

FINDING YOUR VOICE – WEAVING SONGS AND STORIES



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Pushing the Boundaries

VOICE SONGS STORIES



The ability to express
oneself and find one's
inner voice

"Thank you so much for the
lessons.

I have been in Australia
for 7 years and felt that my
English wasn't improving

... but now **my voice is
free.**" a student

Yassmin Abdel Magied

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VOICE, SONGS & STORIES

.... *PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES*



- ▶ Resources that reflect students lives and concerns
- ▶ ***Students long for and deserve engaging /meaningful content***
- ▶ Create a classroom where all students can shine
- ▶ **Be ready to let go of the prepared lesson, while**
- ▶ **BEING PREPARED**
- ▶ Humour - drama - role play -



“Laughter, song and dance create emotional connection; they remind us of the one thing that truly matters :

We are not alone.”

Brene Brown

WORKSHOP OUTLINE



- ▶ Warmers
- ▶ Why song?
- ▶ Why story?

- ▶ Working the song *beginner/post beginner*
- ▶ Working the story *beginner/post beginner*

- ▶ Working the song *Intermediate /advanced*

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YOUTUBE CHANNEL
URBAN LYREBIRDS

► https://youtube/T5i4sjObc_k



2. Pronunciation



Linking between consonants and vowels

Linking joins two words together.

We join two words together when the first word ends in a consonant and the next word is a vowel.

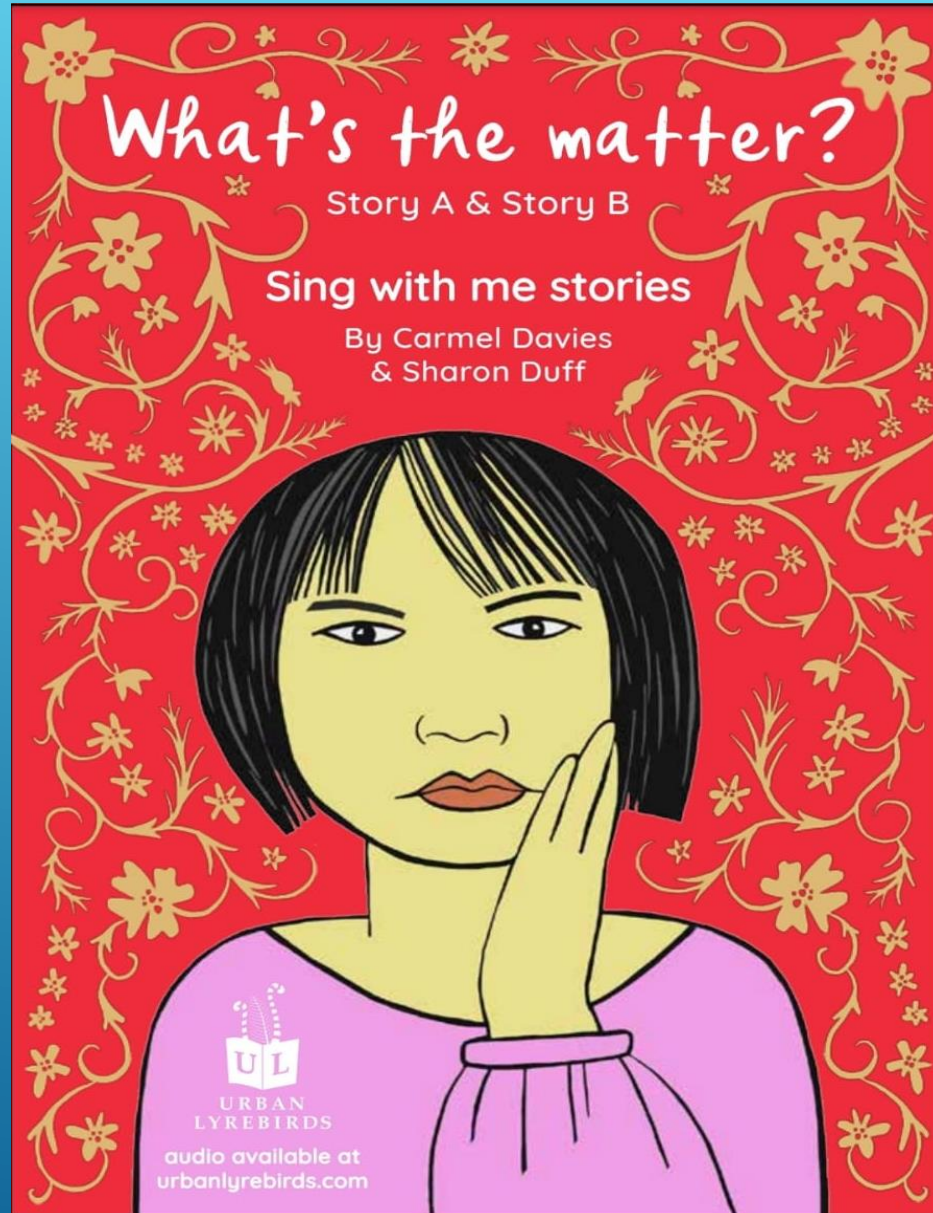
- * Listen to your teacher link the consonants and vowels together. Then say the question and statements five times.

- a) What's up with you? b) I've got a headache.
c) I've got a toothache. d) Have a massage.

- * Look at the song again and mark in the linking. Then sing the whole song.

What's up with you?





WHAT'S THE MATTER?

STORY A FOR BEGINNERS



- ▶ Hi I'm Salma. I live with two friends, Ajak and Meili.
- ▶ Today everyone is sick.

- ▶ **Salma:** What's wrong Ajak?
- ▶ **Ajak:** I've got a stomachache. I feel sick.
- ▶ **Salma:** Go to the doctor.
- ▶ **Ajak:** Maybe tomorrow.

- ▶ She went to sleep.

Hi, I'm Salma.
I **live** with two **friends**, Ajak and **Meili**.
Today everyone is **sick**.
Salma: What's **wrong** Ajak?

Ajak: I've **got** a stomach-ache. I feel **sick**.

Salma: **Go** to the doctor.

Ajak: Maybe tomorrow.

She **went** to **sleep**.



WHAT'S THE MATTER?

STORY B - POST BEGINNERS



The **next** evening, I felt **bad**!
I **didn't** want any dinner.

Meili: Salma, what's up?

Salma: I've **got** a headache, a really bad headache.



Meili: How **come**?

Salma: I got a parking ticket today. I **didn't** see
the **one hour** sign. I **need** to pay \$240!

Meili: Oh **no**! You need a massage.

Salma: Massage? It **costs** too **much**.
Can **you** give me **one**?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

STORY B POST BEGINNER
PAUSING / INTONATION



- ▶ Meili: Salma, / what's up?
- ▶ Salma: I've got a headache, / a really bad headache.
- ▶ Meili: How come?
- ▶ Salma: I got a parking ticket today.// I didn't see / the one hour sign.//
- ▶ I need to pay / \$240!
- ▶ Meili: Oh no! // You need a massage.
- ▶ Salma: Massage? // it costs too much. .//
- ▶ Can you give me one?
- ▶ Meili: Sure! // And, / I'll give you back / your \$250 / next pay.//
- ▶ Salma: Gracias! // Thanks Meili.

- ▶ Whats the Matter? Story B
- ▶ Pronunciation
- ▶ Page 23

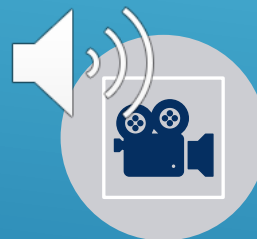
3. Pronunciation

Three syllable words. Mark the syllables and the stressed syllable.

ap/art/ment delicious expensive overtime
unhappy stomachache takeaway everyone



Sing with me 2



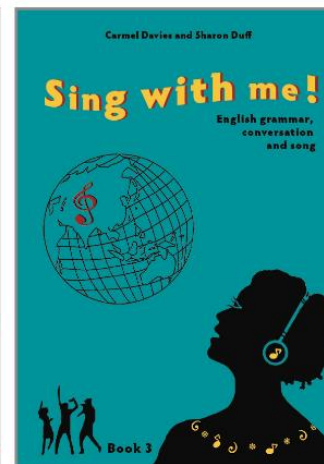
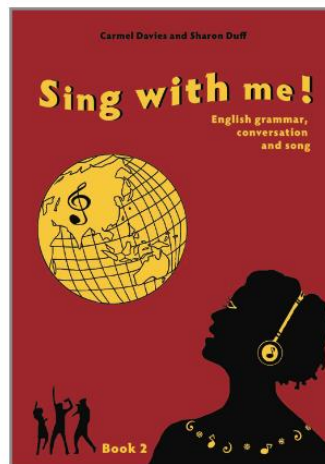
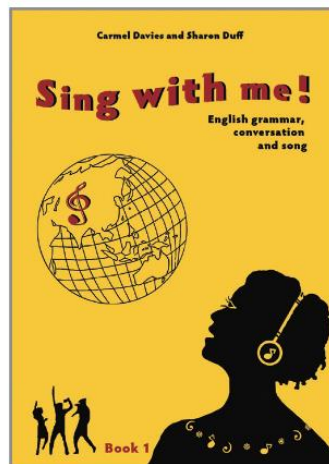
*How about a
movie?*

QUESTIONS FROM TEACHERS

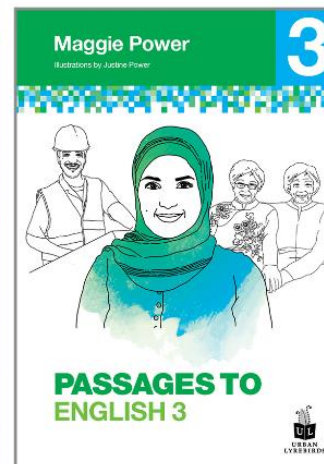
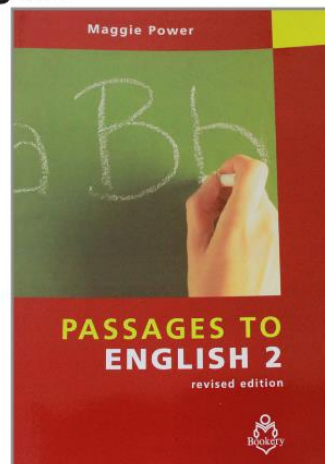
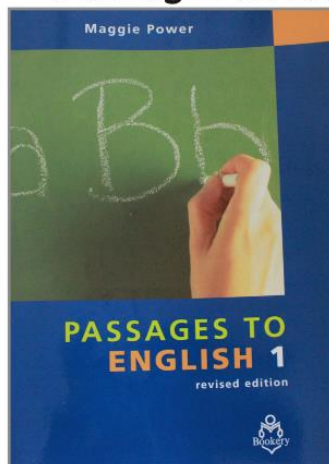


- ▶ I CAN'T SING!??
- ▶ **How about shy students?**
- ▶ Is singing for advanced students?
- ▶ **How do I sell singing?**
- ▶ **No time for singing due to compliance**
How do we organise the classroom?

Sing with me! Books & CDs



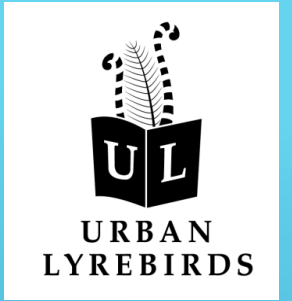
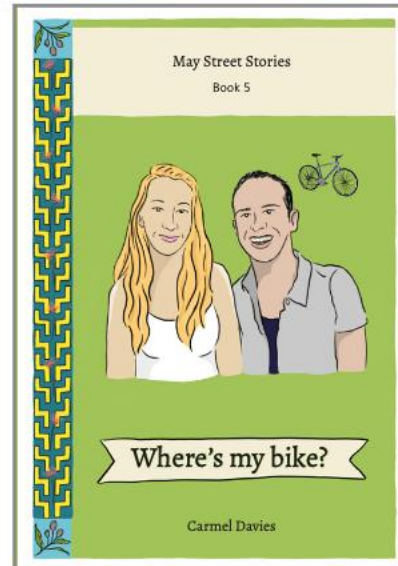
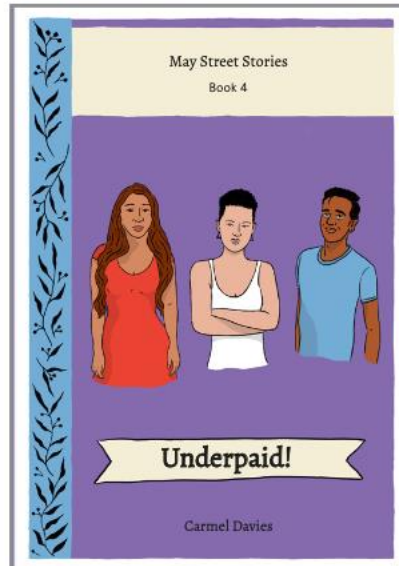
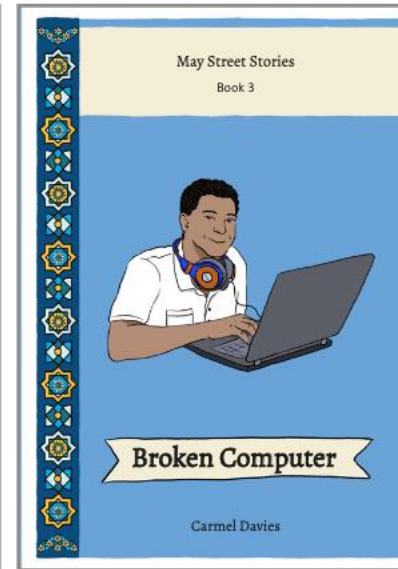
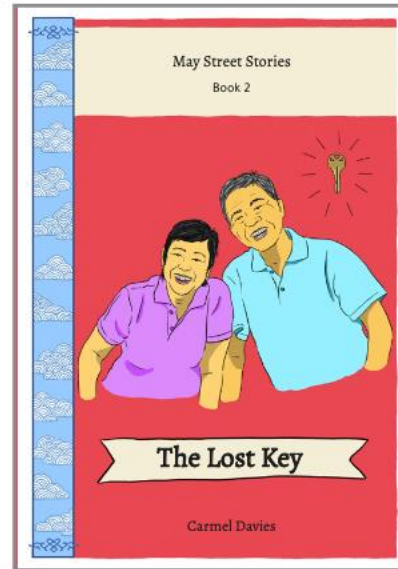
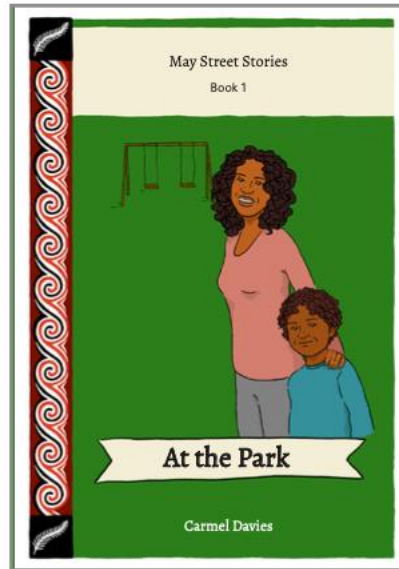
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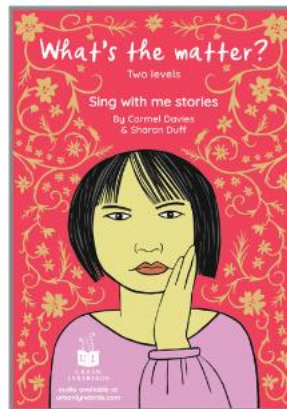
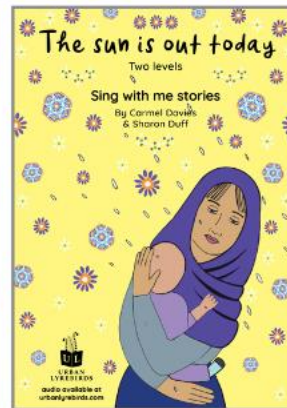
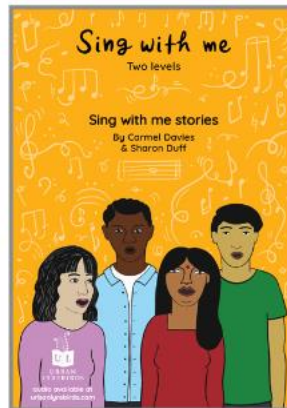
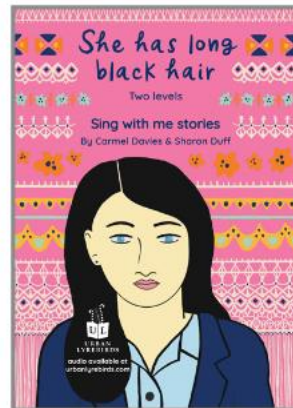
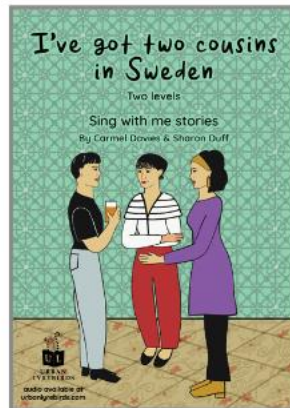
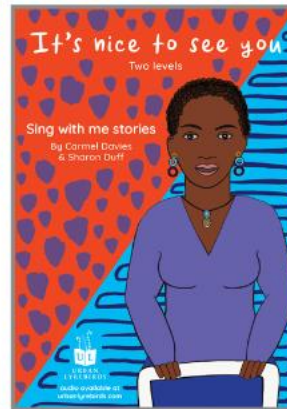
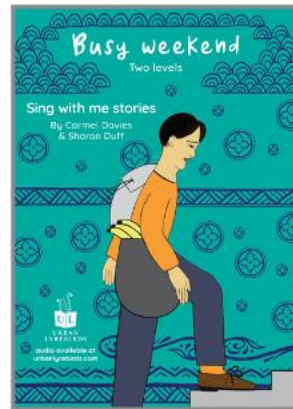
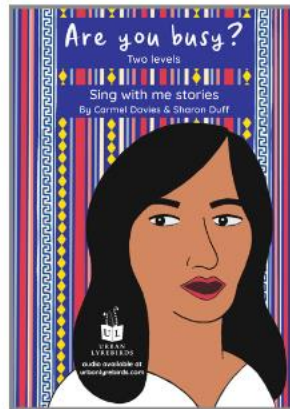
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