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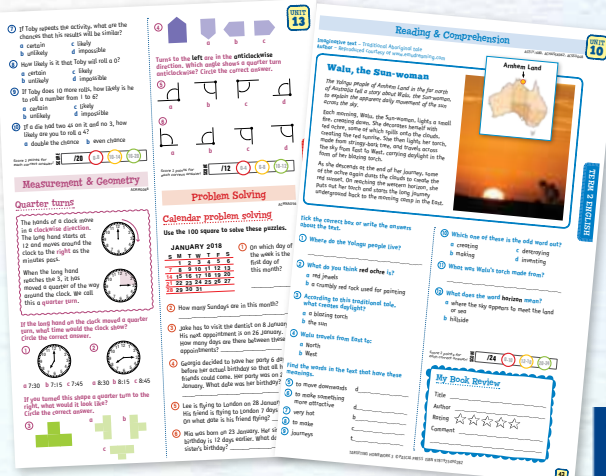
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Sample Activity book pages



Targeting Grammar



Activity Books

by Del Merrick

A good understanding of grammar is essential for effective writing and communication.

The Targeting Grammar series follows a carefully developed scope and sequence that provides comprehensive instruction in grammar and punctuation, enabling all students to become skilled communicators. The activities provide a step-by-step process towards achieving knowledge and understanding of the elements of grammar and their practical application. Each book is divided into six sections that cover the following areas of study:

- ★ nouns
- ★ adjectives
- ★ pronouns
- ★ verbs
- ★ adverbs
- ★ sentences



Each section provides definitions, explanations, examples and activities for students to practise and consolidate their knowledge and understanding of grammar in reading and writing.

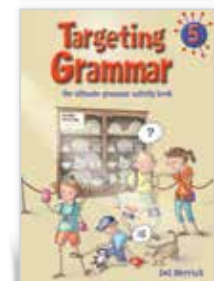
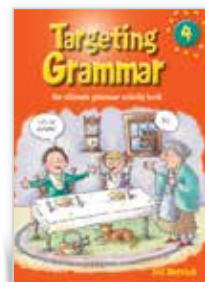
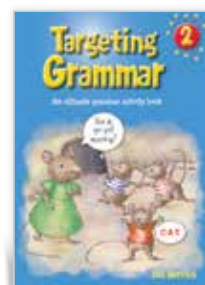
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- ★ **Punctuation Stops** — instruction on the correct use of punctuation marks in writing.
- ★ **Check Points** — assessment tasks to enable teachers to monitor progress and intervene if necessary.
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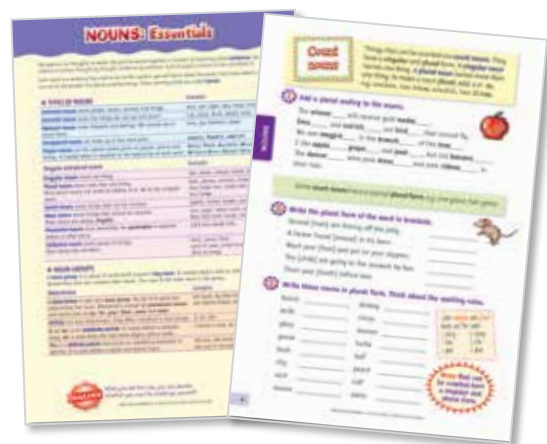
Targeting Grammar Teacher's Guides:

The **Targeting Grammar Teacher's Guides** parallel the work in the activity books and are divided into the same six areas of study and contain:

- ★ **Essentials** — a summary of the area of study that outlines the grammatical knowledge required at this level of schooling.
- ★ **Introduction** — takes a first look at the basic concept behind the area of study.
- ★ **Exploration** — suggests activities to engage the whole class in an exploration of the area of study.
- ★ **Revision** — contains a series of exercises for students to practise grammatical concepts and knowledge.
- ★ **Assessment** — contains items of assessment to ascertain a student's current level of understanding in the area of study.
- ★ **Games and activities** — simple games and activities with pre-prepared, hands-on materials to photocopy and laminate.
- ★ **Answers** — the answers for all **Revision** and **Assessment** questions.



Sample Activity book pages



Targeting Spelling



Activity Books

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the ultimate Spelling activity book

The Targeting Spelling series follows a carefully developed scope and sequence that has been trialed extensively in classrooms over many years with outstanding success

The six **Targeting Spelling Activity Books** support a step-by-step process towards achieving knowledge and understanding of the elements of spelling for primary students.

Each book features:

- ★ **32 units** containing two word lists:
 - ✱ **See & Say** — these words target a particular spelling skill and provide a warm-up for the activities that follow.
 - ✱ **Look & Learn** — contains sight words that are used frequently in writing and need to be memorised.
- ★ **Memory Training** — appears throughout the book and encourages students to remember the words they are practising.
- ★ **4 Term Reviews** — to be completed after every 8 units.
- ★ **Pull-out answers** — in the centre of the book.
- ★ **Complete overview** of the series is located on the inside front cover of each book and includes ACARA codes.



Targeting Spelling Teacher Resource Books

The Activity Books follow the same developmental sequence as the Targeting Spelling Teacher Resource Book series published by Blake Education. They can be used together, or the activity books can be used very successfully on their own.

Each book contains a comprehensive description on how to use the program which includes:

- ★ **32 weekly lesson plans** — with a variety of teaching strategies to suit a range of learning styles as well as photocopiable worksheets for each lesson
- ★ **Word Warm-Ups booklet** — to print and distribute to each student with their word lists for the year
- ★ **Blake's Spelling Games CD-ROM** — 10 exciting computer spelling games written to support the lessons for each year
- ★ **Targeting Spelling Teacher CD-ROM** — with extra hands-on games and material as well as the assessment, worksheets and spelling corner cards to print. Includes two teacher training videos by the author.

