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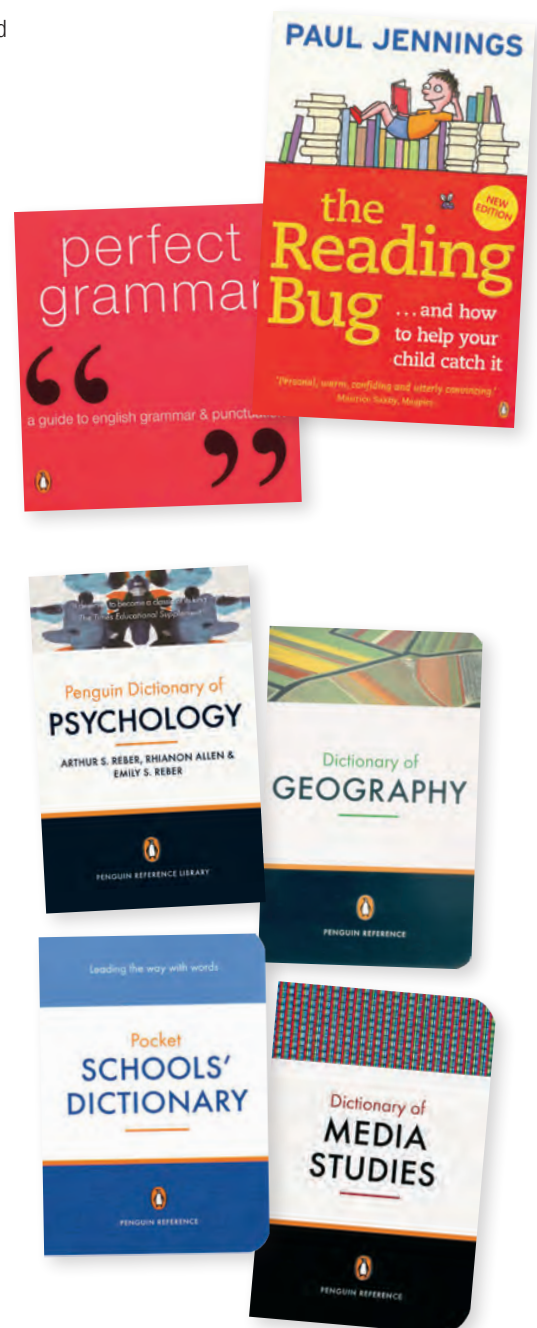
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## JENNINGS, PAUL

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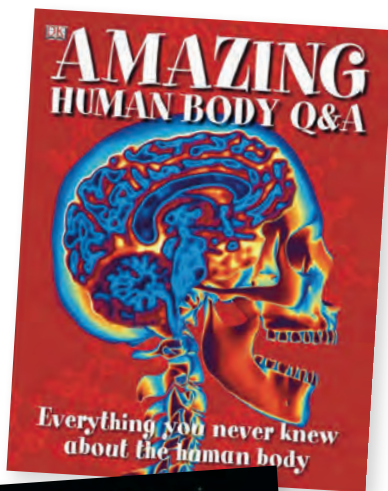


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## Science

*“To be human is to be curious about the world we live in, to wonder why it is that way, and to ask about our place in it. A fundamental goal for science education is to stimulate, respond to and nourish such curiosity, wonder and questioning. Science provides us with one view of the world – a view that changes as our knowledge and understanding of science evolves.”*

VCAA/Victorian Essential Learning Standards  
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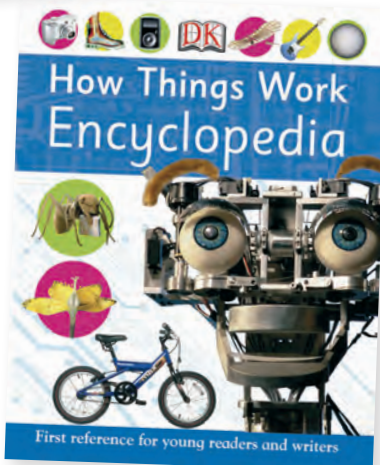
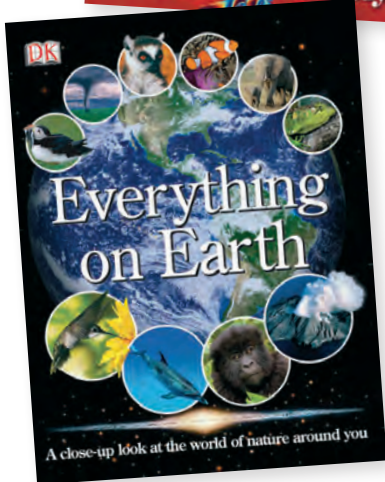
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**DK Readers offer a great way to introduce students to non-fiction topics and create an opportunity to include literacy activities in the science/SOSE area of study.**



### Marine Life

#### Fishy Tales: DK Reader Level 1

DK Readers will help your child learn to read and encourage a life-long love of reading whilst finding out about fish.

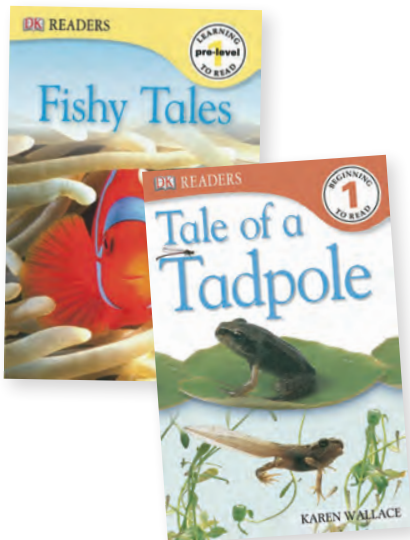
Young readers will meet bright blue starfish crawling on the sea-bed, floating jelly-fish and furry crabs climbing out of coral and discover all about the treasures of the ocean.

6+ 32pp 9781405347754 \$8.95

#### Tale of a Tadpole: DK Reader Level 3 Wallace, Karen

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VCAA/Victorian Essential Learning Standards  
<http://vels.vcaa.vic.edu.au/geography/intro.html>

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Your students will learn all about volcanoes, from their incredible structure to what happens when one goes bang!

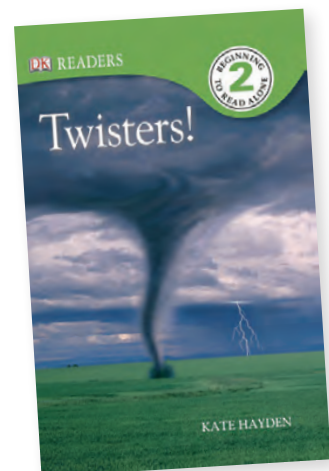
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#### Twisters!: DK Readers Level 2 Lock, Deborah

DK Readers will help your child learn to read and encourage a life-long love of reading whilst finding out about twisters.

Young readers will learn all about twisters and how stormy winds twist at incredible speeds to create some wild, wild weather!

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VCAA/Victorian Essential Learning Standards  
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### Economy: Eyewitness Guide

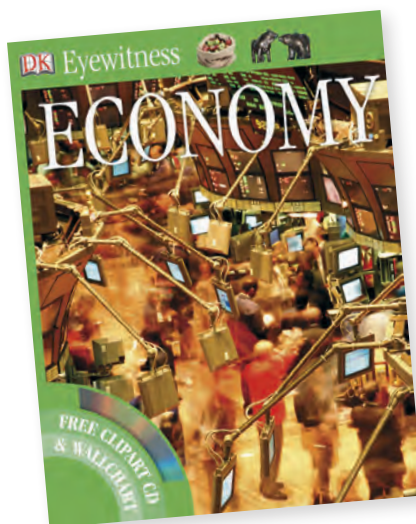
Help your child learn about the economy with this fact-packed guide, giant wallchart, interactive clip-art CD and dedicated website.

From how stocks and shares are bought and sold to why some countries are rich, while others are poor; they'll find out about supply and demand, prices and profit, finance and credit and much more about how our economies work.

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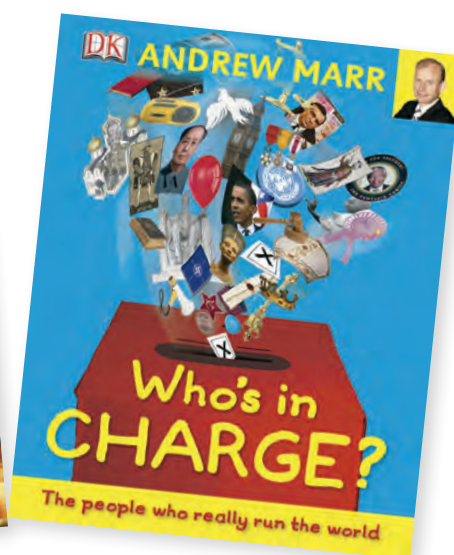
### Who's in Charge?: The People Who Really Run the World

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- Monarchies
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- Democracies
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## Maths

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VCAA/Victorian Essential Learning Standards  
<http://vels.vcaa.vic.edu.au/math/intro.html>

### Australian Maths Dictionary

De Klerk, Judith

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