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STEP INTO READING®



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## Dear Parents:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!

**STEP INTO READING®** will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art or photographs. In addition to original fiction and books with favorite characters, there are Step into Reading Non-Fiction Readers, Phonics Readers and Boxed Sets, Sticker Readers, and Comic Readers—a complete literacy program with something to interest every child.

### Learning to Read, Step by Step!



#### Ready to Read **Preschool–Kindergarten**

- big type and easy words
- rhyme and rhythm
- picture clues

For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



#### Reading with Help **Preschool–Grade 1**

- basic vocabulary
- short sentences
- simple stories

For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



#### Reading on Your Own **Grades 1–3**

- engaging characters
- easy-to-follow plots
- popular topics

For children who are ready to read on their own.



#### Reading Paragraphs **Grades 2–3**

- challenging vocabulary
- short paragraphs
- exciting stories

For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



#### Ready for Chapters **Grades 2–4**

- chapters
- longer paragraphs
- full-color art

For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

**STEP INTO READING®** is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides; children will progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

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## Here We Go!

Mario is a cheerful person who is no stranger to adventure in the Mushroom Kingdom.

The Mushroom Kingdom is a peaceful place.

But when there's trouble, Mario can be counted on to save the day!







# LUIGI

## Okey Dokey!

Luigi is Mario's  
friendly brother.

Luigi tries to be brave,  
but he is timid—  
and afraid of ghosts!  
Even so, he is willing  
to join his brother on  
any adventure.



# DONKEY KONG

## Going Bananas!

Donkey Kong is known  
for his great strength  
and red tie.

Bananas are Donkey Kong's  
favorite food.



