

Free Literacy Websites

<https://www.education.com/games/first-grade/ela/reading/>

Confidence is key in learning how to read. When students enter the first grade and start learning basic reading skills, it's easy for them to feel overwhelmed and reluctant to practice. On the other hand, students who develop a love of reading early are motivated to read more challenging books, build their vocabularies, and even write stories of their own. That's why it's so important to make reading lessons a positive experience. What better way to add excitement than to make it part of a game? Our collection of interactive first grade reading games, designed by education experts specifically for a first grade level, keep your child actively engaged in reading practice with irresistible puzzles, colorful quizzes, and fast-paced quests. Beginner readers can start with the fundamentals of letter recognition and phonics. Next, explore spelling, sight words, and parts of speech. More advanced readers can discover complete sentences and strengthen their reading comprehension. For more activities your first grader will enjoy, check out our full collection of [first grade games](#).

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Developed by The Screen Actors Guild Foundation, Storyline Online features accomplished actors and actresses reading some of their favorite children's books. Each story comes with a free Activity Guide and can be viewed on YouTube or SchoolTube. *Rainbow Fish*, *Wilfrid Gordon Macdonald Partridge*, and *To Be a Drum* are just a few of the books available.

<https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>

Founded in 2008, freechildrenstories.com operates on the simple principle that children's development is paramount. Our mission is to offer traditional, meaningful storytelling to every child, parent, or teacher around the globe with access to the internet, for free.

<http://starfall.com/>

While some areas of Starfall are part of their premium service, they have many early reader stories available for free. Students can follow along as the story is read to them and can, in some instances, help create their own story. The website is highly engaging and a favorite of young readers.

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/online-storytime-books-toys/379003588/>

From *The Kissing Hand* read by author Audrey Wood to *Pinkalicious* read by Victoria Kann, Barnes and Noble's Online Storytime has popular children's books read out loud. While there are no supplemental materials to accompany the stories, this free site is perfect for "Listen to Reading" stations.

Note: The first story begins right away when the page opens so be sure that your volume is adjusted accordingly before clicking the link.

<http://abcya.com/>

Children can listen to short stories read aloud to them as they follow along with the highlighted text. ABCya! has a variety of educational games in addition to the featured stories. Free resources and materials are available for grades K through 5.

<http://www.storynory.com/>

Storynory features a collection of original, fairytale, and classic children's audio stories. Students can follow along with the story as it is read to them, as the text is also included on the site. There are also some great features available that give you the option of downloading the audio to your computer, listening to "catch phrase" explanations, translating text into different languages (especially helpful for your ELL students!), and more.

<http://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html>

National Geographic Young Explorers is a magazine designed specifically for kindergarten and first grade students. Children can listen to the magazine being read to them as they follow along with the highlighted text. It is a great way to bring interesting non-fiction stories into reading center time.

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

After registering for a free account, you have access to over 250 children's audio books that can be used in the classroom. The book text is not part of the presentation, so students will not be able to follow along as it is read to them.

<https://www.journalbuddies.com/prompts-by-grade/first-grade-journal-writing-prompts/>

Fun and Easy Journal Prompt Ideas for First Graders—Enjoy this fantastic listing of 1st Grade Journaling Prompts. Use them, share them, and have fun with them.