Some ways to use ‘Talking Books’ to improve your language learning

• Before reading the book, look at the pictures and words on the front and back cover. Try to guess what the story is about.

• While you are reading and listening, stop the CD at each new page which has pictures and use these to help you guess what the author will write.

• It is sometimes useful to listen to and read the whole story once to get a general idea of what is happening, then to look at each section more closely.

• You may decide to listen several times to only one paragraph, one page or one chapter until you can follow it easily.

• As you read, it will help your vocabulary if you write useful new words and their meanings in a special book and try to use these words yourself in a written and/or spoken sentence on the same day.

• You can find an easy book and use it for listening practice only, (i.e. don’t read it at the same time), then read the book later to check your listening or understanding.

• Sometimes, it is fun to read a story at a lower level so that you can simply enjoy reading something in your new language.