## Wilbooks

Disclaimer: <u>ASEPA</u> (Australian Special Education Principals Association) have joined together with UK-based nasen (<u>National Association for Special Educational Needs</u>) to work in partnership to crowd-source free resources that may be useful in supporting children with complex and/or additional learning needs.

#### Who is this resource for?

- Wilbooks is a children's book educational publishing company based in West Chester, Pennsylvania. The company was founded by children's book author Bruce Larkin in 1996. The company publishes fiction, non-fiction, humour, and poetry books geared towards children from Pre-kindergarten to third grade.
- Although there is a subscription offered on this site there is also a very extensive free component which includes free; online readers, videos of books, flashcards, poetry, and meet the author videos. It also has free word searches and colouring pages that go with the books.
- The free books are organised into guided reading from A-M which are similar to Benchmark levels (1-16) and could be used for guided reading. There are also other books levels in grades from Pre-K to Grade 3.
- This is an American site therefore some of the books have American topics such as the States of America and American animals.

#### **Setting up**

- 1. Access free <u>Wilbooks</u> here or via the following link. https://www.wilbooks.com/free-resources-free-online-books
- 2. This is the free online page. Use the red tabs to explore the free resources.





3. Below this is the area where the free books are available. Click these tabs for a choice of free online readers.



Do not click the books on the side tab as these are the books that need a subscription.

### How can my child use this resource?

As parents of students who may have additional learning and support needs or disabilities, you may need some help to make all of this technology work for your child. Below is a link to some 'How to Videos' to support parents with making it easier to work online.

The screen shot shows what you will see when you click on the link.



https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/disability-learning-and-support/resources/assistive-technology#How-to5

# **Tips for parents and carers**

This resource would be useful for students to continue to practice their early reading skills. It is appropriate for students who are learning to read.

There are books on letters of the alphabet, animals, and shapes.

Available TABS			
Colouring Pages	Colouring pages that relate to the books, including ones on letters, shapes, numbers and characters		
Free Online Books	Guided Readers	Similar to guided PM readers. Listed in levels from A-M. Used for learning to read.	
	Pre-K	Mostly non-fiction books with one word per picture. Books on colours, shapes, animals, letters, CVC words, sports, and numbers.	
	Kindergarten	Over 200 readers on different topics ranging from engineering (tools) to animals to food, money, odd numbers to fiction.	
	First Grade	Categories include; fiction, nonfiction, math, science, photo, illustrated, series, 1 <sup>st</sup> half of first grade and 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of first grade	
	Second Grade	Categories include; fiction, non-fiction, science, social studies, photo, illustrated, state books (American States)	
	Third Grade	Categories include; fiction, non-fiction, facts, jokes, idioms, poems, brain busters.	
	Espanol	Books in Spanish	
Poetry	Printable poems listed in alphabetical order		
Word Searches	Printable word searchers listed in alphabetical order		
Videos	Flashcards	Includes videos of flashcards with pictures. Over 30 different flashcard sets.	

Available TABS		
	Books read out loud	Pre-K and K (over 30books), 1st Grade (around 30 books), 2nd Grade(around 9 books)
Meet the Authors	Three different videos about the authors	
Poetry	4 Short poem videos	