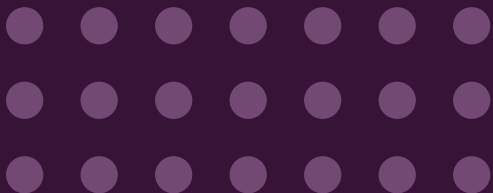
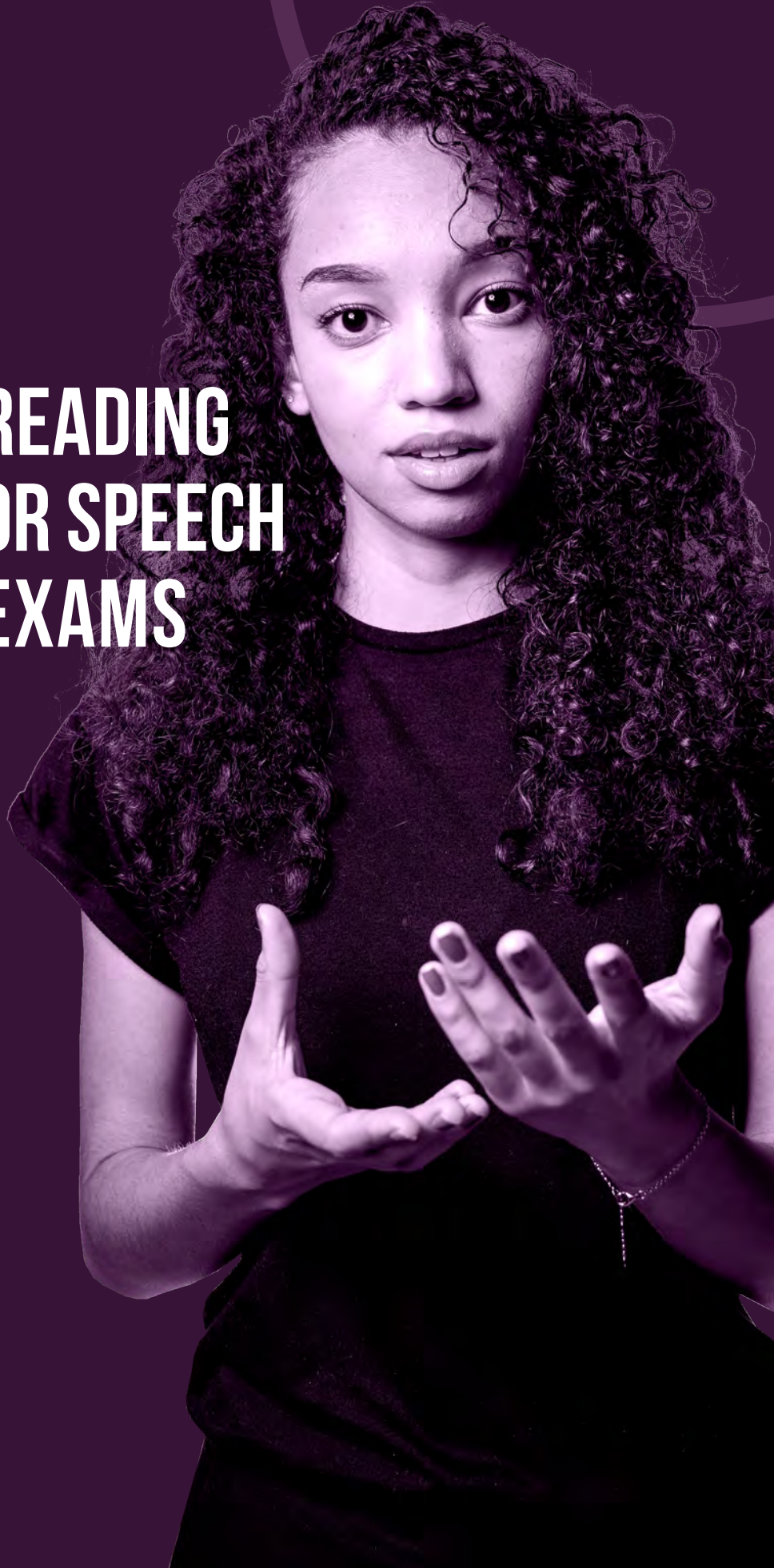


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This document contains details of books for use in the Expressive Reading tasks for Grades 2-3 Speech and Drama exams.

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Grade 2

Task 3 Expressive Reading: The candidate gives a prepared reading of a passage of prose.

Refer to pages 39-41 of the syllabus for detailed task guidance.

Choose a passage of prose of 200-250 words from a book on the following list. The candidate should be encouraged to read the whole book before choosing a passage.

The *Amelia Fang* series by Laura Ellen Anderson

The *Oz* series by L Frank Baum

The *Berenstain Bear* series by Stan & Jan Berenstain

Jack Sweettooth and *Fangs* by Malorie Blackman

The *Paddington Bear* series by Michael Bond

The Famous Five and *The Faraway Tree* series by Enid Blyton

The *Leonora Bolt* series by Lucy Brandt

The *Moonchild* series and *A Flash of Fireflies* by Aisha Bushby

Alice's Adventure in Wonderland and *Alice Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll

The *Clarice Bean* series by Lauren Child

The Bolds series by Julian Clary

The Twits, *The Magic Finger*, *George's Marvellous Medicine*, *Fantastic Mr Fox*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Esio Trot*, *The Giraffe, Pelly and Me*, *The Enormous Crocodile* by Roald Dahl

Ninja Kid series, *Wolf Girl* series, *Sky Dragon* series and *E Boy* series by Anh Do

My Naughty Little Sister series by Dorothy Edwards

Granny Magic by Elka Evalds

The *Killer Cat* series by Anne Fine

The Danger Gang by Tom Fletcher

The Invisible Boy, *The Strongest Girl in The World*, *The Boy Who Could Fly* by Sally Gardner

Teacher's Pet and the *Toad* series by Morris Gleitzman

The Travels of Ermine (who is very determined) series by Jennifer Gray

The Treehouse Storey series by Andy Griffiths

Evie and the Animals by Matt Haig

The *Just Grace* series by Charise Mericle Harper

The *Alice-Miranda* series by Jacqueline Harvey

The *Amazing Grace* series by Mary Hoffman

Robi Dobi: The Marvellous Adventures Of An Indian Elephant by Madhur Jaffrey

The *Piggy Handsome* series by Pip Jones

Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kästner

Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling

The *Pippi Longstocking* books by Astrid Lindgren

The *Kiki Kallira* series by Sangu Madanna

The *Gargling Gorilla* by Margaret Mahy

The Boy Who Made the World Disappear by Ben Miller

Winnie-the-Pooh by AA Milne

The White Fox by Jackie Morris

The Railway Children by E Nesbit

Dream Defenders series by Tom Percival

The Legend of Kevin, Kevin and the Biscuit Bandit, Kevin vs the Unicorns, Kevin's Great Escape
by Philip Reeve

The *Rowan of Rin* series by Emily Rodda

Benjy's Ghost by Jacqueline Roy

Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

The *Varjak Paw* series by SF Said

The *Llama Out Loud* series by Annabelle Sami

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

The *Boy Who Grew Dragons* series by Andy Shepherd

Storm and Starboard by Nicola Skinner

The *Akimbo* books by Alexander McCall Smith

George Speaks by Dick King-Smith

The *Mr Gum* series by Andy Stanton

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfeild

The Cat Who Wanted To Go Home, The Hen Who Wouldn't Give Up, The Otter Who Wanted To Know, The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark, The Penguin Who Wanted To Find Out, The Gorilla Who Wanted to Grow up, The Aardvark by Jill Tomlinson

The Tom Sawyer series and The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

George by Agnes Sligh Turnbull

The Dawn Seal by Holly Webb

The Boy in a Dress, Code Name Bananas, The Ice Monster, Robodog, Space Boy, The Midnight Gang, World's Worst series by David Walliams

The Ryan Hart series by Renee Watson

Stuart Little and Charlotte's Web by EB White

The Primrose Railway Children and The Runaway Girls by Jacqueline Wilson

The Sinclair's Mysteries series by Katherine Woodfine

Ladybird Classics books

Great Illustrated Classics books

Grade 3

Task 3 Expressive Reading: The candidate gives a prepared reading of a passage of prose.

Refer to pages 39-41 of the syllabus for detailed task guidance.

Choose a passage of prose of 250-300 words from a book on the following list. The candidate should be encouraged to read the whole book before choosing a passage.

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Arabel's Raven and Mortimer's Bread Bin by Joan Aikens

Little Women by Louisa M Alcott

The Girl Who Speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson

The Shark Caller by Zillah Bethell

Asha and the Spirit Bird, Tamarind and the Star of Ishta, Aarti and the Blue Gods by Jasbinder Bilan

Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne

The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer

Ted Rules the World, Framed, The Astounding Broccoli Boy, The Runaway Robot by Frank Cottrell Boyce

A Little Princess and The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Girl Inbetween by Sarah Carroll

The *How to Train Your Dragon* series and *The Wizards of Once* series by Cressida Cowell

Boy, Going Solo, Danny the Champion of the World, The BFG, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator, The Witches by Roald Dahl

Speechless by Kate Darbishire

Boy, Everywhere by AM Dassu

Who Let the Gods Out series by Maz Evans

The Boy Who Met a Whale, The Girl Who Lost a Leopard, The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook

Ranger Apprentice series by John Flanagan

The Puzzle Ring by Kate Forsyth

The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Darwins Dragons by Lindsay Galvin

Doubting Thomas, Belly Flop, Gift Of The Gab by Morris Gleitzman

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold

Moshie Cat by Helen Griffiths

13 Treasures series and *Pinch of Magic* series by Michelle Harrison

The Night Diary by Veela Hiranadani

Maria's Island by Victoria Hislop

The Star of Kazan and *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

The Good Bear by Sarah Lean

The *Chronicles of Narnia* series by CS Lewis

The Dark Blue 100-Ride Bus Ticket by Margaret Mahy

Marshmallow Magic and *The Wild Rose Rouge* by Karen McCombie

The Grandest Bookshop in the World by Amelia Mellor

The Hatmakers and *The Mapmakers* by Tamzin Merchant

The Day I Fell into a Fairytale and *How I Became a Dog Called Midnight* by Ben Miller

The Girl of Ink and Stars and *The Island at the End of Everything* by Kiran Millwood

My Neighbour Toroto by Tsugiko Kubo translated by Jim Hubbert, original story by Hayao Miyazaki

Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery

When Fishes Flew, *The Wreck of the Zanzibar*, *Why the Whales Came*, *Butterfly Lion*, *War Horse* and *Cool* by Michael Morpurgo

The Worst Witch series by Jill Murphy

The Story of the Amulet and *Five Children and It* by E Nesbit

The Complete Borrowers by Mary Norton

Wonder by RJ Palacio

Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series by Michelle Paver

Mount Emily series by Low Ying Ping

Pollyanna and *Pollanna Grows Up* by Eleanor H Porter

The *Mrs Pepperpot* stories by Alf Proysen

His Dark Materials trilogy and the *Sally Lockhart Mysteries* series by Philip Pullman

The Boy at the Back of the Class, *Night Bus Hero* and *The Lion Above the Door* by Onjali Q Raif

The Ship of Clouds and Stars by Amy Raphael

The *Percy Jackson* series by Rick Riordan

Key to Rondo series and *Deltora Quest* series by Emily Rodda

The Icabog, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* by J K Rowling

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Little Prince by Antoine De Saint-Exupéry

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Ajay and the Mumbai Sun by Varsha Shah

Harry's Mad and Martin's Mice by Dick King-Smith

My Brother is a Superhero by David Solomons

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

The White Giraffe, Dolphin Song, The Last Leopard, The Elephant's Tale, Operation Rhino by Laurent St John

Mapmaker Chronicles by AL Tait

The Happy Prince and Other Tales by Oscar Wilde

The Goffins Go Batty by Jeanne Willis

A Girl Called Owl by Amy Wilson

The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien

Gangsta Granny, Gangsta Granny Strikes Again, The Beast of Buckingham Castle, Megamonster by David Walliams

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Girl (in real life), Being Miss Nobody, Jemima Small Versus the Universe by Tamsin Winter

The Suitcase Kid, Double Act, Vicky Angel, Sleepovers by Jacqueline Wilson

Step into Classics Set 1: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer/The Hunchback of Notre Dame/The Knights of the Round Table/Treasure Island/20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Step into Classics Set 2: Anne of Green Gables/A Little Princess/Little Women/Peter Pan/The Secret Garden