

Bow Valley College – ESL Literacy Readers

Link	https://globalaccess.bowvalleycollege.ca/learners/readers.php
Description	Simple stories at 7 different levels geared for beginner ELL and literacy learners. Stories are set up with a large photo on each page and simple text. Learners can activate audio as they read the story or choose to keep it off. They have access to highlighter and drawing tools (look on top left corner of screen – it’s very small and easily missed).
Media used	E-book with interactive features
Readability	Excellent – very simple layout
Activities included	Potential to highlight or use a draw tool for activities designed by tutor
Multisensory	Visual (colour photos), Audio (human voice reads along), T-K (click/touch screen to navigate features)
Language level	Beginner through Intermediate. Readers are levelled.
Prerequisites	Navigating interactive features of: page turning, turning on/off audio, using highlighter tool
Recommended Learning Mode	Videoconferencing where learner shares screen, can be used independently on a smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer (highlighter tools can’t be used on a smartphone or tablet)
Device compatibility	Laptop, tablet, smartphone, computer
Log-in/subscription	Not required
Cost	Free
Diverse Content	Yes – stories are about people who are new to Canada
Canadian Content	Yes
Tutor Comment	Really excellent resource, especially for beginners. Once familiar with the interactive tools, this resource would work very well for independent study. Please note that at the end of the story, the browser window must be closed – there are no arrows to take you back to the story options.