


Familiar Texts

- Provided on the Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) website courtesy of University of North Carolina's (UNC's) Tar Heel Reader
- Intended to be used in instruction and may appear in students' testlets
- Can be downloaded and printed

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As a reminder, several DLM® Familiar Texts are provided on the DLM website courtesy of Tar Heel Reader. They are intended for teachers to use in instruction so that if a student receives a testlet that uses a familiar text as the engagement activity, the student will indeed be familiar with the text. Teachers do not have to, but may choose to, print the texts for students for use in instruction.

How to Find Familiar Texts (1)

Instructional Resources for IE Model States

Looking for resources for your state? Go to your state's page directly:

Does my state use the IE or YE model?

The instructional resources on this page are for states using the **Instructionally Embedded model**. An asterisk (*) by the resource means your state may offer a custom version. To check for custom resources, go to your state's DLM webpage and filter on Instructional Resources.

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English Language Arts

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- Familiar Texts**
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Anchor-Read-Applies

DLM presents an instructional resource called "[Anchor-Read-Applies](#)" which assists in teaching students to comprehend text through listening or reading. Three learning modules here will help you learn to use the Anchor-Read-Applies resource, and additional documents (grade-level Anchor-Read-Applies lesson Supports) offer specific lesson ideas linked to each of the DLM Essential Elements in Reading Literature and Reading Information Text.

Accessing DLM Familiar Texts

Familiar texts used in DLM assessments are shared through [Tar Heel Reader](#). Tar Heel Reader is a library of open-source, accessible texts for individuals with disabilities of all ages. This page links directly to books used in DLM English Language Arts assessments. Find books by selecting Grade and Title. The link will take you to the book in Tar Heel Reader. Tar Heel Reader has been designed to allow students to use a variety of alternative access methods. More information about accessing Tar Heel Reader is available [online](#). When you are on the title page of a book in Tar Heel Reader, you may click the settings icon at the top right of the screen to download PowerPoint or EPUB versions of the books.

The links on this page go directly to books used in DLM assessments. Familiar texts are used in all Initial Precursor level testlets and in some other usage levels for some Essential Elements. These books have been developed using DLM test development guidelines adopted by DLM states; however, please note that Tar Heel Reader is a large, open-source library of books. Books are contributed to the site by teachers, students, parents, and others from all over the world. There are books on the site that are inappropriate for some audiences. Reviewers do their best to make sure these books are marked with the CAUTION. As a result, students should NOT be sent independently to the Tar Heel Reader site. Teachers can avoid books that they might find offensive by limiting their search to books that are "Reviewed Only" and "Rated E/Very-Phony".

Information about DLM source books can be found in the [Dynamic Learning Maps ELA Source Books](#) (pdf) document.

Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 | Grades 9-10 | Grades 11-12

DLM familiar texts are accessed from a state's page of the site or under the Instructional Resources heading in the main menu. A grade-3 example for Instructionally Embedded (IE) states will be used for the purpose of this presentation, but the same process and example familiar text are used for Year-End states as well.

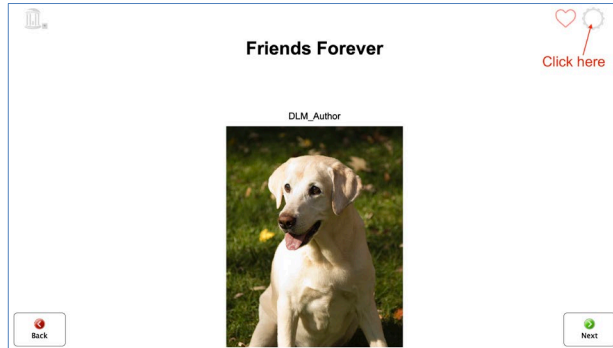
How to Find Familiar Texts (2)

The screenshot shows the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "About DLM", "For States", "Instructional Resources", and "Research". Below this, the main heading reads "Grade 3 Familiar Texts for Instructionally Embedded Model States". The page content includes a brief description of the Anchor-Read-Apply resource, a link to the "About Grade 3 Familiar Texts" PDF, and a list of source book titles under the heading "Henry and Mudge". The "Stories" section lists titles such as "Friends Forever", "Getting Ready for School", "Henry and Mudge Are Happy", "Henry and Mudge Go Camping", "Mudge Goes to Dog School", "Henry and Mudge Go to School", "Mudge and the Puppies", "Ready for School", "Taking Care of a Dog", "The Carnival", and "The New Puppy". The "Informational Texts" section lists "A Pet in the Classroom", "Building a Snowman", "Dogs Are Best", and "Exercise Your Dog".

Each grade has three source book titles, under which are several stories and informational texts. These are the familiar texts. For the purpose of this presentation, the story "Friends Forever" from the source book *Henry and Mudge* will be used.

Each grade has an "About" document that explains which texts are used for each assessed Essential Element and their linkage levels.

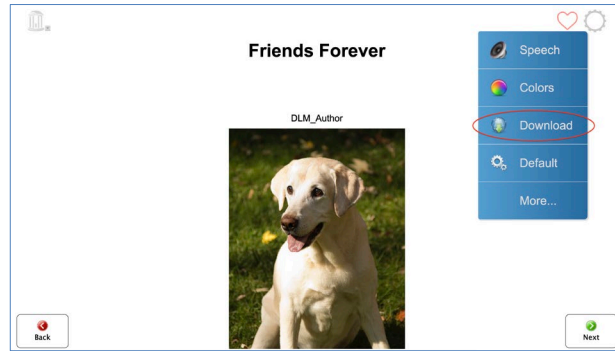
How to Download Familiar Texts (1)



The familiar texts are presented online with navigation buttons in the lower corners of the screen, similar to the way they appear in testlets. However, if a teacher wants to download and print a familiar text, they may do so by selecting the settings icon in the top right corner of the screen.

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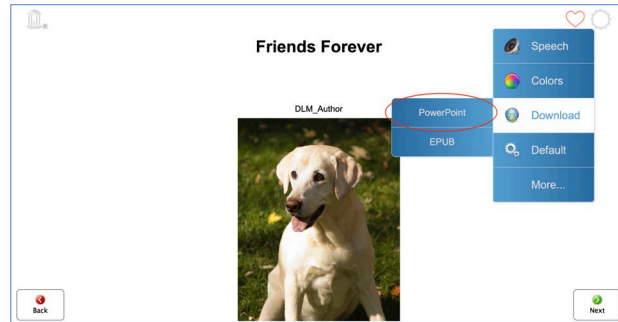
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Next, select **Download** from the drop-down menu.

How to Download Familiar Texts (3)




Then, select **PowerPoint** to download the text as a PowerPoint presentation. From there, the download can be opened and printed with the option of printing one slide per page or multiple slides per page as appropriate for the student.



EPUB Option

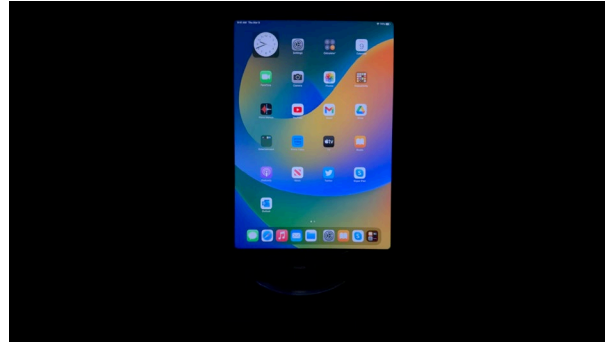
- The EPUB download requires a reader application: for example, the Books app for Mac or iPad.

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The EPUB download option is used to download a familiar text to be opened in an EPUB reader application.

EPUB Demonstration



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