

Greetings, Educators!

Below you'll find our tentative plan for the Classroom Companions, Shortcuts, and Squiz the Worlds for Term One. Teaching is all about planning and flexibility, though, so if big news comes up we reserve the right to change our schedule and keep kids informed about the world around them!

Classroom Companion:

Each day, the first page will contain comprehension questions and a super six+ strategy. The schedule for page two is below.

Shortcuts: Released on Friday afternoon, so you can have a listen at your leisure before incorporating into your teaching the next week.

Squiz the World: Released on Wednesday morning, they will generally be tied to news events, independence days, or other festivals/holidays in that country. But you can use them any time!

WEEK ONE

Jan 31 - Feb 4

	Classroom Companion: Page Two	Other content
Monday	Punctuation and grammar	Shortcut released Friday 28th: History of Vaccines)
Tuesday	Simple and complex sentences	
Wednesday	Alliteration, assonance, consonance	Squiz the World: Tonga
Thursday	Tier 3 vocab	
Friday	5 senses description	Shortcut: Winter Olympics

WEEK TWO

Feb 7 - 11

	Classroom Companion	
Monday	Similes + metaphors - identify for moon, write for sun/star	
Tuesday	Suffixes + prefixes	
Wednesday	Create mental images	STW: China (for Lunar New Year)
Thursday	Plurals	
Friday	Show, don't tell - emotions	Shortcut: Valentine's Day OR Basketball (NBL finals coming

		up)
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WEEK THREE

Feb 14 - 18

	Classroom Companion	
Monday	Text connections to show the passage of time	
Tuesday	Contractions	
Wednesday	Language of opinion vs reporting	STW: Ukraine (news around Russia invading..)
Thursday	Commas	
Friday	Rule of threes	Shortcut: Mummies and Ancient Egypt

WEEK FOUR

Feb 21 - 25

	Classroom Companion	
Monday	Text connections to create complex sentences	
Tuesday	Subject-verb agreement	
Wednesday	Personification	STW: Brazil (Carnival starts)
Thursday	Homophones, common letter patterns with different pronunciation	
Friday	Tell what it's not, to say what it is	Shortcut: Dr Seuss (Dr Seuss Day March 2)

WEEK FIVE

Feb 28 - March 4

	Classroom Companion	
Monday	Synonyms	
Tuesday	Punctuating speech	
Wednesday	Antonyms	STW: Ghana (independence day on 5th)
Thursday	Latin and Greek roots	

Friday	Onomatopoeia	Shortcut: Winter Paralympics
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WEEK SIX
March 7 - 11

	Classroom Companion	
Monday	Subordinate conjunctions	
Tuesday	Coordinating conjunctions	
Wednesday	Difference between reporting facts and writing commentary	STW: South Korea (presidential election today)
Thursday	Punctuation	
Friday	5 senses description from another's POV	Shortcut: Maths in Real Life (pi day on the 14th)

WEEK SEVEN
March 14 - 18

	Classroom Companion	
Monday	Shades of meaning with feelings	
Tuesday	Tier 3 vocab and etymology	
Wednesday	When to use "said", when to use other verbs with reported speech	STW: The Netherlands (general elections today)
Thursday	Word origins, words from other cultures	
Friday	Experiment with sentence length for impact	Shortcut: The Oscars or Water

WEEK EIGHT
March 21 - 25

	Classroom Companion	
Monday	Language to show passing of time	
Tuesday	Pronouns linked to nouns	
Wednesday	Replace vague words (so, very, nice) with clear ones.	STW: Greece (independence day)

		on Friday)
Thursday	Identify and edit errors	
Friday	Describing people in the news	Shortcut: All About Autism

WEEK NINE

March 28 - April 1

	Classroom Companion	
Monday	Synonyms + antonyms	
Tuesday	Spelling	
Wednesday	Choose words to match the audience	STW: Afghanistan
Thursday	Levels of formality in language	
Friday	Punctuation	Shortcut: Islam (Ramadan April 2 - May 1)

WEEK TEN

April 4 - April 8

	Classroom Companion	
Monday	Headline writing	
Tuesday	Word analysis, word families	
Wednesday	Hyperbole or literal?	STW: Germany
Thursday	Craft complex sentences	
Friday	Show, don't tell - emotions	Shortcut: Ice Cream

CONTENT FOR PARENTS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

Wednesday 13th: France (Presidential election will have happened on weekend)

Friday 15th: The Titanic (anniversary of sinking)

Wednesday 20th: Marshall Islands

Friday 22nd: ANZAC DAY

Looking ahead to first week of Term 2:

Wednesday 27th: South Africa (freedom day)

Friday 29th: