



This table shows recommended levels and starting points for learners. There is a placement test on StepsWeb which will also give you guidance. If in doubt, start at a lower level – time spent consolidating the basics is rarely wasted!

Note: It is generally advisable to go by spelling age rather than reading age. In most cases, the spelling age is a more accurate indicator of what the learner actually understands about text.

Spelling Age		Course Position
Spelling Age	Less than 6 years	Initial A
Spelling Age	6 – 6.6 years	Initial B Initial C
Spelling Age	6.6 – 7.6 years	Initial D Initial E Initial F
Spelling Age	7.6 – 8.0 years	Steps to Literacy 1
Spelling Age	8 – 9 years	Steps to Literacy 2
Spelling Age	9 – 10 years	Steps to Literacy 3
Spelling Age	10 - 11 years	Steps to Literacy 4
Spelling Age	11+ years	Steps to Literacy 5 Steps to Literacy 6