**Readwell Road reading books for adult learners by Linda Hoole.**
Please see separate overview document and teaching notes for more details.

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| D<br>No. 3 | Wil and Lal | The Babysitter | No Football for Jon | Teenage Tantrums |
| E<br>No 5 | Helen and Adam | Coffee and Cake | A Heating Problem | Helen Smells a Rat |
| F<br>No. 7 | Mick and Lin | No Job for Mick | A Perfect Job | Fire |
| G<br>No 6 | Susan | Jack is Ill | A Panic for Susan | Mad Kay |
| H<br>No. 2 | Sam | Sam is in love | Another man? | The Stag Night |
| I<br>No.4 | Pat and Ben | Pat and her Pal | A shock for Ben and Pat | Our Baby (not written) |
| J<br>No. 8 | Ann | A Doggy Problem | A Bad Dog | A New Home for Max |
| K<br>No.9 | Dot | Dot's Problem | Messy Students | Students at the Fair |
| L<br>No 10 | Les | A Very Old Man | A Fall | Mystery at no. 10 |

Please note that Step 1, Titles A-F titles are also available on www.skillsworkshop.org – sample Step 3 and 4 titles will be available soon.

# **Readwell Road map** – for teacher and student reference

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| No. 9<br>Dot<br>Lives alone, husband left her<br>Takes in students; Kevin, Dan, Gavin, Tim. | Readwell Road | No. 10<br>Les; old man<br>Goes to live in a care home<br>Disabled man, Mike, moves in |
| No. 7<br>Mick and Lin<br>Mick is out of work<br>They buy fish and chip shop | | No. 8<br>Ann<br>Lives alone<br>Has problem with dog, Max |
| No. 5<br>Adam and Helen<br>One son,Tim<br>Big house, but money problems | | No. 6<br>Susan<br>Teacher, single parent<br>Son Jack |
| No. 3<br>Wil and Lal<br>Teenage kids and baby<br>Wil is stepfather to teenagers | | No. 4<br>Pat and Ben<br>Ben, car mechanic<br>Twins<br>Alan and Jess |
| No. 1<br>Jim and Nan<br>Elderly; cannot cope with garden<br>Try out students<br>Conrad, Nan's lost son arrives | | No.2<br>Sam<br>Divorced from Jen<br>Loves Peg<br>Works in pub |
| The shop<br>Pam and Ron<br>Threatened with closure<br>Robbery<br>Max the dog | | The Topcat Pub<br>Peg owns pub<br>Sam is lover<br>They marry |

**STEP 2A**

# The Shop Must Shut

I am Ron. My wife is Pam.

We have the shop in Readwell Road.

It is a little shop.

It is a post office too.

In the big town there is a big shop.

It is a supermarket.

Most of the locals go to the supermarket for a big shop.

They come to our shop for milk, bread, beer, wine and fags.

We do not make much cash from the shop.

We make some cash from the post office.

Now the post office may be shut down.

We will have to sell the shop if that happens.

Where will the locals buy their milk, bread, beer wine and fags?

We will put a pad in the shop.

We will ask all the customers to put their names on the pad.

We will send the pad to the local MP.

Maybe he will help.

Nan and Jim are old.

They like to shop at our shop.

They like the post office.

It is not too far to walk from their bungalow.

Nan and Jim will be happy to put their names on the pad.

They do not want the shop to shut.

Lots of customers will put their names on the pad.

No-one wants it to close.

**STEP 2B**

# Peg's Pub

I am Peg. I have the Topcat pub.

I am on my own in the pub.

I have no man in the pub but I have lots of pals.

Lots of the men and women in Readwell Road come into the Topcat and on Saturdays we have a quiz in the pub.

They all wish to win in the quiz.

They all have fun and drink lots of beer.

Ted and Sam come to the pub every day.

Ted has a wife . His wife is Jan and she stays at home in the week but she likes to come to the quiz on Saturdays.

Sam has no wife at home.

His ex wife has a flat in the next town.

Sam is on his own and likes to come to the pub every day.

Sam likes me. I like Sam.

We are good pals.

Sam lives next to the pub and helps me to run it.

I am happy with Sam and Sam is happy with me.

Maybe we will get together one day.

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**STEP 2C**

# Poor Old Jim

I am Nan. I am old.

Jim is my husband.

He is old. He has a bad back.

We have a big garden

Jim likes to work in his garden but the garden is too big for Jim.

I nag Jim as he works in the big garden.

He must not dig and weed the beds.

He must not mow the lawn.

His back is bad.

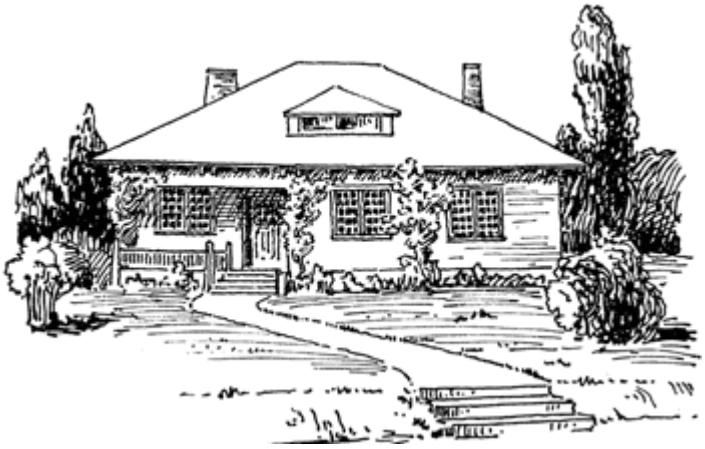
If he digs and weeds the beds too much

his back will be very bad and he will be in bed.

Jim can plant flowers in the beds and sow the seeds in the greenhouse.
He can wash the plant pots and look at the flowers but he must not dig or weed or mow the lawn.
Jim likes to dig and he likes to mow the lawn but I tell him to stop as his back is bad.

He does not like to wash the pots and sow the seeds. Jim likes to dig and mow the lawn but he must not do this or he will be very ill.

We must have some help in the garden.
I will ask for help.



**STEP 2A Activities**

# The Shop

## Suggested topics for discussion and research

How have supermarkets affected the existence of local shops?
Which customers suffer most from the closure of local shops and Post Offices?
What services are offered at the Post Office?
How have these changed in the last ten years?
What is an MP?

## Vocabulary

Key words from step one are repeated at this stage and new ones are introduced. The vocabulary at this stage is focused on words that can be decoded phonetically, introducing some consonant blends and digraphs. Words ending with 'll' are also used at this stage to introduce the general rule of keeping the sound of the preceding vowel hard by the use of two consonants.

Some common, social words are also introduced at this stage:
Post Office, town, supermarket, milk, bread, beer, local, customer.

## Word families to explore

'sh….' shack shall sham shed shell ship shock shod shop shot shun shut

'….sh' bash cash cosh dash dish fish gash gosh gush hash hush lash lush mash mesh