English

Stills from our new series

Reading and Viewing for Comprehension

In the 21st century, students are much more reliant on reading and viewing as a dynamic relational experience merging text and image - both static and moving. This series incorporates over 130 teaching strategies aligned to 13 video clips from a range of well-loved ACTF programs to provide lessons that use discussion, inferring, questioning, analysing, evaluating, creating and synthesising information.

Animalia: The Audition

The Animalians host their own talent quest. Allegra tries to avoid the audition process for Animalia's Talent-O-Topia. Zoe offers advice and a helping hand to overcome Allegra's nerves and her inability to read. This clip features the first round of auditions, with Tyrannicus (Tiger), Zee (Zebra) and Erno (Elephant) as the judging panel.

Mid Primary - Snr Primary

Additional Resources
• Synopsis and Rationale
• Year 3 Resources Pack
• Year 5 Resources Pack

2010 | 3 min | Australia | CC | AR
**Dogstar: News Report**

Set in the future in the Year 2347, a television news reporter advises that ‘Old Earth’ is on the verge of becoming uninhabitable and that scientists have found a new pink planet called ‘New Earth’. This clip shows the news report of the announcement and the Clark family’s reaction to the separate evacuation arrangements for dogs and humans.

**Mid Primary - Snr Primary**

Additional Resources
- Synopsis and Rationale
- Study Guide
- Script

2007 | 1 min | Australia | CC | AR

**I Think: Beneath the Skin**

In this segment, the children are both the subject and object of their inquiry into what makes people the same or different. While one child feels that gender is the strongest basis for claiming similarity between people, another feels that it is being part of the same family. They also explore family resemblance in relation to heredity. The conversation turns to the question of inner identity and outer appearances and they wonder whether heredity is stronger than sharing family connectedness.

**Mid Primary - Snr Primary**

Additional Resources
- Synopsis and Rationale
- Year 3 Resources Pack
- Year 5 Resources Pack
- Year 7 Resources Pack

1992 | 3 min | Australia | CC | AR

**Kaboodle: The Cure**

An animation about a little boy who catches the hiccups and his sister’s attempts to cure him. There is no dialogue, so this story can be used with non-English speakers and hearing impaired children. It is also valuable to teach basic visual literacy concepts, as children can tell the story as it unfolds on the screen. It is a one shot animation which is also valuable for discussion in relation to codes and conventions of visual language.

**Mid Primary - Snr Primary**

Additional Resources
- Synopsis and Rationale
- Teacher’s Kit
- Script
- Year 3 Resources Pack
- Year 5 Resources Pack
- Year 7 Resources Pack

1986 | 4 min | Australia | AR

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Lockie Leonard: Day One in Angelus

Lockie and his father, Sarge, are starting their first day at school, and as a policeman, respectively, in Angelus. Both have their reservations about what to expect, and both have different experiences. Sarge refers to the day as ‘Stormy Monday’ which references the Moody Blues song from the 1970s. Lockie’s first day at school brings him in contact with both Vicki, and Egg but for different reasons.

My Place - 1788: The Encounter

Waruwi encounters a cow for the first time and is unsure what to make of it. After seeing some marines and a drummer boy, she returns to Nanna to tell her about ‘the ghost people’, and the cow.

My Place - 1878: The Dough Machine

Henry and Franklin invent a spoon-cranking dough churner which explodes when they fail to take into account that dough expands under heat.
My Strange Pet
In the three chosen clips for My Strange Pet, we meet Henry and Peggy Lucas, and their very strange pet quonkka, Basil, that lives in a hole in the backyard. A quonkka is a very rare Australian marsupial, or so Henry thinks. With six legs, four ears and three nostrils, it’s a very strange pet indeed. Henry informs us about the life, likes and behaviours of a quonkka, and how to care for them.

Mid Primary - Jnr Secondary
Additional Resources
- Synopsis and Rationale
- Script
- Year 3 Resources Pack
- Year 5 Resources Pack
- Year 7 Resources Pack

Noah and Saskia: Max and Indy
Saskia selects an avatar she names ‘Indy’ and enters a cyberworld called Webweave to confront Max Hammer (in reality, Noah) about stealing her music for his online comic. They decide to collaborate and share the credits.

Snr Primary - Mid Secondary
Additional Resources
- Synopsis and Rationale
- Media Kit
- Year 5 Resources Pack
- Year 7 Resources Pack
- Year 9 Resources Pack

Round the Twist: First Kiss
Based on the theme of Pete Twist’s first kiss, the clip’s title images hint at the promise and pandemonium of using some magic lipstick. The episode opens with a forlorn Pete Twist daydreaming of his first kiss with his chosen girl, Fiona - until his vision of splendour is interrupted by his sister, Linda, calling his name.

Snr Primary - Mid Secondary
Additional Resources
- Synopsis and Rationale
- Script
- Year 7 Resources Pack
- Year 9 Resources Pack
**Worst Best Friends: The School Play**

During the performance of the class play, things go from bad to worse for Dusting. Not only does he have to step into the lead role of Don Givanno at the last minute, Millicent turns the tables so her character does not have to kiss Dusting's character.

**Mid Primary - Snr Primary**

Additional Resources

- Synopsis and Rationale
- Media Kit
- Script

- Year 3 Resources Pack
- Year 5 Resources Pack

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**Winners: On Loan - Two Birthdays, Two Cultures**

At the beginning of this clip, it is Lindy's fourteenth birthday and we hear her anxiety of not knowing the details of her birth. She receives a letter from her biological father, whom she presumed was dead. In it, he tells her that he has been looking for her for a long time. This clip sets up the dilemma within the film and the choice Lindy has to make.

**Jnr Secondary - Mid Secondary**

Additional Resources

- Synopsis and Rationale
- Additional Information
- Year 7 Resources Pack

- Year 9 Resources Pack

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**Winners: Top Kid - School Days**

Set in an Australian catholic boys’ school in the 1950s, this clip shows the overt and covert bullying of one boy who is academically talented but untalented on the sporting field. The clip provides a lens into the social, cultural and historical context of the times.

**Jnr Secondary - Mid Secondary**

Additional Resources

- Synopsis and Rationale
- Teaching Ideas
- Script

- Year 7 Resources Pack
- Year 9 Resources Pack

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