Jerry loves reading
Group-guided reading

Before reading
- Page through the story the learners will read. Talk about the illustrations.
- Ask them to predict what the story will be about; based on the title and the pictures.
- Introduce new or difficult words prior to the learners reading the story.
- Make word cards to introduce new vocabulary. (See the list of new vocabulary in the back inner cover.)

First reading
- Learners should read the text individually.
- Learners should read silently or they can ‘whisper-read’ the text.
- Move from one learner to the next, requesting each learner to read a section of the text aloud.

Discussion
- Ask comprehension questions based on the text.
- Focus on phonics, sight words and vocabulary.
- You will find the activities in the back of this book useful to guide the discussion. (Select appropriate activities for the level of the learners.)

Second reading
- On later days, let learners reread the book, either in pairs or alone.
- Focus on fluency, grammar and vocabulary.
- Let learners complete the group-guided activities which are included in the back of this book. (Select appropriate activities for the level of the learners.)

Let learners do a role play if the text lends itself to it.

Learners should do the group-reading activities after reading the story. Let learners work in groups to complete the appropriate group-reading activities included in the back of the book. They should not write in this book. Written activities should be done in their exercise books.
Jerry loves reading
Jerry the giraffe lives in the zoo.

One day, Jerry saw a little girl reading a book in front of him.

“That book looks very interesting,” he thought. “I wish I could go to the library to get some books.”
The next day Jerry the giraffe ran away from the zoo. He went to the library.
“I wish I could read a book in the Library,” he thought.

Jerry looked into the windows.
Jerry looked into the first window. He looked at Jabu’s book.

“Wow! I like the book about spaceships.”
Then he looked into the second window and saw Ann reading a book.

“That storybook also looks good too,” he thought.
I spy ...
Jerry then looked into the third window. He saw Bongi reading a book.

“That book about cooking looks yummy!” he thought.
Jerry looked into the fourth window. This time he saw the librarian and she saw him.


“Help! There is a giraffe looking through the window!” Nobody heard her. So she had to phone the zookeeper.
“Oh no, Jerry, you must go back to the zoo,” said the zookeeper.
So Jerry went back. “Welcome back to the zoo Jerry. Cheer up, I will give you books”, said the zookeeper.

Books are magical!
I know a giraffe,
with a neck that’s real high.
She stretches and stretches,
till she reaches the sky.
She lives on the plains,
with the elephants too.
You might also see her,
when you go to the zoo.
Giraffes

The giraffe is the tallest living land animal and eats leaves from trees. Giraffes have long necks and tails. Their tongues are so long they can lick their ears.
Group reading activities

1. Look at the pictures.
Tell your friend what happens in each picture.
Tell your friend which picture should be first,
second, third and fourth.
Re-tell the story to your friend using the pictures.
2. Role play the story.

3. How does picture two differ from picture one? How many differences can you find?

4. Write two sentences about the above picture.

5. Read these questions. Tell your friend the answers.
   a. What is the title of the story?
   b. Who is the main character?
   c. What books does Jerry see in the library?
d. Why did the librarian drop the book when she saw Jerry?

e. Do you think this is a true story?

f. How many animals can you see on page five?
   Name them.

g. How do you think Jerry felt when they took him back to the zoo?
   Give a reason for your answer.

h. What question do you want to ask your teacher about this story?

What is your favourite book?
Write four to six sentences about your favourite book.
Then draw a picture for your story.
Title: Jerry loves reading

Language: English

Level: Grade 2 Home Language Reader Level 1 Book 4

Text type: Fantasy

Sight words: reading, away, goes, lives, runs, welcome, some, from, through, reads

Vocabulary: library, spaceships, cooking, librarian, zookeeper

Phonics: th-, sh-, oo, ee, ea, ou, ea, ai, silent e, fr-, br-

Content, concepts and skills:
- Describe pictures.
- Sequence pictures in the correct order.
- Use pictures to re-tell the story.
- Role play the story.
- Find rhyming words in the story.
- Identify differences.
- Write two sentences about a picture.
- Read and answer comprehension questions.
- Identify a favourite book, draw a picture about it. Write the story in your own words: four to six sentences.
The CAPS requires teachers to allocate some time each day for focused group-guided reading. In group-guided reading, teachers guide learners of a similar reading level, to read the same book, in a group.

The reading session should include a range of word attack skills and comprehension strategies that children require when reading. Reading effectively also requires “text talk” between the teacher and learners, and amongst the children in the group. These books include a number of “text talk”, comprehension and other related activities to help teachers direct group reading in their classes.

Other books in the Grade 2 Home Language Bookshelf:

Level: 1
- Sisi makes new friends
- It's a dog's life
- How Zebra got its stripes
- Jerry loves reading

Level: 2
- Bubu gets lost
- That's what friends are for
- The Ugly Duckling

Level: 3
- Bheki's new bike
- Animals at sea
- Wendy Whale to the rescue