

Mantra Lingua's e-books provide a wonderful opportunity for children and families to engage with reading across multiple languages. They can help to support home/school relationships, encourage reading in the home and foster biliteracy skills. There is a great deal of well-respected research that outlines the cognitive benefits of biliteracy.

We know that shared reading between children and parents promotes future academic performance. Research shows the importance of parents reading with children - even after children can read. The dual language nature of the books helps to support literacy in English and in a child's home language, encouraging parents to value reading in both.

Alongside opportunities to read quality texts, from traditional tales to more modern stories, Mantra Lingua's e-books allow children to listen. The stories are narrated beautifully in each language.

Children can familiarise themselves with pronunciation and intonation. They can begin to hear how they story changes while still staying the same when experienced in different languages.

The e-books are beautifully illustrated, offering lots of scope for children to talk about what they've read and what they can see.

We have used the e-books to support individual children in schools as well as used them to promote literacy and foster a love of reading in new and emerging communities. Parents have shared with us how they felt the e-books have empowered them when reading with their children. Children have shared how they have enjoyed hearing and reading in their home language as well as English.

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