



### Cloze Passages for First Books Readers

The basic storyline and the pictures in these passages match the stories in the First Books readers. They have been designed to be made into individual booklets. When students have completed the cloze sentence on each page and coloured in the pictures the booklet becomes a take-home reader for homework practice.

The booklets increase in difficulty as follows:

- 1. length of sentence per page (average 4 words to average 12 words)
- 2. size of font (large in first booklets smaller in last booklets)
- 3. easy choice of words (sit/dog) to harder choice of words (what/want)
- 4. choice of 2 words

### Teaching Method

- 1. Read the appropriate First Book and complete the verbal discussion and comprehension questions at the back of the book.
- 2. Give each student their own copy of the cloze booklet.
- 3. Practise reading the New Words at the front of the booklet.
- 4. Go to page one. Explain the following:
  - i. One sentence on each page has a word missing.
  - ii. There are two/three words at the bottom of the page in a box.
  - iii. Only one of the words in the box will make sense in the sentence.
- 5. Practise reading the words in the box.
- 6. Practise reading the words in the sentence.
- 7. Read the sentence using one of the words in the box.
- 8. Read the sentence again using the other word/s.
- 9. Decide which word fits in the sentence the best.
- 10. Write the missing word on the line.
- 11. Read the whole sentence.
- 12. Colour in the picture.
- 13. Repeat the exercise for the rest of the pages.
- 14. Read the whole story when all of the pages have been completed.

### Printing Guide

To print each individual A5 cloze passage booklet, select the indicated page ranges below and use the double sided BOOKLET printing facility on your printer. This will produce A4 sheets which can be folded into an A5 booklet.

First Books 4.1 Big Red Hens Cloze Passages	5-20
First Books 4.2 The Sick Pig (A Song) Cloze Passages	21-36
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First Books 4.8 The Big Smell (A Play) Cloze Passages	117-132



## First Books Hens and Eggs





Lin Meeks and Vicki Easson

My	sister	and I	take	food to	the	

They eat	the food.
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# pens hens at all





#### Lin Meeks and Vicki Easson



My brother, Ben, says it is \_\_\_\_\_\_ fair that he has to go to school. He says that he wants to

stay with \_\_\_\_\_ and me. He says that it is not fair.

