

# Welcome to PATHWAYS!

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BOOKLET



**Engaging informational texts (that pack a fun surprise) for readers transitioning from simple informational texts to more complex, content-rich chapter books.**

To prepare transitional readers, the Pathways books contain exciting curriculum-based science, mathematics, and social studies content. They also include essential informational text features – chapters, glossaries of academic and general language, breakouts, pictures, captions, diagrams, and maps. Pathways is a flexible resource suitable for explicit teaching and learning, and as a classroom library.

The Pathways books are complex and challenging, with strong scaffolds to support transitional learners. They contain unique and fun features (see over page) to help keep readers feeling supported and on track to fluency in reading.

All 24 Pathways books come with downloadable lesson plans in an editable format that you can personalize to your learners' needs.

**What are transitional readers?**

The term “transitional readers” describes a stage when learners must be motivated and supported to comprehend text, develop fluency, master new language and text features, build on their decoding skills, build content knowledge, and write in response to texts at levels J–M.

Pathways is designed to help you give your transitional readers the support and encouragement they need during this important stage!



# Meet Nat the Ant!

## The student guide and mentor

"Ants work hard, they build pathways, they are stronger than they look, and they work as a team to achieve their goals - just like transitional readers!"

Each Pathways book includes an ant character named Nat, who guides the reader through the book and asks thought-provoking questions about what they have just read.

In the middle of each book is a fun, four-page, fold out "Ant tunnel."

The tunnel allows students to think through what they've read and learned in each chapter. It provides questions about what they've read, which encourages students to check their comprehension and reread the text, if necessary. Finally, it serves to activate background knowledge for the second half of the book, using questions that hint at what students will be reading next.



Throughout each book, Nat's questions help students to connect with the text on a deeper level, and to consider and express their own opinions and ideas. The questions give students the opportunity to engage in critical thinking and to learn more about language function and forms. Some are funny to encourage student engagement and enjoyment.

Imagine if everyone could see germs in the air, or on desks, chairs, door handles, and people's hands ...

? How differently do you think people would act?

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Pyramid building is a little different. It's built upside down!

It is hoped that this peaceful pyramid will be a good place for people to talk about being nicer to each other.

? Do you think this will work? Why, or why not?

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# What's in Pathways?

## Print and digital books

The 24 digital books are ideal for shared reading, which is an essential part of a transitional reading program. Find out more on page 15.



- 6 x titles at level J (24pp) and 18 x titles across levels K, L, M (32pp)
- Fold-out/scrollable Ant tunnel for motivation and reading support
- Glossary for academic and general language
- Questions throughout for critical thinking
- Essential informational text features for transitional readers

## Fluency, language, and text features support



- 24 x teacher support documents with a focus on fluency support, text features, and language and reading skills

## Comprehension strategies lesson plans



- 24 x downloadable, editable guided-lesson plans focused on comprehension strategies and building content knowledge for the first few chapters of each book, followed by collaborative work for students
- Teacher and student support for using digital texts for explicit teaching and learning using the shared reading approach

## Mini-lessons



- Teacher-led and student-led mini-lessons with a focus on fluency support, text features, and language and reading skills

## Writing



- 5 x “writing in response to text” activities for each book, available online

# Pathways Titles

A digital version of each title is FREE with the purchase of the print version!

## Level J – 24 pages



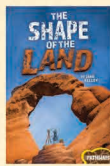
**Building Shapes**  
Math – Geometry



**It's About Time**  
Math – Time



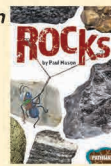
**Let's Celebrate!**  
Social studies – US Culture and History



**The Shape of the Land**  
Science – Geology

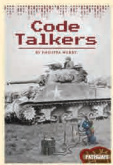


**The Golden Age of Pirates**  
Social Studies – History



**Rocks**  
Science – Geology

## Level K – 32 pages



**Code Talkers**  
Social studies – US Culture and History



**On the Move**  
Science – Living World



**Going, Going, Gone!**  
Science – Geology



**The Rabbit in the Moon**  
English Language Arts – Myths and Legends



**Killer Plants**  
Science – Living World



**Vikings**  
Social Studies – World History

## Level L – 32 pages



**Dragons**  
English Language Arts – Myths and Legends



**Money, Money, Money!**  
Math – Currency



**Flying Through Time**  
Social Studies – World History



**The Underground Railroad**  
Social Studies – US Culture and History



**Lewis and Clark**  
Social Studies – US Culture and History

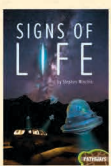


**Wild Cities**  
Science – Living World

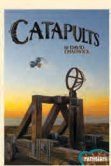
## Level M – 32 pages



**Awesome Organs**  
Science – Human Body



**Signs of Life**  
Science – Space



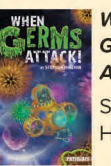
**Catapults**  
Social Studies – World History



**Weather Monsters**  
Science – Weather



**Healthy and Delicious**  
Science – Human Body



**When Germs Attack!**  
Science – Human Body



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