noises _____.

The noises are from the _____.

George opens it.

He sees a _____ gray kitten!

The kitten is _____.

George goes to the house.

He _____ on the door, but no one is at home.

The house is _____.

George takes the _____ to his home.

Now her _____ is Postina.

Activity

Look at the picture and choose the right word from the box.

Write the examples.

mailbox meow empty mailbox meow

- Who is _____ owner?
- George takes the kitten to _____ home.
- Now _____ name is Postina.

Wrap-Up

Put _____ on the right picture.

meow problem postina
empty mailbox
cute meow
gray meow
gray meow

Workbook

provides additional reading, listening, and writing activities that can be completed as homework, including dictation, a grammar-based matching and writing activity, and a fun wrap-up game or puzzle for each unit.