

READING WITH ABIGAIL: Written, illustrated and narrated by **Bernsey of**
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A collection of charming screens and associated activities about Abigail the raccoon, with real speech to support early listening and reading skills together with simple sentence building skills. Read the sentences, find the missing words and copy the sentences. Ages 4 – 6 / older second language / special needs.

Users may choose from the exercises in PART 1, 2 or 3. The former is the easiest and the latter the hardest.

EXERCISE 1 – TALKING PAGES:

A collection of screens with very simple sentences and delightful illustrations. The words are highlighted as they are narrated. Use the arrows to navigate between the screens.

EXERCISE 2 – SIMPLE SENTENCE BUILDING 1:

Click on the left hand ‘Abigail’ button to open this activity. There is a single illustration. To the left of this is an incomplete sentence and an empty box. Below this is a choice of 3 words. Pass the mouse over the text to hear it spoken.

Click on the correct word or drag and drop the correct word into the empty box to complete the sentence and advance to the next screen. Click on the arrow to return to the previous screen.

The correct response opens a new screen showing the image and the completed sentence which is spoken and written.

EXERCISE 3 - SIMPLE SENTENCE BUILDING 2:

Click on the right hand ‘Abigail’ button to open this activity. There is a single illustration. To the left of this is an empty box with a choice of 3 words below. Pass the mouse over the text to hear it spoken.

The words must be chosen in the correct sequence. Click on the correct word or drag and drop the correct word into the empty box to complete the sentence and advance to the next screen. Click on the arrow to return to the previous screen.

The correct response opens a new screen showing the image and the completed sentence which is spoken and written.

EXERCISE 4: WRITING OR COPYING A SENTENCE:

Click on the 'pencil' button to open this activity. An 'I' band allows the sentence to be typed using the keyboard. Left click on the main Abigail illustration to see and copy the sentence.

Type the sentence correctly, including capital letters and full stop, then press ENTER to advance to the next screen.

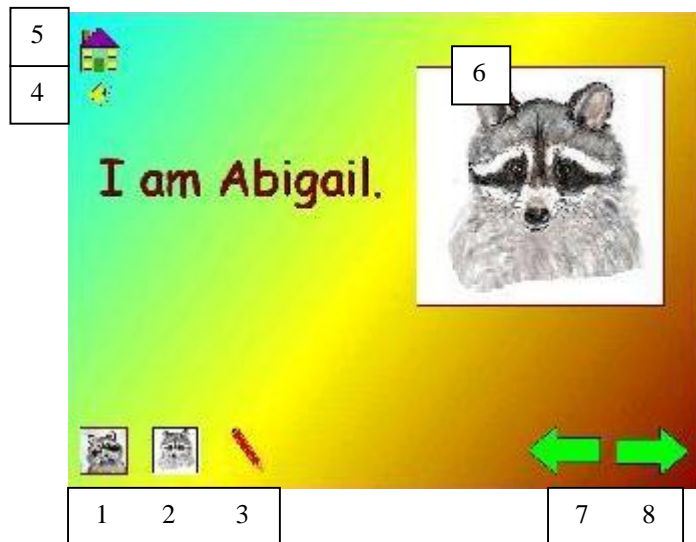
The correct response opens a new screen showing the image and the completed sentence which is spoken and written. An incorrect response, e.g. a spelling error or failing to include capital letters and a full stop opens a 'Try again' message.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Left click on the desired story title on the opening screen. Right click if you do not want to hear the music.
2. Click on the animal character at the bottom left of the screen to open a sentence building activity.
3. Click on the pencil icon to open a 'new story' screen, then type in your own story.
4. Click on the sound icon to turn the music off.
5. Use the arrows to navigate between screens.

THE BUTTONS ON THE SCREENS:

The screens follow the same pattern in all three stories. Click on the arrows to navigate between screens and hear the story. Buttons allow for a choice of activities.



1. Click on this button to open a sentence building activity – choose the correct word to complete the sentence.
2. Click on this button to open another sentence building activity - choose the words in the correct sequence.
3. Click on this button to type the sentence – click on the Abigail image on the ‘writing’ screen to see the sentence.
4. Click on this button to turn the music off.
5. Click on this button to return to the home page.
6. Click on this button to see the sentence (writing activity only).
7. Click on this button to return to the previous page.
8. Click on this button to advance to the next page.

THE MUSIC:

The screens may be used with or without the music.

THE PACK AND THE CURRICULUM:

The pack is designed to encourage pupils to speak, listen, understand and respond to others and to take part in group discussions. Older more able children should be encouraged to write their own stories. The completed pages may be printed. However, they cannot be saved and edited. There is no teacher control other than being able to run the screens with or without the accompanying music.

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS:

The screens in this pack have been redesigned for more efficient use with Interactive Whiteboards and are ideal for individual or group work and whole class teaching.

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INSTALLING TO THE HARD DRIVE:

Insert the CD into the CD drive. Follow the instructions on the screen to install, then choose part 1, 2 or 3.

TO RUN FROM THE CD:

Double click ‘My Computer’. Right click on the CD drive. Select ‘Open’. Double click on the ‘Abigail.exe then choose part 1, 2 or 3.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

Please contact Clic on Tel: 01248 671093; Fax: 01248 679295 or e-mail: info@clisoft.co.uk if you have any problems with the content of this program.

PRICE AND LICENCE:

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RELATED PRODUCTS:

This pack is part of the PLAYMATES series. Other titles in this series are:
The Riverside Playmates.
Stories from the Playmates.

Further titles are due to be released in the future.

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