The **Magic Ladder**

**TEACHER INTRO**

The better your students can read, the greater their opportunity to be successful in school (and in life). The Magic Ladder is a tool for helping children learn to read better. It is easy to learn, and once you do, you will be able to help your students get the most out of using it.

The Magic Ladder is a website that anyone with a computer, tablet, phone, or Amazon Fire TV device can use. To access the website, open your browser (Chrome, Silk, and Safari work best), and go to:

[https://mlc.learningstewards.org/](https://mlc.learningstewards.org/)

When the home page opens, you will notice a blue button in the top right corner of the screen. Whenever you need help or would like to learn more about using the Magic Ladder, just click it, and then click the red help button that appears at the top of the pop-up window.

To get started, click on the grade range that best fits your students’ reading level. Next, look at the stories on the page and click to open the one that you think will be most interesting to your students. Magic Ladder Stories are interactive. You can click on any word or any picture you see. You can’t hurt anything, so feel free to experiment as you learn. There are a few simple things to learn first:

1. **#1 MOST IMPORTANT:** LEARNERS SHOULD CLICK EVERY WORD THEY DON’T IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE OR UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF.

2. **#2 Red Words** are words that teach PQs. ‘PQ’s tell learners which of a letter’s possible sounds it is making in the word they are reading. Learners should click all Red Words.

3. **#3** Clicking the **Green Speaker** buttons, will cause a portion of the text to be read to the student.

4. **#4 Hint Buttons** are provided on each story page in the Magic Ladder. Clicking them will give you instructions and information.

After you get comfortable with the basics, click on the “About” button on the Main Library Page and learn about the more advanced features (like having the stories use your child’s name, or changing the Magic Ladder’s voice). Remember to visit the Help section to learn more!
If you are using Google Chrome on a Windows or Mac machine, you can use the PQ Popup on many other websites:

https://goo.gl/7TUAC2
https://goo.gl/AAKycD

**Woken from his nap, the lion laid his huge paw angrily on the tiny creature.**