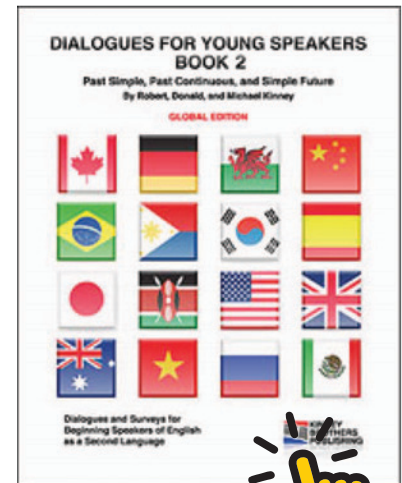


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# What's Included

**Fire**

My name is Bruce Sugimoto. I am fourteen years old. I live in the U.S.A. My mother and father are from Japan. I speak English. My mother and father speak Japanese and English.

I like horses. I have one horse. His name is Fire. He is a black horse. I like to ride Fire. I like to ride Fire on Fridays and Saturdays. Fire runs fast!

**Cake Questions**

- Where does Julia live?
- Is she Chinese?
- How old is she?
- Does she fight with her mother in the morning?
- When does she fight with her father?
- Does she love broccoli?
- What does she eat every day?

**Exit Search**

1. Her name is Julia.  
2. She is in Portugal.  
3. seven, eight, ...  
4. She fights with her father.  
5. Julia shoots every day.  
6. Julia is a cake.  
7. She is a cake.  
8. Julia is a cake.  
9. She loves to eat peas.

**Present Continuous**

Subject	Present Continuous Verbs	Examples
I	I am singing. I am not singing. Am I singing?	I am singing a song. I am not singing a song. Am I singing a song?
you	You are eating. You are not eating. Are you eating?	You are eating an apple. You are not eating an apple. Are you eating an apple?
he	He is reading. He is not reading. Is he reading?	He is reading a book. He is not reading a book. Is he reading a book?
she	She is cooking. She is not cooking. Is she cooking?	She is cooking dinner. She is not cooking dinner. Is she cooking dinner?
it	It is running. It is not running. Is it running?	It is running fast. It is not running fast. Is it running fast?
we	We are drinking. We are not drinking. Are we drinking?	We are drinking water. We are not drinking water. Are we drinking water?
you	You are driving. You are not driving. Are you driving?	You are driving a car. You are not driving a car. Are you driving a car?
they	They are singing. They are not singing. Are they singing?	They are singing a song. They are not singing a song. Are they singing a song?

Match the present continuous verbs with the pictures.

**Where Is the Art Museum?**

Using the map, answer the questions below with prepositions of place. Then ask and answer the questions with your classmate! (Street = St. Road = Rd.)

- Where is the garden?
- Where is the history museum?
- Where is the cafe?
- Where is the taxi stand?

**What Is Pako Wearing?**

Answer the questions below. Then ask and answer the questions with your friends!

- Is Pako wearing a necktie?  
Yes, he is. He is wearing a necktie.
- Is he wearing a hat?

**31 four-page lessons in simple present and present continuous grammar.**

**Verbs**

Present Tense	Translation	Present Continuous	Past Tense
1. answer			
2. appear			
3. ask			
4. bark			
5. be			
6. beat			
7. begin			
8. bite			
9. bow			
10. box			
11. burn			
12. buy			
13. call			
14. can			
15. carry			
16. catch			
17. change			
18. check			

**Prepositions of Place**

The cat is on the mat. The cat is in the box. The cat is under the table.  
The cat is next to the hose. The cat is behind the shelf.  
The black cat is across from the white cat.  
The cat is in front of the table. The cat is above the ball.  
The ball is on the corner of the table.

**Pronouns**

Subjective Pronouns	Possessive Pronouns
I I like ice cream.	my My name is Ken.
you You like ice cream.	your Your name is Ken.
he He likes ice cream.	his His name is Ken.
she She likes ice cream.	her Her name is Marie.
it It likes ice cream.	its Its name is Ken.
we We like ice cream.	our Our names are Ken and Marie.
you You like ice cream.	your Your names are Ken and Marie.
they They like ice cream.	their Their names are Ken and Marie.

**Contractions**

I am	I am = I'm I am not = I'm not
you are	you are = you're you are not = you're not or you aren't
he is	he is = he's she is = she's

**Africa**

**Also included are spelling and grammar charts, verb lists, and world maps.**





# Using in Class...

**Valentine**

I am Valentine. I am from France. I speak French. I am a junior high school student. I have one sister. She is Julie. We are fourteen years old. We are twins. We like school. We like math and science.

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## Reading

**Frida Questions**

- Who is she?
- How old is she?
- Does she speak Spanish?
- How often does she study?
- Does she like to play tennis?
- Does she swim in the summer?
- When does she play basketball?

**True False**

- Frida goes to junior high school. ☐ T ☐ F
- She is sixteen years old. ☐ T ☐ F
- Frida is in the seventh grade. ☐ T ☐ F
- Mexico is hot! ☐ T ☐ F
- She likes to play tennis. ☐ T ☐ F

9. She lives in Mexico. ☐ T ☐ F

10. Frida plays golf in the winter. ☐ T ☐ F

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## Q&A

**Countable Nouns**

In English, some nouns are countable. Below are six countable nouns. Use the example and write questions and answers with the nouns. Then ask and answer the questions with your friends!

one carrot two cats three onions four phones five balls six mushrooms

Example: Do you like mushrooms? Yes, I do. I love mushrooms. No, I don't. I hate mushrooms.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Uncountable Nouns**

The nouns below are uncountable. Use the example and write questions and answers with the nouns. Then ask and answer the questions with your friends!

corn pasta coffee broccoli garbage juice

Example: Do you like pasta? Yes, I do. I love pasta. No, I don't. I hate pasta.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Grammar

**What Time Is It?**

Complete the clocks below. Then practice asking for the time with your classmates!

1. It's eight-o-five. 2. It's ten forty-five. 3. It's three-o-two. 4. It's eight thirty-six.

5. It's eleven-twenty. 6. It's one-o-eight. 7. It's nine-thirty. 8. It's seven o'clock.

9. It's eleven o'clock. 10. It's six-o-three. 11. It's five-fifty. 12. It's twelve-ten.

**Exit Search**

Complete the puzzle to find the exit. You can move up, down, right, or left.

1. I am in Canada. Start live wearing is

2. She is a green hat. lives has one love

3. They are from Africa.

4. I like blue, and he \_\_\_\_\_

10. They are green. one am dance do

11. That is an elephant. Exit 1 Exit 2 Exit 3 Exit 4

12. Her parents are from Scotland.

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## Review

**Riding on the Train**

My name is Mi-na Kim. I live in Tokyo, Japan. I'm in high school. My family is from Korea. I can speak Japanese and a little Korean. I study English. Now I'm riding on the train. I'm riding on the train with my family. We're going home. My father and mother are sleeping. My little sister is playing a computer game. My little brother is watching the game. I'm reading a comic book and listening to music.

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## Listening

**Mary Big Sky Questions**

- What is her name?
- How old is she?
- Where does she live?
- Does she have a car?
- How often does she drive to school?
- Does she like math?
- Is her brother a doctor?

**Word Choice**

- She drives \_\_\_\_\_ school. a. in b. to c. is
- She lives \_\_\_\_\_ Iowa. a. a b. to c. in
- Her name \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Big Sky. a. is b. am c. to

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## Writing

**What Is That? Who Is That?**

First, decide if the nouns on the left are countable or uncountable. Then write questions and answers. Finally, ask and answer the questions with your mates!

**What is that?**

1. What is that? That is a butterfly.

2. What is that? That is corn.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Who is that?**

1. Who is that? That is Bruce. He is American.

2. Who is that? That is Cathy. She is from the Philippines.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Drills

**Where Is the Hotel?**

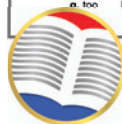
Using the map below, complete the crossword puzzle with prepositions of place and other words. (Avenue = Ave, Street = St.)

**Down**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ is across from the car shop.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is next to the post office. It's on Main Street.
- The bakery is \_\_\_\_\_ Elm Avenue and Main Street.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is on Main Street. It's next to the shoe store.
- The dance studio and the drugstore are on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The shoe store is on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The glasses store is \_\_\_\_\_ the drugstore. It's on Oak Avenue.
- The drugstore is \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Avenue.

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## Maps & Puzzles

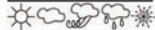


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**Ann**



My name is Ann Tanaka. I am from Japan, but I live in Canada. I am fifteen years old. I speak Japanese, English, and French. My mother and father speak Japanese and English.

I like to run. I like to run in the morning. I run three kilometers. My mother likes to run too. She runs in the evening. She runs five kilometers. My father does not like to run.

Readings progress from simple present to present continuous with graded vocabulary and grammar, step by step.



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## Sam's Friends Questions

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1. Do Joe and Eddie live in France?
2. Are they junior high school students?
3. Is Eddie Joe's brother?
4. Do they like to make music?

Question forms are introduced and reviewed with regular Q&A exercises.

What is Joe doing?

What is Eddie doing?

What do you sing?

## Crossword Puzzle

Across 2. name of the song is "Number One."

3. Joe is not the guitar.

8. They like to make.

9. Joe and Eddie's friend.

10. Joe lives in Scotland.

15. country in the UK.

16. Eddie speaks.

18. Joe's father from Jamaica.

19. What is Eddie playing?

21. What is Joe doing?

22. He is Eddie's brother.

23. Joe speaks.

Down 1. high.

3. names are Joe and Eddie.

4. These are Sam's.

5. Joe and Eddie's parents are from.

6. They live in Scotland, they are from France.

11. Joe and Eddie are.

12. They like to music.

13. Joe is singing a.

14. Joe's brother.

17. country in.

20. are Sam's.

Puzzles, T/F, and word games build students' retention and make learning fun!



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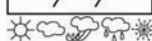
# A Closer look...

## Adverbs and Conjunctions

Write sentences with **and**, **too**, **but**, and **either**.

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Examples

☐ but ☒

☐ too ☐

☒ either ☒



**can speak French**  
Rich can speak French, **but** Bruce can't speak French.



**can drive**  
Raj can drive, **and** Mary can drive **too**.



**can surf**  
Hans can't surf, **and** Frida can't surf **either**.

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Raj can swim.



Chin can play the guitar.

Grammar, syntax, and spelling rules are taught in step-by-step exercises with regular review.

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Mary can play basketball.



Bruce can ride a horse.



Wendy can surf.

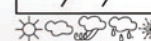
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

## Mike and Jack

From the story below, identify who is Jack and who is Mike.

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swim



soccer



math



school



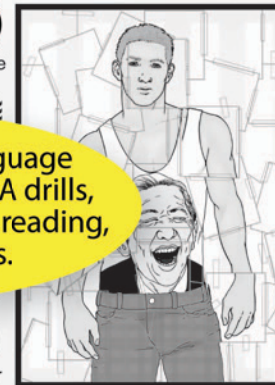
swim



science



soccer



▼ This is \_\_\_\_\_.

▲ This is \_\_\_\_\_.



geography



math



school



swim



science



soccer

Mike and Jack are Susan's brothers. They are twins. They are from Ireland, but they live in Taiwan. They like school, and they like sports too. Mike can play soccer, and Jack can play soccer too. They can swim. They like to swim. Mike doesn't like tennis, and Jack doesn't like tennis either. They like science, and they like math too. Jack doesn't like history, but Mike likes history. Jack likes geography, but Mike hates geography.

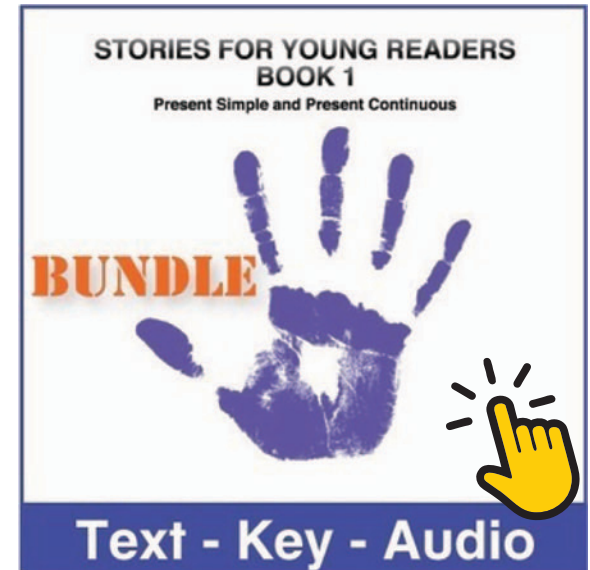
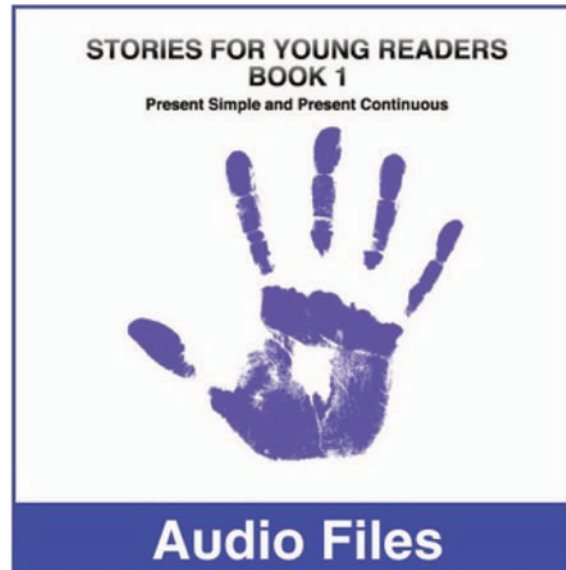
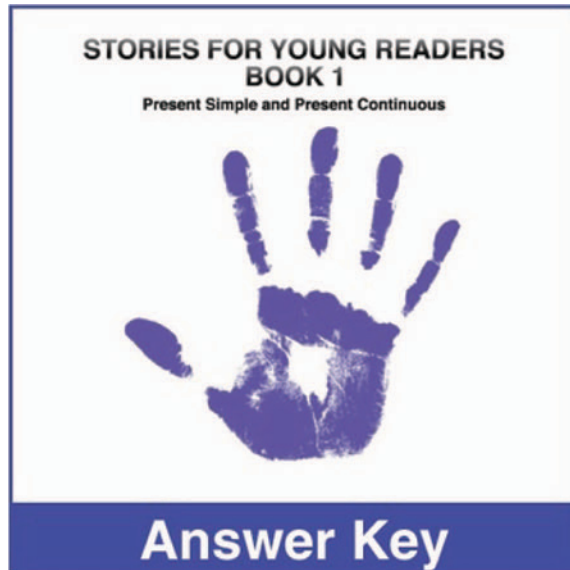
Now answer the questions below about Mike and Jack.

- 1 Are they from Ireland?
- 2 Can they swim?
- 3 Do they like tennis?
- 4 Do they like geography?

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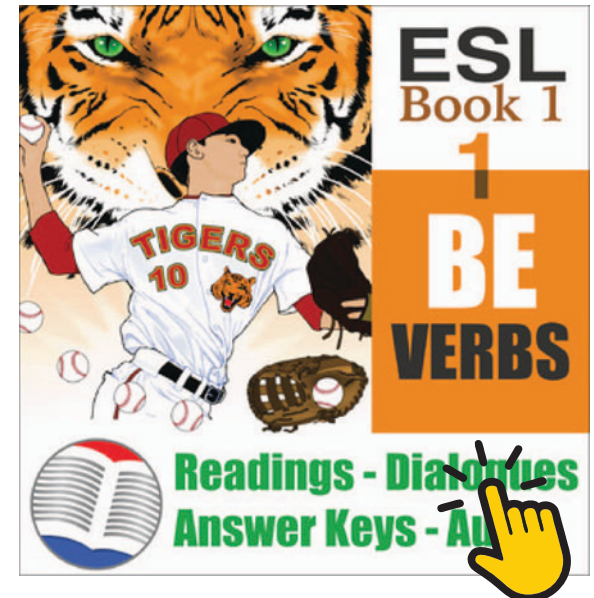


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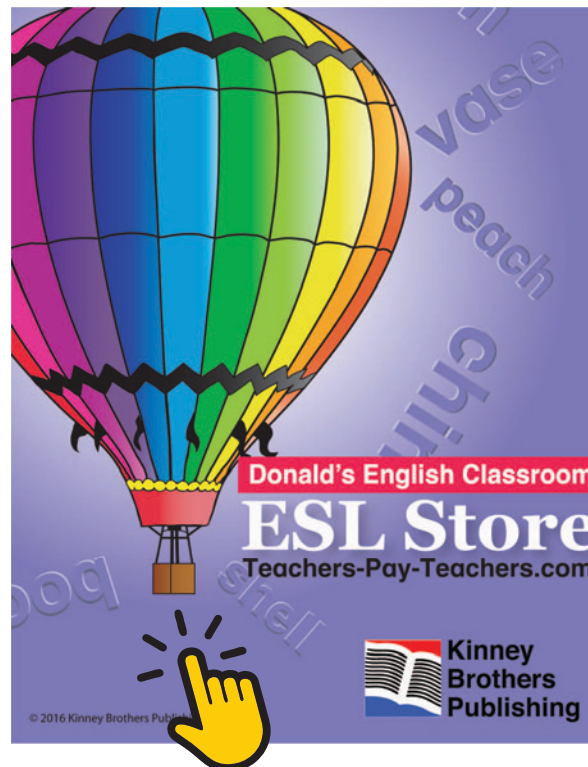
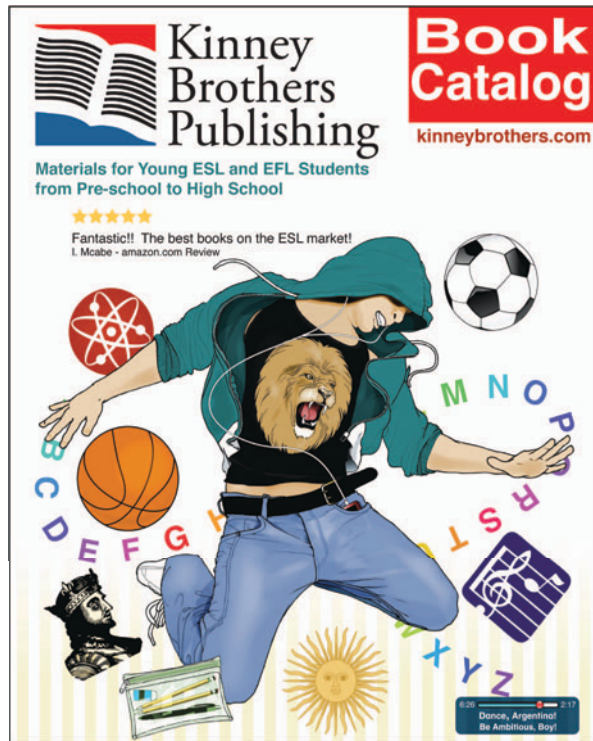
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