



Chapter One

ONLINE READING VOLUNTEERS

It all starts with literacy

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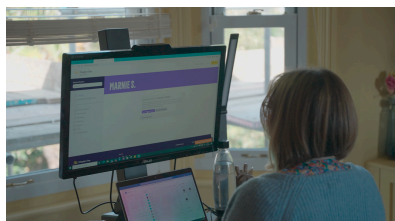
37% of 11 year olds in England from disadvantaged backgrounds leave primary school unable to read to the expected standard, compared to 19% from non-disadvantaged backgrounds

(Department for Education, 2025)

2026 is the **National Year of Reading**. Chapter One online reading volunteers become crucial reading influencers - **giving children one-to-one support at the time they need it most**, and helping them develop the will and the skill to read. **Are you ready to 'go all in' and help close the reading gap?**

How **online volunteer reading** works

You'll be paired with a primary school pupil aged 5-8. Chapter One will support you through the safeguarding DBS checks and give you full training.



You and your paired pupil will enjoy a weekly 30-minute online reading session via the secure Chapter One platform. Please note, there is **no video**, only audio.



This is a **weekly commitment with the same child** for an entire academic year (autumn to July - approx 20-25 sessions), so you can see your pupil grow in confidence and flourish.



Chapter One offers a **flexible, time-efficient online volunteering opportunity** for busy professionals who want to make a direct impact on the lives of children facing disadvantage.

Evidence shows Chapter One boosts children's reading confidence and enjoyment, sparking their excitement about the world of books. **Contact your Volunteer Coordinator to sign up!**



Scan the QR code to watch a video with more information about volunteering with Chapter One.