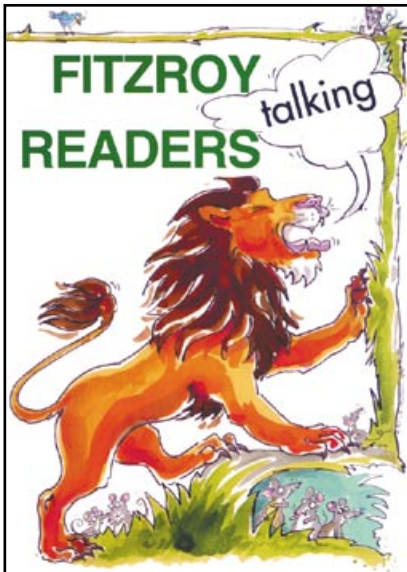


The Fitzroy Talking Readers

Years K to 4



This software does just what a personal tutor would do, only with infinite patience!

It reads pages, repeats any word on request (in a different voice), lets the student creatively alter or rewrite any story and print it, and play word games with the vocabulary of each story.

Two CDs

There are two Fitzroy Talking Readers CDs, each containing twenty books:

- Books 1–10 and 1X–10X (beginner level)
- Books 11–20 and 21–30 (more advanced)

Each CD offers facilities to read and write stories, plus an extra activity to suit the child's level of skill.

The Fitzroy Readers

The first forty of the Fitzroy Readers stories are featured on these CDs. These stories offer a heavily phonic approach to early literacy, and Fitzroy Programs (the creators of the stories) also publish other more advanced stories, word-skill books, and numerous other resources. (See the next page for contact details.)

Reading

Children can hear each story read as often as they like and read along as they gain confidence. Each word is highlighted as it is spoken, drawing the student's attention to that word and helping them associate the word's sound with its written appearance.

If children wish to read by themselves they need only click on an unfamiliar word to hear it spoken by the computer.



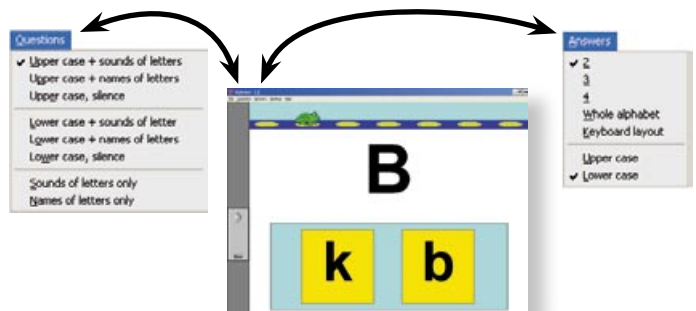
Reading

Writing

Children can write their own version of the stories, then print them with or without the illustrations. The software can also read their story aloud.



Writing



The Alphabet game offers many variations. Here only two choices are offered, with the given letter in upper case, and the answers in lower case.

Alphabet game

An alphabet exercise is included on the Books 1–10X CD. This game helps children to relate upper and lower case letters, and to match the shape of each letter with its sound and name. As the illustration shows, there are many variations of this game.

Word Square

Software included on the Books 11–30 CD allows students to solve word squares on the computer. The words are chosen from one or more of the stories, and the puzzle can be any size from a simple four by four up to a more challenging fourteen by ten. The computer speaks the word after the child clicks on the correct letters in sequence.

A teacher utility is also provided for creating and printing word square puzzles and answer sheets, for use away from the computer.

Teacher controls

Many aspects of the activities can be adjusted to suit students' needs. Clues can be enabled or disabled, puzzles can be made suitably challenging, printing facilities can be turned on or off, the stories available can be restricted to a particular set and so on. Teacher settings can be protected by a password if necessary.

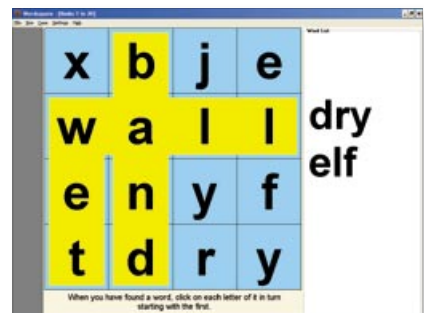


The Cloze activity checks the student's comprehension of the original text.

WHAT ARE THE FITZROY READERS?

The Fitzroy Readers are a popular series of books for helping children learn to read. They are based on a progressive phonic system, making them particularly successful with children whose progress with traditional readers is slow. Each book introduces a new English sound-and-spelling pattern, as well as a few sight words that do not conform to phonic principles.

The printed books and other materials are available directly from Fitzroy Programs. Ring (03) 9489 5700 or fax (03) 9482 3226 for details.



Word Square game

Windows/Mac CD	
RRP per pack	Single user \$176
(GST inc.)	Site licence \$352

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The teacher can choose the settings and degree of difficulty either for the whole class, or for each student individually.