

## **Brown and Brown Literacy Exercises**

### **A Cloze Thing**

'Cloze' exercises are reading passages from which occasional words are omitted so that the reader must think of appropriate words to fill the gaps. 'Cloze' procedure provides excellent practice in a variety of reading skills including anticipation, re-reading and using context as a guide to word meanings. It is also helpful for spelling if the student writes the words into the gaps. The passages chosen for this workbook include short newspaper items and extracts from well-known publications. Many are humorous, others are essential everyday reading. The words omitted from each passage fall into one of 7 categories: beginnings of sentences; descriptive words; key words; nouns and pronouns; verbs; words often confused; and general.

### **Everyday Reading**

A workbook for students at a fairly basic reading level, providing comprehension work and practice in other reading skills. It contains over 20 short extracts from items of everyday reading matter, each followed by easy-to-read exercises which test and broaden the reader's understanding. Subjects include instructions for cooking, D.I.Y., laundry, medicine and video; gas safety; car park charges; a letter from school to parents; sowing seeds; job advertisements.

The exercises require little writing ability and include straightforward and inferential comprehension questions (e.g. True/False, Yes/No/Maybe); choosing the correct word to fill a gap; jumbled words and sentences; alphabetical order; vocabulary work and word puzzles.

### **Basic Comprehension**

A book of 44 A4 worksheets for photocopying. It provides practice in a variety of reading skills for students whose reading ability is at a fairly basic stage. Each worksheet contains a short piece of reading matter between 6 and 12 lines long and in clear print. It is followed by exercises which test understanding and encourage careful re-reading and thinking about the text. The exercises are grouped in sections and instructions are kept as brief and simple as possible. The worksheets are all similar in format and students should benefit from the repetition. The topics covered in the reading text are all factual items of everyday interest and many are humorous.

## **Everyday Worksheets Book 1**

Everyday Worksheets: Book 1 is the first of two books of A4 photocopy masters selected from issues of News Worksheet published before 2000, on the grounds that they are unlikely to date quickly and, therefore, are suitable for current and future use. Each book contains 41 worksheets for helping students with comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and writing skills. Where appropriate, they have been revised, re-typeset or up-dated.

Because Everyday Worksheets is wide-ranging, it should be possible to find exercises in it for students at almost any level of ability. Each book has an index which cross-references skills and topics covered, some of which, in Book 1, are: recognising common symbols and abbreviations; using everyday words and phrases; cloze; homophones; rhymes; communication skills; DIY; spelling patterns; surnames; writing valentines; spotting errors in news items, signs and notices.

## **Everyday Worksheets Book 2**

Everyday Worksheets: Book 2 is the second of two books of A4 photocopy masters selected from issues of News Worksheet published before 2000, on the grounds that they are unlikely to date quickly and, therefore, are suitable for current and future use. Each book contains 41 worksheets for helping students with comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and writing skills. Where appropriate, they have been revised, re-typeset or up-dated.

Because Everyday Worksheets is wide-ranging, it should be possible to find exercises in it for students at almost any level of ability. Each book has an index which cross references skills and topics covered, some of which, in Book 2, are: cloze exercises; comprehension; weather; knowledge of office work; proof reading; reading graphs & tables; writing exercises; news stories; the NHS; the London Marathon; jokes; holidays; pets; computers.

## **Crosswords for Photocopying Book 1**

These popular books of crosswords are compiled for adults who are improving their reading and spelling and they have straightforward, non-cryptic clues. Crosswords provide excellent practice in a wide variety of reading and spelling skills. Brief information on how to tackle them is included in each book. Book 1 covers a range of common words and spelling patterns, including key words, question words, small words commonly mis-spelt, b/d, th, ch/sh, ee/ea. A good introduction to crosswords for those who have not done them before.

## **Phonics Resources for Older Learners**

### **Section 1**

**Deals with the single-letter sounds and consonant digraphs e.g. 'br', 'st', 'thr'.**

The photocopiable worksheets included are:

- Dictation
- Picture – Word Matching
- Gap-Fills
- Mixed up Sentences
- Wordsearches
- Two Syllable Words

### **Section 2**

**Deals with the main vowel phonemes in our language and the spellings we use to represent them, e.g. 'oo', 'ee', 'ai'**

- Dictation
- Picture – Word Matching
- Gap-Fills
- Word Analysis
- Wordsearches
- Spelling
- Two Syllable Words
- Suffixes

## **Phonics Stories for Older Learners**

Contains graded stories from simple to more complex.