

# **ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

**Material that is modified or changed in some way – usually made less complex – so that it can be understood by the student.**

# Reduce the Volume and Complexity of Reading

- *Simple English Wikipedia*
  - [simple.wikipedia.org](http://simple.wikipedia.org)
- *Spark Notes*
  - Video SparkNotes
  - [www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com)
- *Cliffs Notes*
  - [www.cliffsnotes.com](http://www.cliffsnotes.com)
- Electronic format
- Can be read by free text reader
- **Readability**
  - <https://www.readability.com/bookmarklets>

# No Fear Shakespeare

<http://nfs.sparknotes.com>

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Act 1, Scene 1

Original Text	Modern Text
<i>Enter BARNARDO and FRANCISCO, two sentinels</i>	<i>BARNARDO and FRANCISCO, two watchmen, enter.</i>
<b>BARNARDO</b> Who's there?	<b>BARNARDO</b> Who's there?
<b>FRANCISCO</b> Nay, answer me. Stand and unfold yourself.	<b>FRANCISCO</b> No, who are <i>you</i> ? Stop and identify yourself.
<b>BARNARDO</b> Long live the king!	<b>BARNARDO</b> Long live the king!
<b>FRANCISCO</b> Barnardo?	<b>FRANCISCO</b> Is that Barnardo?
<b>BARNARDO</b> He.	<b>BARNARDO</b> Yes, it's me.
<b>FRANCISCO</b> You come most carefully upon your hour.	<b>FRANCISCO</b> You've come right on time.
<b>BARNARDO</b> 5 'Tis now struck twelve. Get thee to bed, Francisco.	<b>BARNARDO</b> The clock's just striking twelve. Go home to bed, Francisco.
<b>FRANCISCO</b> For this relief much thanks. 'Tis bitter cold, And I am sick at heart.	<b>FRANCISCO</b> Thanks for letting me go. It's bitterly cold out, and I'm depressed.
<b>BARNARDO</b> Have you had quiet guard?	<b>BARNARDO</b> Has it been a quiet night?
<b>FRANCISCO</b> Not a mouse stirring.	<b>FRANCISCO</b> I haven't even heard a mouse squeak.
<b>BARNARDO</b> Well, good night. If you do meet Horatio and Marcellus, 10 The rivals of my watch, bid them make haste.	<b>BARNARDO</b> Well, good night. If you happen to see Horatio and Marcellus, who are supposed to stand guard with me tonight, tell them to hurry.
<b>FRANCISCO</b> I hear them. — Stand, ho! Who's there?	<b>FRANCISCO</b> I think I hear them. — Stop! Who's there?

# High Interest Low Level Books

- Accessible Book Collection
  - [www.accessiblebookcollection.org](http://www.accessiblebookcollection.org)
  - High interest/low level books and picture books for copyright exempt students
  - Low cost subscription – starting at \$42.00 per school
  - Catalogued by **reading and interest level**

Title	Author	R/L	Word Count	IL(Grade)	Buy From
1984	Orwell, George	7.2	103794	9 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
A Child Called "It"	Pelzer, Dave	5.0	31569	9 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
A my name is ALICE	Bayer, Jane	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Abbyoyo	Seeger, Pete	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Abominable Snowman, The	Antonopulos, Barbara	6.2	4482	7 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Abominable Snowman, The Classroom Suite	Antonopulos, Barbara	6.2	4482	7 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Abraham Lincoln	Bledsoe, Lucy Jane	3.6	5400	4 to 12	
Absolutely Lucy	Cooper, Ilene	Easy Reader	7273	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Acceleration	McNamee, Graham	4.1	47017	9 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Accident that Changed My Life, An	Gaboriault, Randy	2.1	537	7 to 12	
Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie	Gregory, Kristiana	4.9	29048	5 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Actor, The	Jackson, Anita	1.4	6053	4 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Adventures of Bert, The	Ahlberg, Allan	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Adventures of Bert, The Clicker 5	Ahlberg, Allan	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Adventures of Ulysses, The	Evslin, Bernard	5.0	37633	7 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod	Blake, Robert J.	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Choldenko, Jennifer	3.6	49775	7 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Albert Einstein	Schaefer, Lola M.	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Albert Einstein Boardmaker Plus	Schaefer, Lola M.	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Alexander and the -----Bad Day Boardmaker Plus	Viorst, Judith	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Alexander and the Terrible-----Bad Day	Viorst, Judith	Easy Reader		1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday	Viorst, Judith	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
All by Myself	Mayer, Mercer	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
All by Myself Boardmaker Plus	Mayer, Mercer	Easy Reader	0	1	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
All Quiet on the Western Front	Remarque, Erich	5.2	61177	9 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Almost Starring Skinnybones	Park, Barbara	3.2	21716	4 to 8	<a href="#">Amazon</a>
Along the Gold Rush Trail	Kenna, Gail	2.0	15519	5 to 12	<a href="#">Amazon</a>

# Start to Finish Books

[http://www.donjohnston.com/products/start\\_to\\_finish/index.html](http://www.donjohnston.com/products/start_to_finish/index.html)

- Ability grade level 1.5-5.5
- Interest grade level 5-12
- Large, full-color photos and illustrations placed to support text
- Short video clips support difficult concepts
- Hundreds of titles cross genres and curricular areas
- Switch accessible
- 3 formats
  - Computer Book - \$39.99
  - Paperback Book - \$10.65
  - Audio Book - \$20.00
- Computer books have **highlighted narrated speech**
  - [http://www.donjohnston.com/media/flash/product\\_demo/stflibrary/index.html](http://www.donjohnston.com/media/flash/product_demo/stflibrary/index.html)



# Multiple Reading Level Materials

- **News 2 You** – <http://www.news-2-you.com>
  - Multi-level weekly online newspaper with symbol & speech support
- **Ben's Guide to US Government For Kids** – <http://bensguide.gpo.gov>
  - 4 reading levels (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12)
- **Star Child** – <http://starchild.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/StarChild/StarChild.html>
  - Learning Center for Young Astronomers – K-8
  - Two reading levels
    - Level 1 has audio support
- **Windows to the Universe** - [www.windows.ucar.edu](http://www.windows.ucar.edu)
  - Multi-level (3 levels) reading material on space

# Supplemental Science Digital Materials

- Science Interactives [www.uen.org/3-6interactives/science.shtml](http://www.uen.org/3-6interactives/science.shtml)
- Chem4kids! [www.chem4kids.com](http://www.chem4kids.com)
  - Basic chemistry info including matter, atoms, elements, reaction, biochemistry, periodic table, etc.
- Cosmos4kids! [www.cosmos4kids.com](http://www.cosmos4kids.com)
  - Basic astronomy info including solar system, universe, galaxies, stars, and exploration
- Biology4kids! [www.biology4kids.com](http://www.biology4kids.com)
  - Basic biology info including plants, vertebrates, invertebrates, cells, microorganisms, and animal systems
- Geography4kids! [www.geography4kids.com](http://www.geography4kids.com)
  - Earth science including atmosphere, hydrosphere, etc.
- Physics4kids [www.physics4kids.com](http://www.physics4kids.com)
  - info including heat & thermodynamics, electricity & magnetism, motion & mechanics, etc.

Alternative Instructional Materials for Students with Low-Incidence  
Disabilities

**THINK AGE-APPROPRIATE!**

# *Start to Finish Literacy Starters*

[www.donjohnston.com](http://www.donjohnston.com)

- Developed by Karen Erickson, Ph.D., Caroline Musselwhite, Ed.D., CCC-SLP, Jerry Stemach, CCC-SLP
- **For older beginner readers**
  - Ability Grade Level PK-1/Interest Grade Level 3-12
- 18 social studies and science themes
- Computer Books - \$148.00 per set of 3
  - **Switch accessible, built-in scanning, audio**
- Paperback Books - \$37.00 per paperback set of 3
- 3 types of text
  - **Enrichment Text** – Read to Me
  - **Transitional Text** – Read With Me
  - **Conventional Text** – Independent Reading



# Science and History

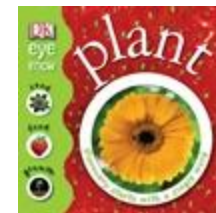
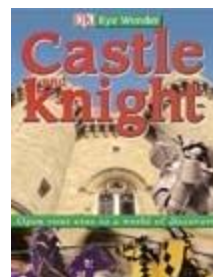
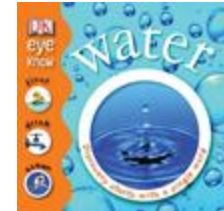
- **Switching On Series** by SoftTouch
  - Switch accessible, interactive alternative history and science curriculum
  - Ability grade level PK-1
  - Interest grade level 4-8
  - \$115.00 ea.



# DK

<http://us.dk.com>

- Ages 4-8
- \$3.99-\$9.99



# Tar Heel Reader [www.tarheelreader.org](http://www.tarheelreader.org)

- Free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics
- Each book can be speech enabled and accessed using multiple interfaces
  - switches, alternative keyboards, touch screens, and dedicated AAC devices
- Read online or download and read offline
- Change it to suit your student's needs
- **Warning:** We have books that are intended for teenagers and adults who are just learning to read. You may find some books that are inappropriate for your students; don't use those. We recommend you learn about the [Favorites](#) page as a way to present your students with reading choices that you approve

# Visual Supports for Reading

- Picture Support
  - Pictures paired with text
    - *Picture It* – Slater software \$295.
      - See website for free PDF stories - [www.slatersoftware.com/document.html](http://www.slatersoftware.com/document.html)
    - *Writing with Symbols* - \$199.



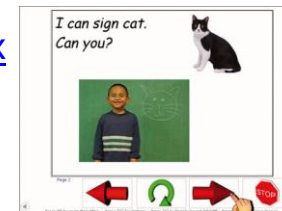
# Personalize It

- Relate learning to self through
  - Pictures
  - Video
  - Personalized Stories



# Create Personalized Stories

- Talking Photo Album [www.attainmentcompany.com](http://www.attainmentcompany.com)
  - 24 pages/10 second message capacity per page
- iPad/iPod apps
  - *Story Kit*
  - *Pictello*
- CAST UDL Book Builder <http://bookbuilder.cast.org>
  - Use this site to create, share, publish, and read digital books that engage and support diverse learners according to their individual needs, interests, and skills.
- *My Own Bookshelf* [www.softtouch.com/myownbookshelf.aspx](http://www.softtouch.com/myownbookshelf.aspx)
  - \$139.00
- *PowerPoint*
  - Record audio onto slides
  - Read with PowerTalk
- Success Stories
  - <http://sites.google.com/site/yourownsuccessstories>



# A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

- RJ Cooper
- <http://www.rjcooper.com/digital-camera/index.html>



We can help! The Idaho Assistive Technology Project,  
[www.idahoat.org](http://www.idahoat.org).

# **PLAN AHEAD FOR OBTAINING ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**