

# Absolutely English Children's Books



*In a matter of weeks children have accumulated a spoken vocabulary of over 450 words in context and with full understanding. I can find no comparable results elsewhere.*

At the beginning, our aim is to ensure that the children learn spoken English as quickly as possible. Using text as the main source for this is ridiculous. A beginner cannot possibly speak a new English written word correctly. Single vocabulary words are not language. The English must be in context and the children must be able to understand everything they say or sing. The source must be the spoken language and learning through speaking is of the essence. In addition, for effective learning, it must be possible for the children to learn when and how they please.

The **Fun 1** and **Fun 2** books are the solution. They contain songs with catchy tunes which are illustrated "step by step" for immediate understanding. **Fun 2** also contains five joke dialogues for the children to perform. Learning a dialogue from a spoken source is one excellent way to learn conversation pieces and appreciate dialogue. Once a child can sing a song or speak a dialogue, the child can learn to read with the approach "total text" – please see the *learning to read* section. Learning to read with "total text" further encourages speaking and helps the children to learn to separate the words. In **Fun 2**, the words are listed in alphabetical order and spoken on the CD. This enables the children to practice their pronunciation, to re-identify the words and to take their first steps in their appreciation of the phonetic basis of the language.

**Fun 1** is designed to be used by children up to ten years old, whatever their previous experience in English. The specially developed *Picture Guide System* is incorporated in **Fun 1**. The child hears a sound which corresponds to the small picture at the lower right hand corner of each illustration and therefore is guided to the next illustration. Children appreciate the *Picture Guide System* immediately and so can use the book independently. Thus the spoken or sung texts are always well understood.

In the group or class or at home with parents the songs are performed, illustrated etc. with much enjoyment and a further strengthening of both the spoken language and the understanding. Details of many activities for the songs of **Fun 1** are available as a download on this site. The performing details for **Fun 2** are included in the accompanying booklet itself, in both English and German.

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For First year progress, First year activity table,  
Comprehensive Toolkit, Workshops  
Parents: see [www.absolutelyLEARNING.de](http://www.absolutelyLEARNING.de)  
How to help at home.

## Fun 1 and Fun 2 Content

### Body action songs

- One finger – 1
- If you're happy – 1
- Shake it! – 2

### Story action songs

- Three little pigs – 1
- Money, money! – 1
- In a cottage – 1
- When I come. – 2
- Roll over! – 2

### Further action songs

- Ten green bottles – 1
- Rattling bog – 1
- Alphabet Chorus – 1
- Nick, nack – 2
- I can sing. – 2

### Joke dialogues

- The lucky black cat – 2
- Does your dog bite? – 2
- What's your name? – 2
- Play the violin, please. – 2
- The time, please? – 2

### Fun 1

195 words in context  
plus the alphabet

### Fun 2

309 words in context  
including months, days, colours

### Overlap

About 50 words



## Fun 1

### Singing Picture Story Book with Audio-CD

#### Book

- Eight songs illustrated step by step in colour with *Picture Guide System*

#### Audio-CD\*

- Songs with *Picture Guide System*
- Songs
- Spoken selected words or phrases with illustration as in Reading Book

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English for audio samples of the Fun 1 CD



## Fun 1

### Reading Book

Same eight songs – colour illustrations

Each song is provided with

- List of selected words or phrases with illustration, spoken on CD above
- Random arrangement of the words
- Text with Picture Guide System
- Text



## Fun 2

### Two books in One with Audio-CD

Five Songs and Five Joke Dialogues – colour illustrations

#### Children's Section

- Illustrated texts
- Spoken alphabetical list of words (8 tracks)

#### Adult's Section (English and German)

- Use of Fun 2
- Performing each song and dialogue
- "total text" learning to read – introduction
- Reading support

#### Audio-CD

- Songs
- Joke dialogues
- Spoken alphabetical list of words (8 tracks)
- Instrumental play-back of each song



Fun 1 Picture Story Book with Audio-CD is available as paperback or as a Hardback pair with Fun 1 Reading Book

There are special offers for combined purchase of Fun 1 and Fun 2

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