

**Paired Reading Journal- Notes for Teachers**

The sheets can be sent home to be optional extras to complement the paired reading programme.

The sheets are differentiated (approximate levels denoted below)

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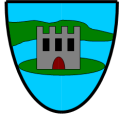
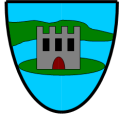
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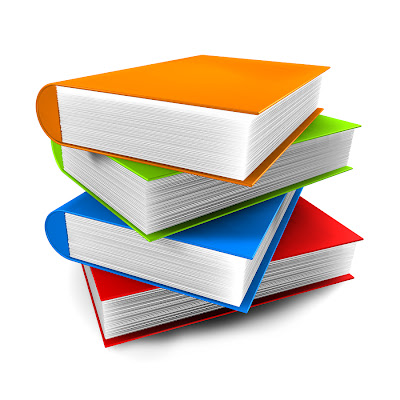
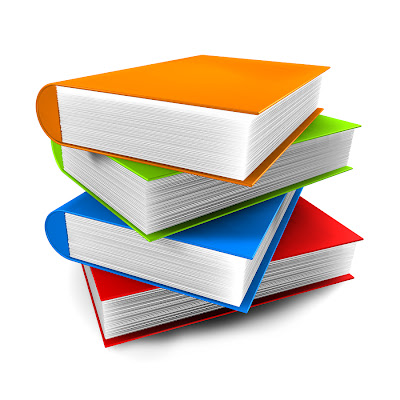
Sheets could be suitable for all levels

Alternatively – these activities could be carried out in school.

**TOP TIP!** Make sure that similar activities to those in the sheets are understood, taught and carried out in school BEFORE they become homework.



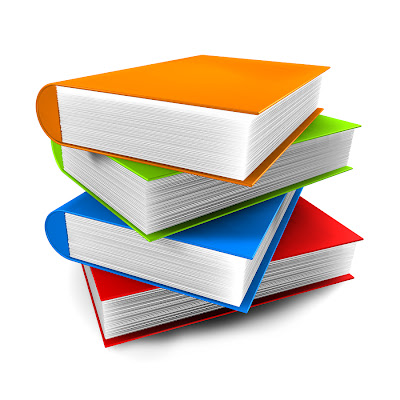
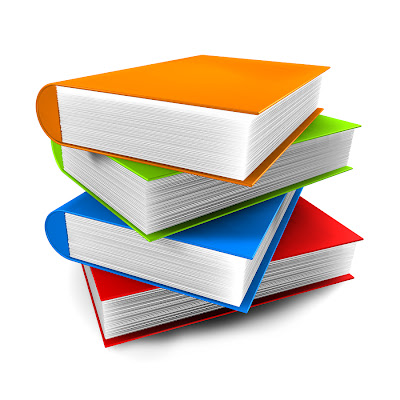




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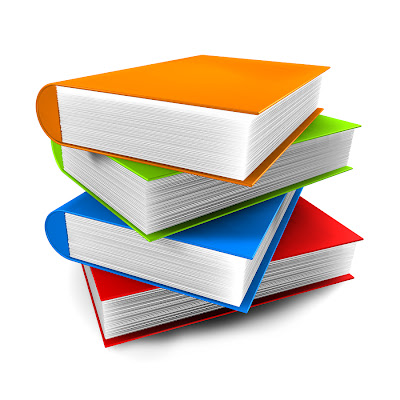
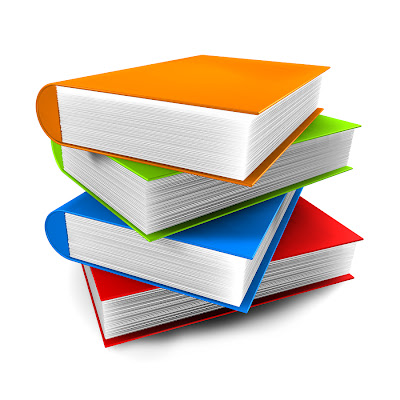
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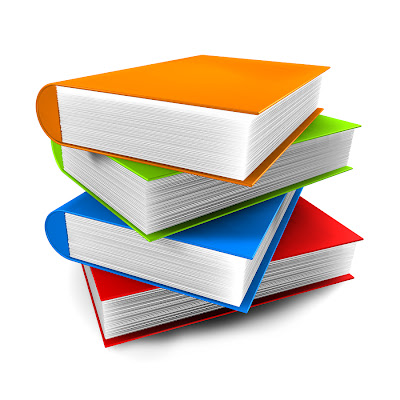
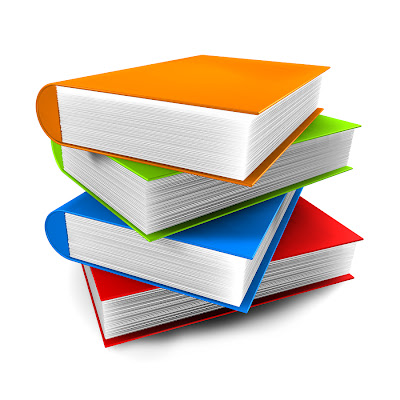
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Can you think of **3 fun facts**?

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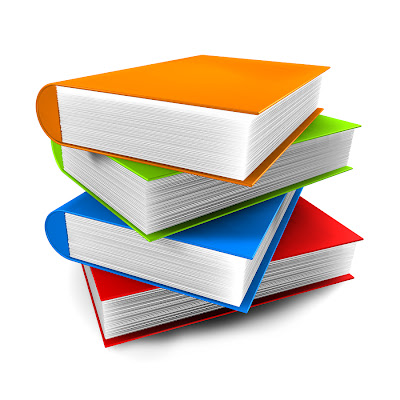
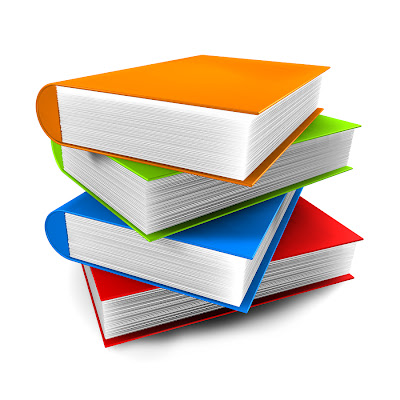
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