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### **CIRCULAR S3 OF 2015: THE GRADE 4 ENGLISH STORY BOOK FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS: AN INITIATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

1. The Department of Basic Education has partnered with Times Media to provide all Grade 4 learners with an English story book to take home.
2. This Story Book is an anthology of five short stories.
3. This initiative is intended to assist learners to master the English language by encouraging them to read for pleasure.
4. Every Grade 4 learner is expected to receive a copy of this book to take home and read the stories with their families in order to improve their literacy skills.
5. Learners are encouraged to spend at least 15 minutes a day to read this book.

6. Principals and SMTs are requested to adequately and appropriately utilise these books for maximal benefit.

7. The electronic copy is obtainable on the following Departmental website:  
<http://www.education.gov.za>.

You are kindly requested to bring **Circular S3 of 2015** to the attention of all schools and teachers involved.



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