GETTING STARTED

# Bitesize Reading Library

Teach, print and assess from one library.

**Quick start**
Open the Library, choose your edition, add a purchased ZIP and begin teaching.

This guide covers first launch, adding resources, presentations, Discover, Assessment, videos, updates and support.

**Privacy note:** pupil names, classes and assessment marks are stored locally in your browser profile. Reading Library only downloads public catalogue, configuration, video-mapping and software-update files from Bitesize Education.

# 1. Open Reading Library

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| 1 | **Windows**<br>After extracting the download, double-click **START - WINDOWS.cmd**. Keep the Reading Library folder in the same place after you begin using it. |
| 2 | **Chromebook / managed browser**<br>Open **START - CHROMEBOOK.html**. School security settings can differ, so contact support if local files are blocked. |
| 3 | **Choose your edition**<br>A fresh installation starts in the **US Edition**. Use the edition button at the top of the Library or Settings to switch between US and UK versions. |

## What you will see

- **Home** - your starting point and current teaching progress.
- **My Library** - all installed Bitesize resources.
- **Discover** - search the wider Bitesize Education catalogue.
- **Reading Framework** - the reusable five-session teaching structure.
- **Assessment** - class tracking, pupil profiles and reading-skill analysis.
- **Add Resource** - install a modern or older Bitesize resource ZIP.
- **Help & Support** - this guide, feedback and support links.

# 2. Add a purchased resource

Reading Library is designed so the ZIP you received with your purchase is the installer. You do not need to unpack modern resource ZIPs before adding them.

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| 1 | **Open Add Resource**<br>Choose **Add Resource** from the left-hand menu. |
| 2 | **Choose the ZIP**<br>Drop the purchased ZIP into the box or select it from your Downloads folder. |
| 3 | **Wait for identification**<br>Reading Library scans the package, registers teaching materials and, where available, assessment and presentation data. |
| 4 | **Open My Library**<br>The resource card appears in **My Library**. Open it whenever you are ready to teach. |

## Older / legacy resources

Older Bitesize packs are also supported. The importer recognises common files such as Reading Text, Lessons 1-2-3 worksheets, Reading Worksheets, Q&A;, Just Tick It, Lesson Plans, PowerPoint, Google Slides and the older assessment workbook.

**Presentation priority for older packs:** PowerPoint is used as the primary presentation when present. Google Slides remains available as an alternative. Legacy resources continue to use the five-session Reading Framework while refreshed versions are rolled out over time.

# 3. Teach from a resource

Open a resource card in My Library. The resource page brings the teaching sequence, files, presentation options, videos, assessment and related resources together.

- **Five teaching sessions:** Word Warm-Up & First Read, Vocabulary Deep-Dive, Fluency & Facts, Retrieval Mission and Inference Detective Day.
- **Presentation:** new-format presentations open inside Reading Library. Older PowerPoint packs use the original PowerPoint as the primary presentation.
- **Resource materials:** reading texts, worksheets, Q&A;, Just Tick It, lesson plans and other recognised files can be opened or downloaded from the resource page.
- **Thumbnails:** new-format presentations use slide 10 as the library cover. Legacy PowerPoint resources use their legacy title-slide logic.
- **Regional editions:** your US/UK preference controls the appropriate resource edition when one is available.

## Reading Framework

The Reading Framework is a software-level teaching reference. It keeps the weekly teaching routine consistent without duplicating framework slides inside every purchased pack.

# 4. Discover more resources

Discover searches the Bitesize Education catalogue by topic, grade and resource type.

- Search naturally, for example **grade 3 electricity**, **space display** or a topic name.
- Use grade and resource-type filters to narrow the catalogue.
- Resources already recognised in My Library are highlighted with **In your Library** and open locally instead of sending you back to TPT.
- Use **Hide resources in My Library** when you only want to browse resources you do not yet own.
- The **More for this topic** section prioritises useful complementary resources and automatically removes items already in your library.

Current prices and purchases remain on Teachers Pay Teachers. Reading Library is the teaching and discovery layer, not a checkout system.

# 5. Assessment

The Assessment area is designed to replace the need to manage a separate spreadsheet during normal use.

- Create a class manually or import a class list using the supplied CSV template.
- Start an assessment by choosing the class, date and resource.
- Enter question marks as correct, incorrect or not yet marked.
- Vocabulary, Retrieval, Inference and Overall totals update automatically.
- Use Class Results and pupil profiles to identify strengths, gaps and suggested next teaching steps.
- Modern resource ZIPs can include a full assessment definition. Older packs receive the standard 14-mark Bitesize tracker and continue to use their original answer sheet for marking guidance.

**Keep pupil data private:** do not include pupil information in feedback/support forms or screenshots. Assessment data remains local to the device/browser profile.

# 6. Watch & Reinforce

Where a matching Bitesize Education YouTube video is mapped to a resource topic, Reading Library shows it under **Watch & Reinforce**.

- Directly mapped videos open on YouTube.
- If there is no exact video mapping yet, Reading Library can offer a topic-specific search of the Bitesize Education YouTube channel.
- Video links are optional: teaching materials still work if YouTube is blocked by a school network.

The video mapping can be updated online without requiring a new Reading Library installation.

# 7. Updates, feedback & support

Reading Library can refresh public catalogue, configuration and video information from Bitesize Education. Windows installations can also be offered verified software updates.

- Use **Settings > Refresh live services** if Discover or video information appears out of date.
- When a new Windows version is available, use the update instructions shown by Reading Library and start from **START - WINDOWS.cmd**.
- Use **Help & Support** to open this guide and the Bitesize feedback/support form.
- When reporting a problem, include your Reading Library version, device type and resource title if relevant. Do **not** include pupil names, pupil marks or other pupil-identifying information.

**Before asking for support**

1. Close and reopen Reading Library.
2. Check that the Reading Library folder has not been moved or partially deleted.
3. In Settings, try Refresh live services.
4. Note the resource title and what you expected to happen.

## Thank you for using Bitesize Reading Library.

Feedback helps shape future updates, improve compatibility with older resources and make the Reading Library more useful in real classrooms.