

★ That Reading Thing

for people who don't know they can

That Reading Thing is a literacy intervention

for teens, adults and primary-to-secondary transition. It's designed to be delivered by anyone with excellent literacy skills in any setting, inside or outside the education system. Currently, that means teachers, support staff and literacy professionals as well as youth workers and community volunteers.

"Just thought I'd let you know my latest success story: another student on TRT has moved up 7 reading levels. He's been stuck on level 8 for two years and is now on level 15. I can't believe the progress - it's amazing." N. Whittaker, literacy support worker in an MLD school

"Every time I start with a student and do the first few sessions - it's magic! That's why I'm still a fan!" S. Warburton, literacy support worker who's been using TRT for more than 10 years.

It's been proven effective

for helping even the most reluctant and disengaged students improve their reading and externally evaluated by Professor Greg Brooks. It's included in the most recent edition of "What works for children and young people with literacy difficulties". It is approved by the Dyslexia-SpLD Trust and is included on their Interventions for Literacy website.



"Average progress was 3½ times the standard rate, and certainly significant both educationally and in terms of life chances for most of the young people who participated." Greg Brooks - Emeritus professor of education, University of Sheffield

"I love the way it blends good solid literacy skills with advice for how to mediate pupils' emotional responses to their past reading difficulties." R. Green, educational psychologist

Professor Brooks' report is available under Quick Links at www.thatreadingthing.com

Where in the World?

TRT is currently used all over the UK as well as Ireland, Australia, Canada and the USA.

Schools, Academies & Colleges – both mainstream & alternative by teachers and support staff in secondary, top of primary preparing for transition, PRUs, MLD, SEN departments

Youth Organisations - local and national, paid staff & volunteers

Youth Offending services - sessional workers, education workers, volunteer mentors

Adult Community Education - staff & volunteers **FE Colleges** - lecturers & support staff

Privately - specialist literacy tutors & parents

“I’ve used That Reading Thing with P7 (Year 6) and S1 (Year 7) students, plus my lovely S4 (Year 10) boy, with whom I’ve been working since he began his secondary school journey with the reading skills of a five-year old. I must say that it was a game changer and I managed to make progress with all of them...I enjoyed working with the resources and the kids seemed to enjoy the sessions a lot!”

- G. Cudak, Additional Learning Support Teacher, Aberdeenshire

“The training is brilliant, the teaching approach is very refined, teaching the conceptual understanding, skills and code, but not labouring. I’m just off to see my student who used to slide under the desk, but now engages in our sessions. I go in excited instead of entering the school with trepidation.”

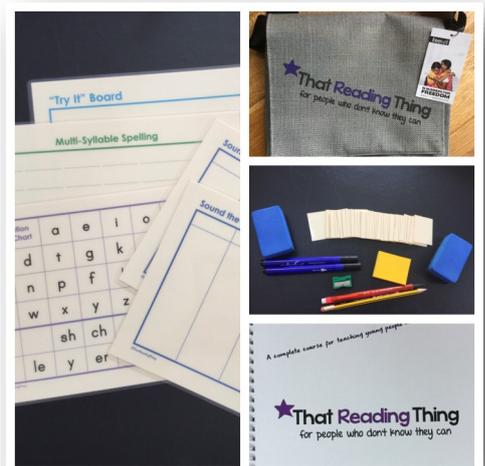
- G. Mavor, specialist literacy tutor in Australia

Training & Delivery

Training options for those who’ll be delivering TRT include all online, all on-site or a mix of the two. Ask for a price list.

Delivery to your students doesn’t require any computer or internet connection at all.

Lessons are always one-to-one, usually for about an hour per week per student. Length of intervention depends on the needs of each student. (Small group TRT is coming in 2019!)



Cost until 31 July 2019

Training costs a maximum of £150 per person online & £210 per person on-site and hosted by your school or organisation*, plus expenses. Prices include the equivalent of two full days of training and all materials required to work one-to-one. Just add age-appropriate reading material!

*Minimum numbers for on-site training - none for online training. **Request a Training Options Brochure.**

Who Benefits from That Reading Thing?

- **Any chronological age or year group from year 6 to adult**
- **Reading age of 8 - 10** This group has a good grounding and seems to come on very quickly.
- **Reading age 7 or below** This group tends to move slowly but make progress. They often have a learning difficulty or a serious lack of vocabulary which makes comprehension more of a challenge. However, they do make progress and gain confidence in the classroom.
- **Reading age above 11** This group can find the reading part of TRT too easy but can benefit enormously from focusing on multi-syllable words and using the Advanced Levels for spelling and extra reading practice.
- **Students who have just missed learning to read** These students, whether they missed learning due to behaviour issues or poor attendance, make the quickest progress. Classroom teachers note their improved behaviour once they no longer feel vulnerable about their reading.
- **Dyslexic and other SEND students** make great progress with That Reading Thing, though it's slower if they have serious speech & language or cognitive difficulties. TRT is used successfully in specialist dyslexia support as well as general SEND departments and MLD schools.

“Jay was referred to the PRU with a reading age of 7. He had very poor handwriting and spelling skills. He was only to be entered for GCSE maths at the PRU and was also placed on some vocational courses. Because he was going to be spending two and half days a week on his vocational placements, his lesson time at the PRU was needed to ensure he passed his Maths GCSE and worked on his English language skills. He needed some intensive 1-to-1 work to improve his reading and spelling skills. He was very underconfident and shy and working with TRT has greatly improved his literacy. Also it has given him a secure and supportive environment to learn in.” - R. Bradbury, teacher in a pupil referral unit

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