MARBLES

Ready to roll!

The new six-level course for young learners

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About Marbles

Marbles is a six-level course for young learners of English.

Marbles whole-child approach takes lessons from the classroom to the outside world.

Marbles blends **real-life topics** with exciting **storylines** and **videos** to keep interest and motivation levels high.

Pupils develop language competence and **Learning for life skills** while they have fun and grow in confidence.

Learning for life

Learning for life skills nurture the children into rounded individuals and responsible global citizens.

Imagination

is the foundation for both artistic expression and scientific research.

Collaboration

is the way in which we can combine our talents to reach a common goal.

Global learning

is important to nurture children as global citizens, respecting other cultures and caring for the environment.

Thinking skills

help us to navigate through life, reflecting on past experience, planning and problem-solving for the way forward.

Creativity

is the practical expression of imagination.

Social and emotional learning (SEL)

is essential for children to blossom into rounded adults.

Digital skills

are necessary in today's world and children need to develop the flexibility to embrace new technology as it develops.

Communication skills

The specific focus of the Communication skills activities in Marbles is an introduction to communicating ideas to an audience.

Topics and Vocabulary

Each new topic is presented through an engaging composite illustration at the start of the unit, with accompanying audio. These illustrations follow the everyday lives or adventures of the characters.

New vocabulary is presented using combined media: **photographic video animation** and individual illustrations with **flashcards**. Throughout the unit, there are many opportunities to use the new words, as well as a **Picture dictionary** for reference.

Illustrated scene with characters from the stories to present the unit topic.

Children read the *Learn to …* box to find out about the learning objectives for the unit.

Pupil's Book

Flashcards are also available to reinforce the vocabulary of each unit opener.

Clear vocabulary presentation with audio and video.

Activity Book

The new unit vocabulary is practised through a variety of activities, often writing at word or phrase level.

Language

Each unit presents **two language points in context** using a variety of reading and listening activities. A comprehension task guides the children to focus first on meaning. There is then the opportunity to focus actively on the new forms in a ***Remember!*** box and **in a Language reference** section.

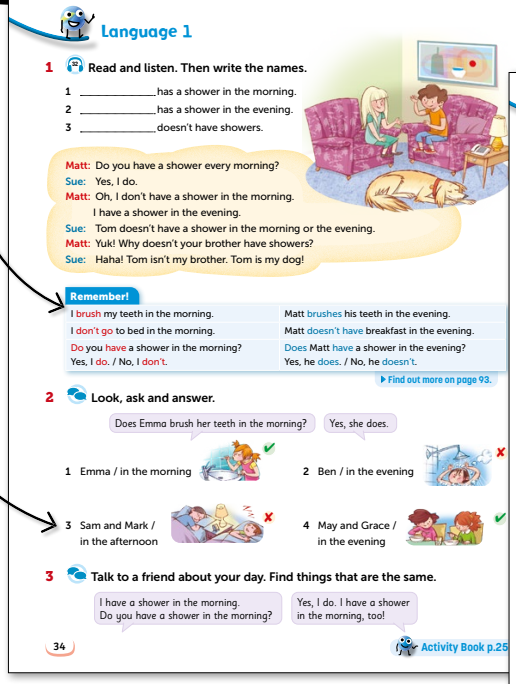
Clear language box.

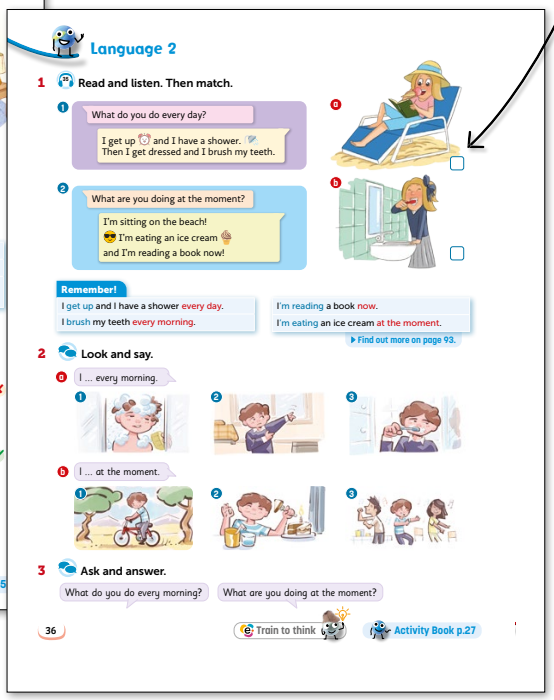
Communicative activities to practise language.

Language presentation through a reading and listening activity.

The language point is practised through a range of activities.

Pupil's Book





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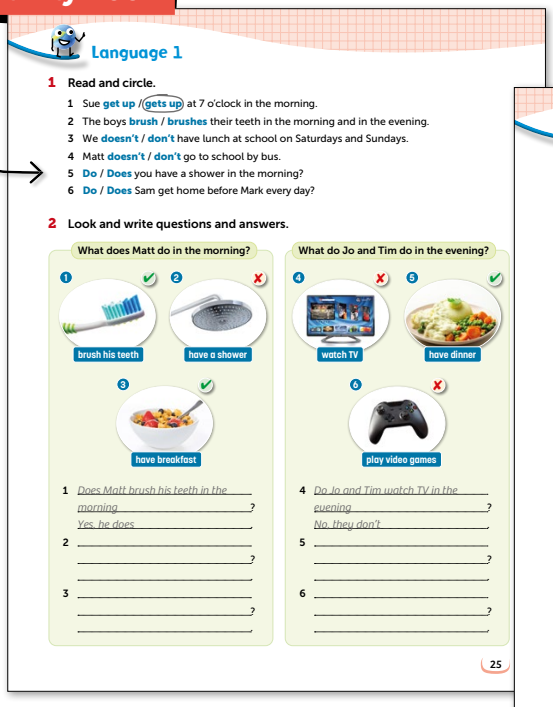
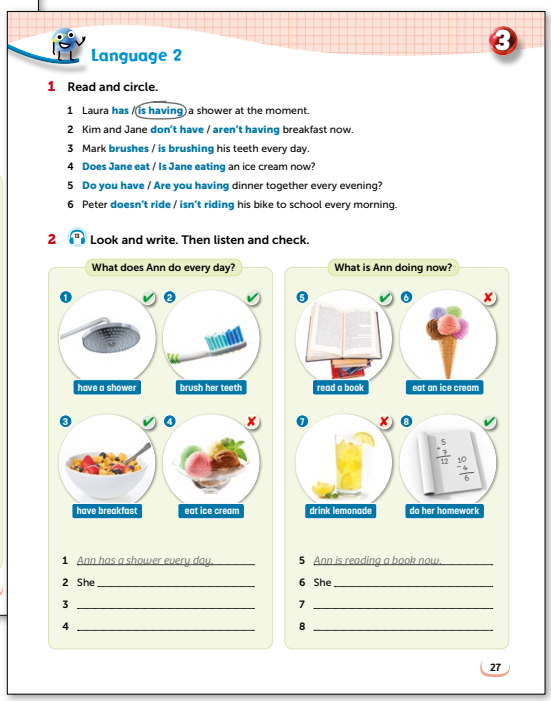


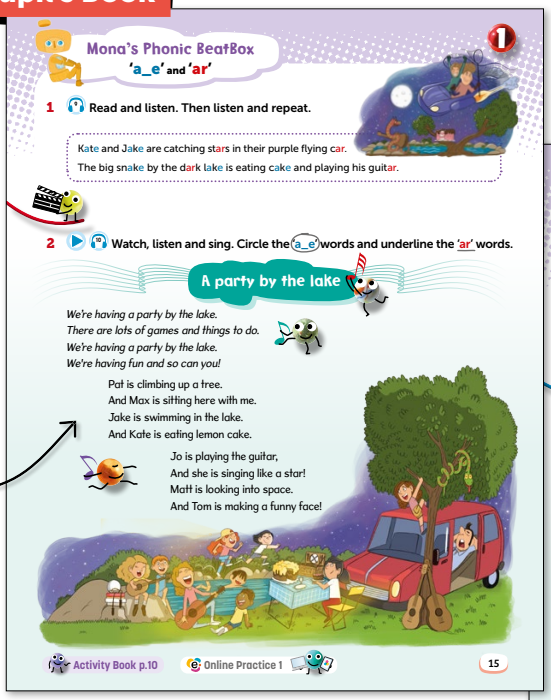


Phonics and Song videos

In each unit, children practise key sounds that may be difficult for non-native speakers to identify and produce. The target sounds are presented via age-appropriate language in a fun rhyme.

They are then consolidated in **animated song videos** - Each phonics page features a song practising the target sounds of the unit. Fun animated audios and videos (**Chants**, **Songs** and **Grammar Raps**) are provided to motivate and encourage children to participate, thereby reinforcing language.

Pupil's Book



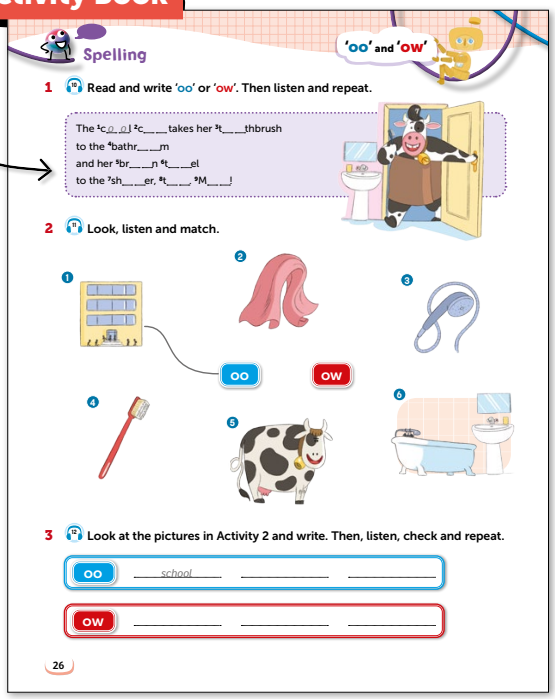
Two sounds are presented through a fun rhyme.

The same sounds are presented in two successive units, using different words so that the sounds are reinforced.

Sounds are practised through a listening and reading activity, before pupils watch and listen to an engaging song with video animation.

song audio

Activity Book



The spelling of the sounds presented in the Pupil's Book is practised through a variety of engaging activities.

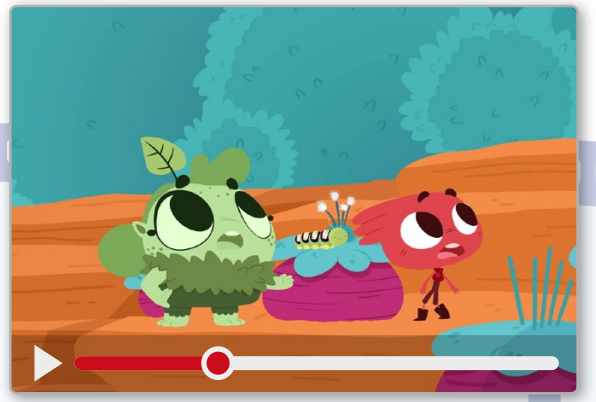
Animated song videos

Video

Marbles offers a wide **range of video content** as a highly effective and motivating learning tool at different stages of the unit. Subjects are brought to life and children look forward to watching the next instalment of the animated videos or are curious to learn more about real life subjects presented by children of their own age.

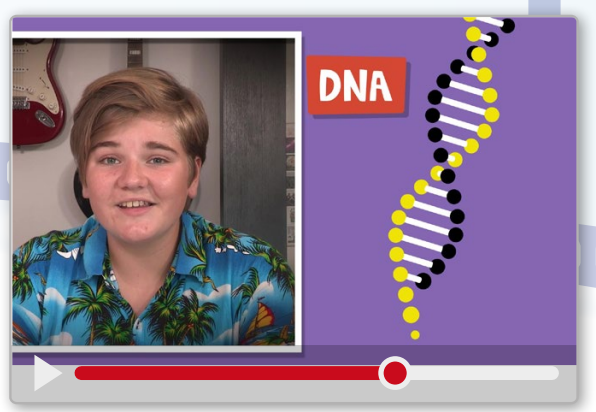
In Marbles 1 – 6 you can find the following videos per level.

Marbles 1	Animated comic story ***Whatsit and friends!***	***Our World*** real life videos with Jenny and James	Animated ***song*** videos	***Vocabulary*** videos
Marbles 2	Animated comic story ***Whatsit and friends!***	***Our World*** real life videos with Jenny and James	Animated ***song*** videos	***Vocabulary*** videos
Marbles 3	Animated comic story ***Space Time Adventures***	***Mia & Mike*** real life videos	Animated ***song*** videos	***Vocabulary*** videos
Marbles 4	Animated comic story ***Space Time Adventures***	***The Twins*** real life videos with Lucy and Leo	Animated ***song*** videos	***Vocabulary*** videos
Marbles 5	***The Twins*** real life videos with Lucy and Leo	***CLIL videos*** with Luna and Jamie	***Round the world*** videos	Animated ***grammar Raps*** with Ronnie!
Marbles 6	***CLIL videos*** with Luna and Jamie	***Round the world*** videos		Animated ***grammar Raps*** with Ronnie!



Animated comic story *Space Time Adventures*

Mia & Mike real life videos



CLIL videos

Round the World video

Stories and Skills

Animated stories and **videos** throughout the course allow children to follow the episodic stories of the characters and get engaged. Stories provide motivating entertainment, consolidate the unit language and vocabulary and allow the practise of the skills. They can be followed in the **Pupil's Book comics** and also in the **video animations**.

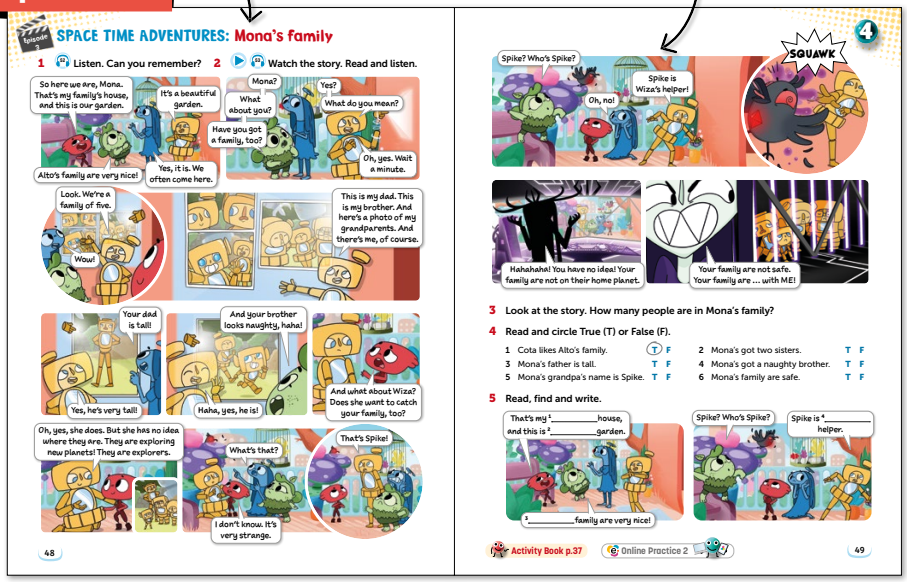
The **Skills pages** in the Pupil's Book and Activity Book integrate the stories and help children practise and consolidate the language and the four skills of the unit. They also learn functional language in useful ***Let's talk*** boxes that present everyday language in familiar situations.

In Units 2, 4, 6 and 8, stories with animated videos.

Children first watch and/or listen to a summary of the story so far before they work with the new episode.

In Units 1, 3, 5 and 7, reading skills.

Pupil's Book



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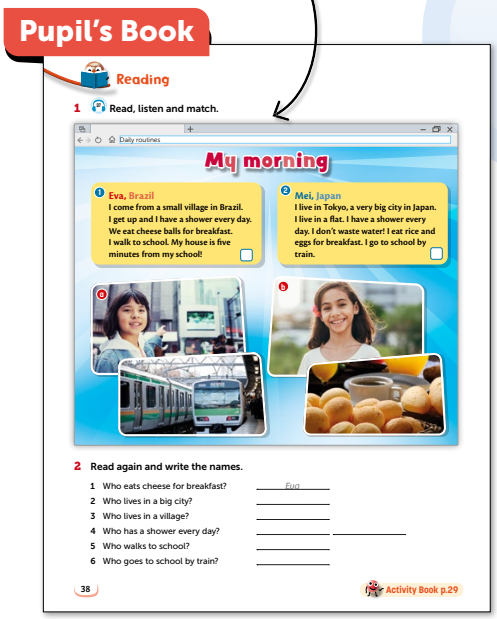

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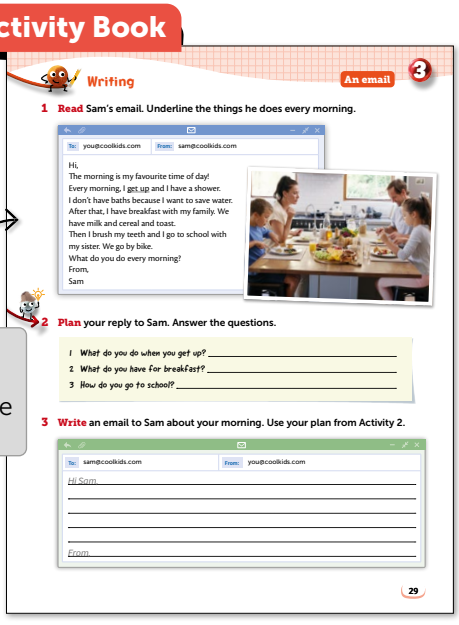
In Units 1, 3, 5 and 7, listening and speaking skills.

Writing practice is provided in the Activity Book.

Activity Book



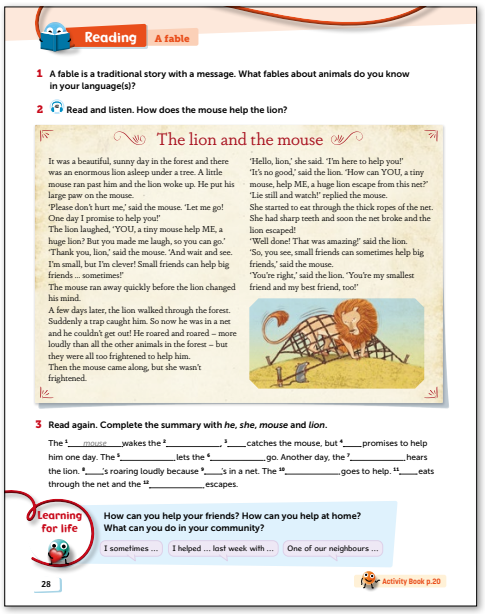
Real world content (CLIL) and Values

Every unit features **real-world content with CLIL** pages related to the unit topic. Themes span **Art**, **Natural science**, **Social science**, **Maths**, **History** and **Geography**. Children can apply the knowledge they gain from these lessons to other subjects they are learning. Positive **values** and ***Learning for life skills*** are reinforced throughout the course in different ways, while highlighting aspects of **Social and emotional learning (SEL)** and **Global learning.**

Pupil's Book

Real-world content related to the unit topic.

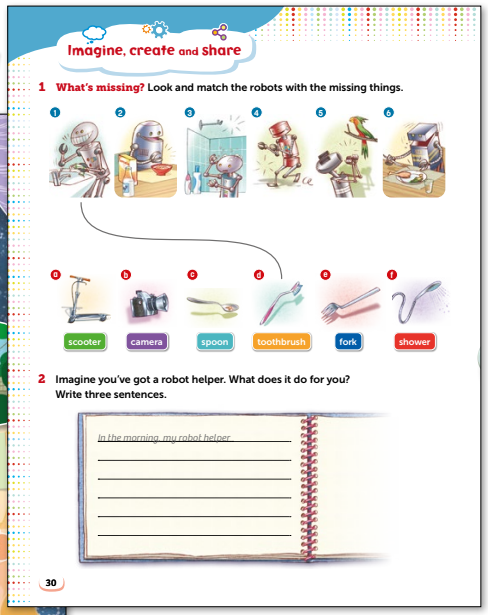
Children are invited to reflect on a value related to the CLIL content through the ***Act Smart!*** feature, highlighting ***Learning for Life*** skills such as ***Global learning*** or ***Social and emotional learning (SEL).***



Specific ***Learning for Life*** feature can be found in levels 5 and 6.

Children also have the opportunity to review and consolidate what they have learned in a **practical project tasks** that develop **imagination** and **creativity** and then fosters **collaboration and communication** skills as children **share** their ideas.

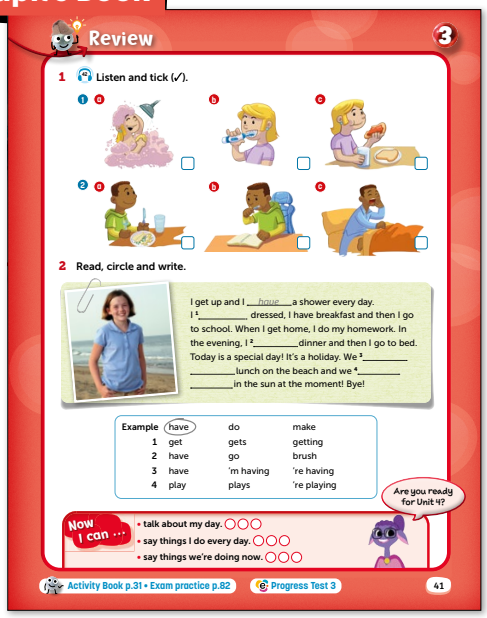
Pupil's Book



Learning to learn: review and exams

Review pages in the Pupil's Book and **My Marbles** file pages in the Activity Book encourage metacognitive **thinking skills**. Children review the language and learning objectives of the unit and reflect on their progress. They are invited to reflect on their progress by thinking about what they can now do and what they have learned by doing reflection and self-assessment activities in the Pupil's Book and Activity Book review pages.

Pupil's Book



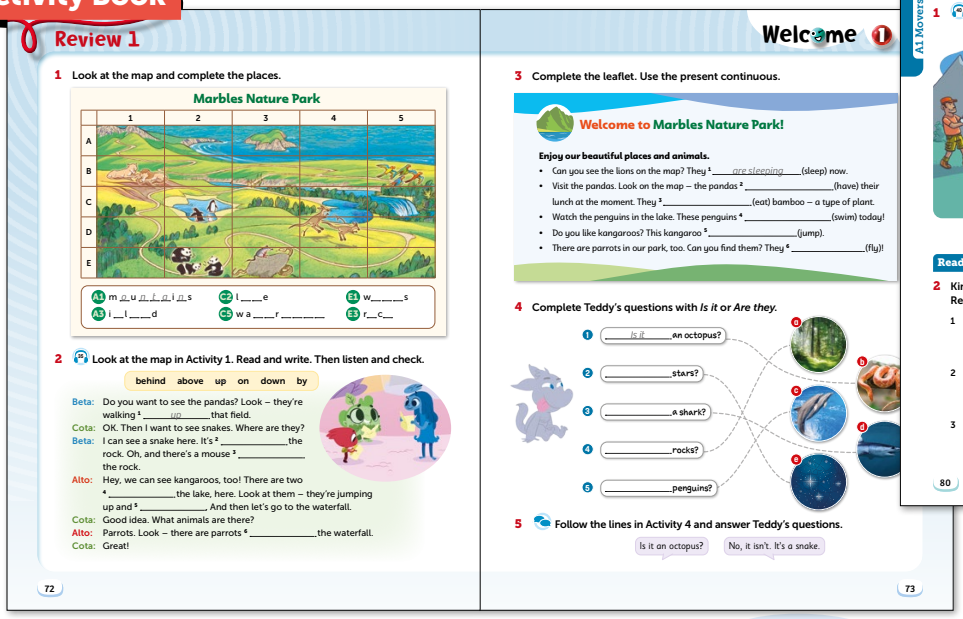
Activity Book

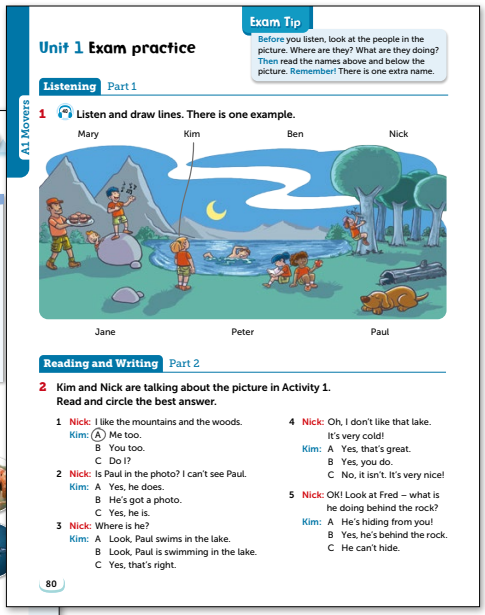
Thinking Skills activities on ezonekids

Assessment and Exam preparation

This course is designed so that by the end of Level 4, children will be ready to take **Cambridge English A1 Movers** test and the **Cambridge English A2 Flyers** test by the end of Level 6. External exam activity types are practised in the **Exam practice section** at the end of the Activity Book.

Activity Book



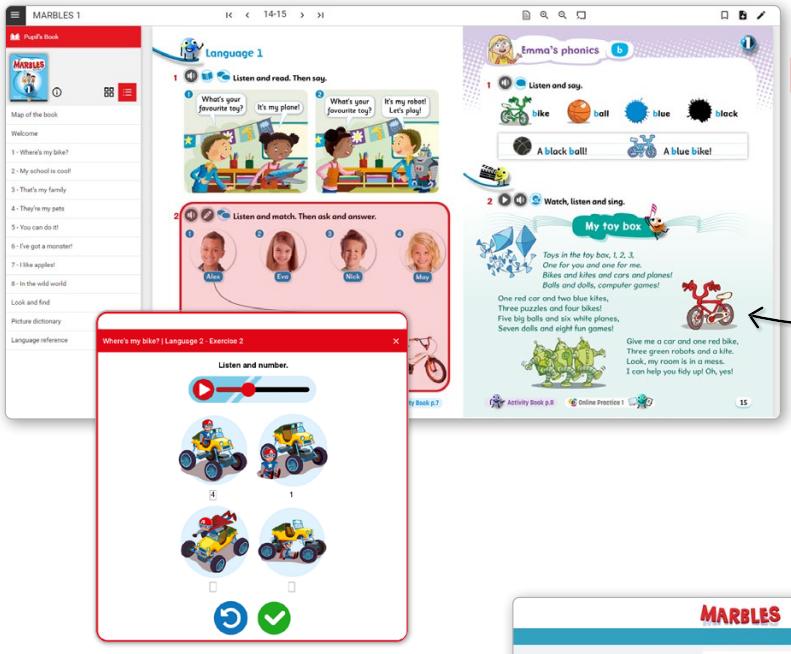


Marbles Digital

Whether you teach online or face-to-face, or a blend of both, *Marbles* offers a wealth of digital materials and resources, available on **Helbling e-zone kids**.

Helbling e-zone kids enable teachers to deliver content, assign tasks and homework, and to monitor children's progress.

All the audio and video content is also available on the **Helbling Media App.**

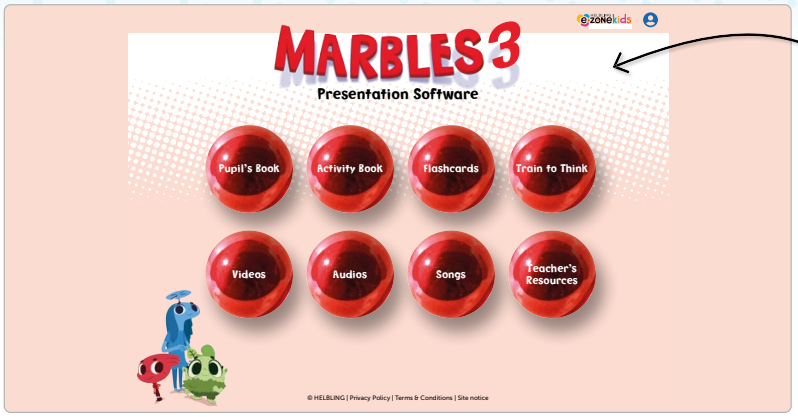


e-book+

Interactive Pupil's Book and Activity Book, with embedded audio and video, also including self-correcting tasks. *Marbles* e-books+ are also accessible on mobile devices.

Online practice

A range of online interactive tasks covering vocabulary, language and skills work. Select and assign tasks, set a deadline and receive a report detailing children's results.



Presentation Software (IWB)

Teacher's e-book+ version of the Pupil's Book and Activity Book: all the pupil's material for presentation on an interactive whiteboard.
The software can be used on a smartboard for face-to-face classes or sharing the screen with students in virtual classrooms.

Assessment package with audio

Specially designed Diagnostic Tests and Progress Tests allow teachers to effectively evaluate pupils' level and progress. You can use ready-to-print tests or edit and generate your own versions for face-to-face teaching, or assign tests directly to your students.

Online Games

Fun online games for individual or team challenges, and specially developed *Train to Think* activities for further practice.

Helbing Media App

Audio and **video** available for mobile devices.

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CEFR level:	Cambridge English exam:	
Pre-A1	Marbles 1	Starters
	Marbles 2	
A1	Marbles 3	Movers
	Marbles 4	
A2	Marbles 5	Flyers
	Marbles 6	

FOR THE PUPIL

Pupil's Book
with access code to:
- **e-book+**
- Online Practice

Activity Book
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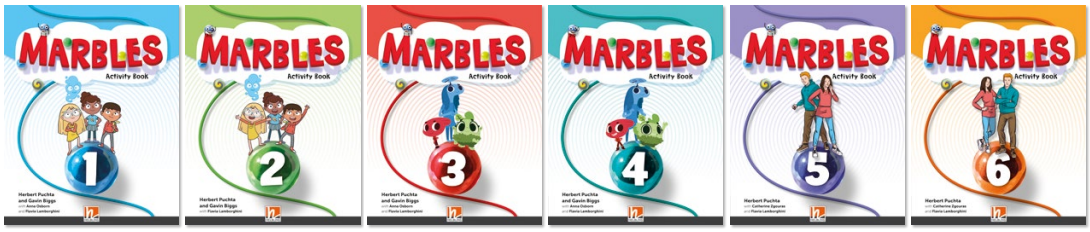

FOR THE TEACHER

Teacher's Book with access code to
Presentation Software including:
- Pupil's e-book+
- Activity e-book+
- Flashcards
- Train to think
- Teacher's Resources
- **Full assessment package with audio**
- **Online Practice**

Flashcards

Marbles	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Pupil's Book	978-3-99089-755-3	978-3-99089-756-0	978-3-99089-757-7	978-3-99089-758-4	978-3-99089-759-1	978-3-99089-760-7
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Flashcards	978-3-7114-0123-6	978-3-7114-0124-3	978-3-7114-0125-0	978-3-7114-0126-7	-	-