

# Bookbug P1 Family Bag 2026

## The books

The three books in the P1 Family Bag are:

- ✓ Bear's Lost Glasses by Leo Timmins
- ✓ Who Ate Steve? By Susannah Lloyd and Kate Hindley
- ✓ How Long Is That Dog? by John Bond

## The formats

Accessible versions of the books can be downloaded in 5 different formats from the Books for All website at: [www.booksforall.org.uk/bookbug](http://www.booksforall.org.uk/bookbug)

- Guided Narration PowerPoint Show .ppsx (for each of the 3 books)
- Switch Prompt PowerPoint Show .ppsx (for each of the 3 books) (for simple switch access)
- Keynote switch prompt for iPad (for each of the 3 books)
- Grid 3 grid set for Grid 3 software (for each of the 3 books)
- Grid for iPad (for each of the 3 books)

The PowerPoint Shows can all be accessed by keyboard, mouse, joystick, or switch.

To use the PowerPoint Shows you need to have any version of PowerPoint from 2010 onwards on your computer. Windows Media Player also needs to be on your computer. It should be but, if not, please ask your technician. The Keynotes for iPad can be accessed via Touchscreen or switch (via Bluetooth switch interface). To use the Keynotes, you need to have the Keynote app on your iPad. It should be but, if not, download it free at [www.callscotland.org.uk/bit/?sAdUJPH](http://www.callscotland.org.uk/bit/?sAdUJPH)

To read the books using eye gaze technology e.g., Tobii PCEye, set mouse emulation to **single left click**. Also, for switch access, set your switch interface to **single left click, not space**.

To use the Grid versions, you will need to have Grid installed on your PC or iPad. If not, you can download a 60 day free trial for Grid 3 or 30 Day free trial for Grid for

iPad from Smartbox at [www.thinksmartbox.com/download-grid-3/](http://www.thinksmartbox.com/download-grid-3/)  
<https://thinksmartbox.com/try-grid/#ipad>

## The symbol resources

CALL Scotland has also created picture/symbol resources to make it easier for children to understand and participate in the stories. All the symbols used are SymbolStix symbols (copyright 2026 SymbolStix LLC), but these may be photocopied for use if their origin is properly acknowledged by including the copyright statement on copies. In a few cases, the SymbolStix symbols are supplemented by other graphic images from the books themselves, supplied by the publishers. All the symbol resources are available in PDF format. These can be viewed and printed using Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is installed on most school computers. Please note that the PDFs cannot be edited/ modified.

Alternatively, Acrobat Reader is available to download free from <http://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/>

We advise that the symbol story boards and BIGmack and Little Step Tops are laminated or covered with clear sticky back plastic before use. All the 12 location symbol story boards can be used on their own or as overlays for a GoTalk 9+ communication aid. Please note that when using the boards as recorded 12 button overlays, the 'core message function' of the GoTalk 9+ is not being used. This means that those three message buttons need to be re-recorded for each level if you are using more than 1 board on the same device.

### The full set of symbol resources consists of the following:

- A symbol story board/Go Talk 9+ overlay for each of the 3 picture story books as well as for Shared Reading and Voting. (5 in total)
- 2 sheets of BIGmack Tops (large symbols/pictures for sticking on to the top of a BIGmack or equivalent single message device, e.g., Big Step-by-Step, Partner 1) to go with each of the 3 story books + Shared Reading and Voting. (10 in total)

- A sheet of LITTLE Step Tops (symbols/pictures for sticking on to the top of smaller single or sequenced message devices, e.g., Little Step-by-Step) to go with each of the 3 story books + Shared Reading and Voting. (5 in total)
- A Vocabulary Sheet suggesting appropriate messages to be recorded into single or sequenced message devices, and into the GoTalk 9+ to match the symbols on the symbol story boards and the Tops sheets, for each of the 3 story books + Shared Reading and Voting. (5 in total)
- A symbol board/Go Talk 9+ overlay to accompany 1 activity for each of the 3 story books, adapted from the Scottish Book Trust's 'Teacher Pack'. (3 in total)
- A Vocabulary Sheet suggesting appropriate messages to be recorded to match the symbols on the activity board, as well as ideas on how to use the symbol board within each of the 3 activities. (3 in total)
- **NEW!** The symbol story board/Go Talk 9+ overlays and the symbol board/Go Talk 9+ overlay for the Teacher Activities also have a QR code to a Help Video and more resources and a QR code to a [Glint](#) 'speaking' version of the GoTalk 9+ board. The Glint boards can be accessed with any device and do not require any additional software.

## The App Boards

### Sounding Board app boards for use on the iPad.

A Sounding Board file equivalent (board.able) for each of the symbol boards/Go Talk 9+ overlays is available.

There is one board.able file for each of the 3 books + Shared Reading and Voting. (5 in total)

The symbols used are SymbolStix (copyright 2026 SymbolStix LLC). Some Ablenet symbols (which come with SoundingBoard) and graphic images from the story books, supplied by the publishers, are also used.

They can be downloaded from the Symbols for All or Scottish Book Trust's websites directly onto your iPad. See below for web addresses.

N.B. You need to download the FREE app SoundingBoard from iTunes onto your iPad if you do not already have it installed.

See: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/soundingboard/id390532167?mt=8>



*All the symbol resources and app boards can be downloaded FREE from both the Symbols for All and Scottish Book Trust's websites at:*

[www.symbolsforall.org.uk/bookbug/primary1-pack/](http://www.symbolsforall.org.uk/bookbug/primary1-pack/)

[www.scottishbooktrust.com/P1Bag](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/P1Bag)