

Introduction

Step Into Target Reading is a four-book series specially designed for beginner to intermediate level readers. Each book contains 50 lessons. The language used in each book has been appropriately graded for difficulty. The difficulty levels are distinguished by the length of each passage, the number of high-level words used, the complexity of the grammar, and the maximum sentence length.

Number of Words per Passage	1,200 Word List for Junior High School	1,201–2,000 Word List for Junior High School	7,000 Word List for Senior High School (Levels 3, 4, 5)	Grammar Complexity	Maximum Sentence Length
Book 1: 120–150	93%	7 Words	3 Words	(Junior High) First Year	15 Words
Book 2: 150–180	86%	15	6	Second Year	18
Book 3: 180–210	82%	30	7	Third Year	25
Book 4: 210–250	75%	50	12	Advanced	28

Lesson Structure

Reading Passage

The *Step Into Target Reading* series employs a variety of topics and writing styles. Texts come in many different forms, including passages, poems, dialogues, advertisements, blogs, calendars, leaflets, magazine articles, and news clips. This emphasis on diversity aims to provide learners with an array of different reading experiences while simultaneously exposing them to a wide range of useful everyday language.

The topics featured in the series are fun, diverse, and related to the readers' everyday lives. They include **Teens, Families, Education, Entertainment, Health & Body, Holidays & Festivals, Animals, Arts & Literature, Science, Culture, and Travel**, to name but a few. These varied topics not only attract the readers' attention but also lead to the acquisition of different kinds of knowledge.



Reading Practice

Each text is followed by five reading comprehension questions to help students understand the reading. The reading skills involved in these questions are:

Main idea /
Subject matter

Supporting
details

Words in
context

Making
inferences

Visual
comprehension

Main idea While reading, students should ask themselves, “What point is the writer trying to make?” This way, students will better be able to understand the article as a whole.

Subject matter This question helps readers focus more on the text they are reading. After reading the first few lines, readers should ask themselves, “What is this article about?” They will start concentrating instantly.



Supporting details Each text is made up of details that support the main idea. Supporting details come in various forms, such as examples, explanations, descriptions, definitions, comparisons, contrasts, and metaphors.

Words in context Understanding words within a particular context is an important skill. Mistaking the meanings of key words or phrases can lead to a gross misunderstanding of the author's message.

Making inferences Inference questions ask the readers to identify what wider assumptions can be made based on the information given in the text. The main goal of this question is to develop readers' critical thinking and logic.

Visual comprehension This type of question asks readers to identify information presented in graphical representations, which may take the form of visual material (tables, graphs, charts, etc.) or reference sources (indexes, dictionaries, atlases, etc.). Learning to use the graphical parts of a text can improve your overall comprehension of what you are reading.



How do I use this book?

3 Homestay Experience



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I miss you! See you soon.

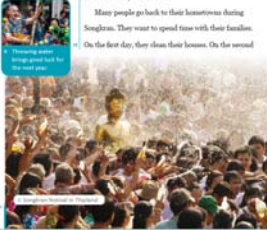
Mei-Hui

16 Songkran

In my country, Thailand, one most important festival is Songkran. It's our New Year festival. It always happens in April, and it's always a lot of fun. Everyone knows about this festival because you can throw water on other people! This brings good luck for the next year. You can buy delicious food on the street, like papers or clothes with special sales.

Many people go back to their hometowns during Songkran. They want to spend time with their families. On the first day, they clean their houses. On the second



34 Flea Market Poster

Flea Market THIS SATURDAY

From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. this Saturday (5/6), there will be a flea market on the lawn square. Everyone is welcome! If you have things to sell, you can sign up as a table owner or just come and see if anything catches your eye!

Are you an artist? Then why not sell your paintings?
Are you a baker? Then why not sell your cakes?
Do you have lots of "junk" you want to throw away?
One man's junk is another man's treasure!
So come on down and have a great day out!
Buyers: after tea of charge!



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5 Saying Sorry to a Friend

Hi,

I'm so sorry about what happened. Any invited me to go shopping with her, and I said yes. I know you hate her after she said all those mean things about you in school. I just didn't think. You are my best friend, and I promise never to speak to her again. **I didn't even have a good time.** All she did the whole time was talk about herself. It was SO boring!

Can I at least do something to make it up to you? How about going out for ice cream tomorrow, to that place you really like in the department store? And I'm being, I really feel bad about this. This, I hope you can forgive me. Your friend always,

Jump



14 Having a Crush on Someone

Hi, did you talk to Chris about now?

Yeah, I did.

Oh, my God, I'm so nervous! What did he say? Did he say he likes me?

Well, yeah, he said he likes you.

What? Really? Oh, my God! I'm so happy!

Wait, Jenny. Before you get too excited, he said he likes you, but not in that way.

Wait... What? What does that mean?

It means he likes you as a friend, but nothing more. You know, I have been crazy you are about him. I guess he just doesn't feel the same way.

Oh... But wait. What were his exact words?

I asked him, "Do you have a girlfriend?" and he said no. And then I said, "What about Jenny?" and he said, "I think she's a nice person, but she's not really my type."



The **texts** come in many different forms: passages, poems, advertisements, blogs, calendars, leaflets, and more, providing students with an array of authentic reading experiences.

18 Bus Schedule

It's Saturday, it's summertime, and the weather is beautiful. My friends and I are heading to **White Sand Bay** for a day of sun, sand, and sea! Better hurry up or we'll miss the bus!

Gray City – White Sand Bay

Summer 2015 01 May – 30 September

STOP	DEPART	MONDAY TO FRIDAY		SAT / SUN / PUBLIC HOLIDAYS		
		TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME
Gray City (Bus Station)	8:30	10:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	
Gray City (Long Street)	8:35	10:35	8:35	9:35	10:35	
Gray City (Steven Street)	8:40	10:40	8:40	9:40	10:40	
Castletown	8:55	10:55	8:55	9:55	10:55	
Oakdale	9:10	11:10	9:10	10:10	11:10	
Clearwater	9:20	11:20	9:20	10:20	11:20	
Oldbridge	9:35	11:35	9:35	10:35	11:35	
Newhaven	9:45	11:45	9:45	10:45	11:45	
White Sand Bay	9:48	11:48	9:48	10:48	11:48	

Ticket Price: Gray City to White Sand Bay One-way: \$7 Return: \$12
*passengers can buy tickets on the bus or at the Gray City Bus Station ticket office.





Questions

1. What is the best title for this news story?
 - a. Fishermen in Brazil Save Hurt Dolphins.
 - b. Dolphins Eat Too Many Fish and Dies.
 - c. How Kind of Fish is Dangerous to Humans.
 - d. Dolphins Teach Fishermen to Catch Fish.
2. How can dolphins "speak" to fishermen?
 - a. By making loud sounds.
 - b. By using their heads and tails.
 - c. By jumping under the water.
 - d. By swimming around in circles.
3. What does "kill" mean?
 - a. Dolphins.
 - b. Fish.
 - c. Children.
 - d. Fishermen.
4. Which year is true about dolphins?
 - a. They are always helpful.
 - b. They sleep in groups.
 - c. They can walk in teams.
 - d. They don't like people.
5. What do "scientists" do?
 - a. They study nature.
 - b. They work in factories.
 - c. They help people to read.
 - d. They teach children to do tricks.



3. What are Bill and Mike talking about?
 - a. Meeting their new neighbors.
 - b. Getting together with friends.
 - c. Keeping their area free of garbage.
 - d. How to take good photos.
4. What are the two going to vote to watch people's attention at their meeting?
 - a. Showing pictures.
 - b. A funny song.
 - c. A famous speaker.
 - d. Colorful clothes.
5. What could "this" mean in the reading?
 - a. Bill's house.
 - b. Mike's phone.
 - c. A water bottle.
 - d. A set of car keys.
6. What do you think Bill and Mike will talk about next?
 - a. What they should wear to the meeting.
 - b. Who should speak at the meeting.
 - c. A good date and time for the meeting.
 - d. What snacks they should bring to the meeting.
7. After the meeting, Bill, Mike, and a few other people formed a group. Which of these is a picture of that group?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.



Questions

1. Which of the pictures shows the event described in the reading?
 - a. 
 - b. 
 - c. 
 - d. 
2. Where will the event be?
 - a. In the town hall.
 - b. In someone's yard.
 - c. In the town square.
 - d. On the beach.
3. How do you feel about something that "catches your eye"?
 - a. You don't like its color.
 - b. You think it's a waste of money.
 - c. You're interested in it.
 - d. You want to return it.
4. I want to sell some of my old clothes at the event. How much will I have to pay to set up a table from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.?
 - a. \$10.
 - b. \$5.
 - c. \$15.
 - d. Nothing.
5. What does the poster tell people by saying "One man's junk is another man's treasure"?
 - a. You'll get in trouble if you attend the event.
 - b. Everyone has something he or she can sell at the event.
 - c. The items at the event will be very expensive.
 - d. You must keep the area clean and tidy.

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36 King Henry VIII

King Henry VIII is one of England's most famous kings. He was a strong military leader, but also a talented poet and musician. However, he is probably most famous for his six marriages. Below is a timeline of Henry's busy love life.





Henry was born. Catherine gave birth to a daughter, Mary. Henry married Jane Seymour. Henry ordered that Anne's head be cut off. After Anne was dead, Henry married Jane Seymour.

Henry became King of England and married Catherine of Aragon, his dead brother's wife. Catherine of Aragon.

Henry divorced Catherine and married Anne Boleyn. Anne gave birth to a daughter, Elizabeth. Anne Boleyn.

Henry married Anne of Cleves, but divorced her almost immediately as she was too ugly. He then married Catherine Howard. Anne of Cleves.

Timeline: 1491, 1509, 1516, 1533, 1536, 1537, 1540

37 Working Holiday Visa

OCEANIA Working Holiday Visa

Have the time of your life...

Every year thousands of young people visit Oceania on working holiday visas.

With a working holiday visa you can:

- Travel freely in Oceania for one year.
- Work whenever you want to support your travels.
- Study for up to six months.

Only people between the ages of 18 and 30 can apply for working holiday visas.

To know more about working holiday visas and how to apply, visit www.oceania.gov.au

I had such a great time. The only bad thing was having to go back to the real world!
Joe, 27, London

Do it! It'll change your life! What an amazing adventure!
Mike, 22, Taipei

I met so many interesting people and made lots of new friends.
Gail, 25, New York

Valentine's Day Set Menu

You Choose 5 or 7 from Courses 1-5

First Course

- Cheese Salad
- Prosciutto, Tomato, Basil and Chicken
- or
- Italian Wedding Soup
- Chicken soup with green peas and wild mushrooms

Main Course

- Roast Chicken of Pico (Half Roasted)
- Four Cheese / Pasta and vegetables / Chicken and potatoes
- or
- Spaghetti
- Paupiet with meat made from tomatoes, basil and onion

Dessert

- Triple-Chocolate Cake
- Dark chocolate cake with white-chocolate sauce
- or
- Valentine's Kiss
- Cream pudding with strawberries

Each meal includes a Beer, soft, hot, or coffee.

4. For her main course, my girlfriend orders a pizza. Which of these is her pizza?

- a. 
- b. 
- c. 
- d. 

5. My girlfriend had two courses, and I had three. What is the total cost of our meal?

- a. \$55.
- b. \$50.
- c. \$60.
- d. \$68.

Plenty of eye-catching **images** and **graphics** give readers powerful motivation to read.

1 The Power of a Smile



Are you smiling right now? What makes you smile?

Maybe you smile when you see your friends, eat chocolate cake, or win a prize. Doctors think we should smile often, because it's good for our bodies and minds. When you smile:

- you feel happy,
- you make others feel happy,
- you look more beautiful, and
- you can “speak” without language!



⤴ prize

⤵ smile

Smiling means the same thing in every country in the world. There is even a “Smile Power Day” on June 15, when people smile at strangers. But be careful! Most people will



notice the difference between a real smile and a **fake** one. When your smile is real, you use your mouth and your eyes. When your smile isn't real, you only use your mouth.

Why don't you try **it**? Smile for real at your teacher; does he or she smile at you, too?



fake smile

Questions

1. What can we learn from the reading?
 - a. Doctors shouldn't smile.
 - b. Teachers often smile.
 - c. Smiling is good for you.
 - d. Don't smile at strangers.
2. Which of the following is not true?
 - a. "Smile Power Day" is on June 15.
 - b. "Smile Power Day" is on July 15.
 - c. Smiling makes you look beautiful.
 - d. Smiling makes you feel happy.
3. What does "**fake**" mean?
 - a. Happy.
 - b. Beautiful.
 - c. False.
 - d. Comfortable.
4. How do you know when someone is happy?
 - a. She smiles with all of her face.
 - b. She only smiles with her mouth.
 - c. She spends time with her friends.
 - d. She eats a lot of chocolate cake.
5. What does "**it**" mean?
 - a. Winning.
 - b. Talking.
 - c. Learning.
 - d. Smiling.

2 Mother's Day Card



To the World's Greatest Mom,

You're the kindest, most caring,
most wonderful mother I could ever wish for.

Thank you for always taking care of me.

5 Thank you for always **cheering me up** when I feel sad.
And thank you for keeping me out of trouble!

I want you to know that you're not just my mom;
you're also my best friend. So I'm sending you lots and
lots of love and kisses on this special day.

10 And, I told Dad to stop being so lazy and to **give you
the day off**, and he said he would. So if he's not helping
out around the house, he's breaking his promise
(I hope he gave you breakfast in bed; I did remind him).

All my love,

15 Your loving daughter,

Jane

P.S. I hope you liked the flowers.

I know **tulips** are your favorite!



Questions

1. If this were a card, what would it look like?

a.



b.



c.



d.



2. What do we know from the reading?

- a. Jane has children of her own.
- b. Jane's father made her mother breakfast in bed.
- c. Jane does not get along well with her father.
- d. Jane and her mother have a good relationship.

3. What are "tulips"?

- a. A type of card
- b. A type of food.
- c. A type of flower.
- d. A type of song.

4. What did Jane mean when she told her father to give her mother "the day off"?

- a. He should take her mother out for a meal.
- b. He should do the housework for her mother.
- c. He should help her mother call in sick for work.
- d. He should watch TV with her mother.

5. What does "cheer someone up" most likely mean?

- a. Correct someone's mistake.
- b. Give someone money.
- c. Laugh at someone.
- d. Make someone feel happy.

3 Homestay Experience

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>> comics



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I miss you! See you soon.

Mei-Hui

France









« castle



⤴ barbecue

Questions

1. What should Mei-Hui's postcard look like?
 - a. 
 - b. 
 - c. 
 - d. 
2. Where is Mei-Hui going tomorrow morning?
 - a. To a castle.
 - b. To a store.
 - c. To school.
 - d. To a restaurant.
3. What does "nearly" mean?
 - a. Also.
 - b. Never.
 - c. Almost.
 - d. Slowly.
4. Which sentence is true?
 - a. Mei-Hui doesn't enjoy French food.
 - b. Mei-Hui doesn't think she'll see a ghost.
 - c. Mei-Hui can speak French very well.
 - d. Mei-Hui goes to the beach on Sundays.
5. Why does Mei-Hui like Michel and Eloise's grandparents?
 - a. The grandparents give them gifts.
 - b. The grandparents cook for them.
 - c. The grandparents tell them stories.
 - d. The grandparents take them to the park.