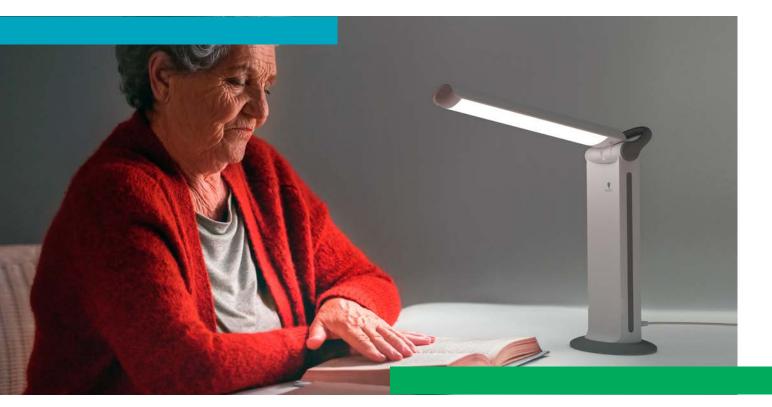
# **New Product Guide**

## October 2021

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Welcome to the October issue of **New Product Guide**. If last month's Christmas Guide didn't have enough gift ideas for you, then you'll be pleased to know that we have even more in this issue. (Although you might not want to wait until December to get your hands on some of these new products!)

In addition to more stocking fillers, we have some



'practically perfect' gifts that might help with those otherwise difficult-to-buyfor people (naming no dads, uncles or brothers-in-law...) and even more new lights to add to our range.

And, if you're in the market for a new light, then don't miss our lighting event from November 1 to November 14 (details inside)...

Until next time, happy shopping!

Jo

See differently

# How to order from RNIB

# Order online at **shop.rnib.org.uk**

# Call our Helpline on **0303 123 9999**

Some of our products have been specially designed, this means that blind and partially sighted people, or anyone buying on their behalf, will not pay VAT on these products. These products are listed with two prices. If there is only one price, that is the price all customers pay and this will include VAT (unless it's a zero-rated VAT publication). VAT is 20 per cent as of October 2021. We reserve the right to amend prices.

Stock and Special Order products are returnable within 14 days of receipt in an "as new" condition in original, undamaged packaging. This excludes bespoke products and software. Hygiene items cannot be returned unless unopened or faulty. We kindly ask our customers to ensure that any faulty products being returned are packaged securely for stable transit, or the warranty may be voided. Where possible, please use the original packaging.

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# **Helpline opening hours**

Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm; Saturday 9am to 1pm.

# Please note the following special opening hours over Christmas:

Friday 24 December – 8am to 2pm Saturday 25 to Tuesday 28 December – closed Wednesday 29 December – 9am to 5pm Thursday 30 December – 9am to 5pm Friday 31 December – 8am to 4pm Saturday 1 to Monday 3 January – closed



# **Delivery dates for Christmas**

To guarantee delivery from us in time for Christmas, all orders for stock items must be received by midnight Monday, 13 December (subject to the product being in stock).

Orders for special order products and non-stock items must be placed by midnight on Monday, 6 December to guarantee delivery for Christmas (unless longer delivery times are stated in the product information).

Special order canes and tips have an extended delivery time and must have been ordered by midnight on Saturday, 30 October for Christmas delivery.



# Stock up on stocking fillers

## **Extended returns policy**

We'll be extending our returns policy to accept returns of unsuitable items up to and including Monday 10 January 2022. This applies to products ordered from Monday 1 November up to midnight on Sunday 19 December 2021.

For details of the products exempt from the extended return policy please visit **shop.rnib.org.uk/returns-policy** 

Please call us on **0303 123 9999**, to obtain a returns number (also called an RMA). Please return the product in its original undamaged packaging (as new) and with all the components, within seven days of receiving the returns label.



# Stock up on stocking fillers

Browse our range of gifts at **shop.rnib.org.uk/gifts/ Christmas** for new additions and old favourites...

## New: A helping antler for small snacks and small humans

This reindeer-shaped plate is made from 100% planet-friendly bamboo and is too adorable to use just at Christmas!

Each plate is beautifully unique with subtle variations in the colour and engraving thanks to being handpolished and crafted from natural bamboo.

Ideal for small snacks or for baby's first Christmas dinner!



- XG15 £9.00
- 4 Call today on 0303 123 9999

# Stock up on stocking fillers



#### New: The game that's numero UNO!

Pop this pack of game cards in a stocking or your own games cupboard for fun at Christmas (and the rest of the year too).

Mattel's official UNO braille edition means this game of skill and chance has never been more accessible – in addition to producing this set of braille-embossed playing cards, Mattel has created an audible game tutorial that you can access through Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant.

Two to 10 players can use these easy-to-see cards embossed with contracted braille in the top left and bottom right corners. The winner is the first player to score 500 points by eliminating their hand of cards before their opponents. To listen to the audible tutorial before you play, ask Alexa or Google Assistant to launch UNO Braille, alternatively just ask your virtual assistant questions as you need to, for example, about action cards, how to score, or other rules.

There is braille on the packaging as well as on every card in the 118-card deck. Suitable for ages seven and upwards.

• GC14 £9.99 ex VAT / £11.99 inc VAT



# Stock up on stocking fillers

### We also recommend...

## Love heart braille keyring

Remind a loved one of your affection with this tactile metal keyring that has a punched heart-shaped hole and the word "love" brailled on one side and engraved on the other.

• XG01 £6.66 ex VAT / £7.99 inc VAT

## Talking heart voice recorder

Send a heartfelt message, record your shopping list or create audio labels with this purple, heart-shaped audio message player.

This audio messenger holds up to two minutes of audio – ideal for short messages, reminders and labelling. Both recording and playing back your message are easy, and you can either save the message forever or rerecord a new one whenever you like.

• DH451 £14.99

## Ambutech Pharos cane light

Light your way in the dark with the Pharos cane light. This rechargeable cane light comes with three mounting brackets so that it can be fitted to any Ambutech mobility cane and produces 40 lumens of bright white light to illuminate your path and let other walkers see you more easily.

Recharge the Pharos's built-in battery by plugging its USB connector into a charging plug or a USB port. Run time and charging time are approximately 45 minutes.

This cane light has an easy-to-use on/off switch, is water-resistant and also comes with a handy attached keychain.

• MP122 £15.99 ex VAT / £19.19 inc VAT







Mary Poppins herself would approve of these practical presents going under the tree...

## Take more in your stride

## New: No jab cane

If you've ever hurt your wrist or been jabbed in the abdomen by your cane, when the tip has caught in a drain, then you may not feel like stepping out as confidently as you should. The Ambutech No Jab graphite folding cane is here to change that.

This revolutionary shock-absorbing long cane is designed to eliminate the sharp jabs that can occur when cane tips get stuck while you're out and about.

When the cane strikes a solid object, the handle gently recoils approximately five inches before automatically returning to its original position. This recoiling action absorbs about 80% of the shock, eliminating the sharp jab or gouge to your wrist or abdomen, but without taking away from the sensitivity of the cane.

The sheepskin leather handle has a 10-inch grip and an aggressive perforation that gives an even higher level of traction and control in hot humid and/ or wet conditions while still affording an amazing, soft touch. It is installed on Ambutech's best premium graphite shaft, which boasts the company's revolutionary joint connection. This conical joint is derived from anodized (anti-corrosive) aluminium and provides a highly sensitive tactile transmission, rock solid joints and the smoothest and most effortless separation possible.



The centre cord is a high-quality marine-grade Dacron polyester bungee. It is UV-resistant and waterrepellent, with a tensile strength of 68kgs (150lbs). The cane is fitted with the CordLock device, which securely holds the internal elastic in place while you change the tip, and supplied with a hook-style Ambutech roller marshmallow tip.

The Dacron polyester bungee cord lanyard is especially designed with an adjustable cord lock that can be adjusted to fit any size wrist, as well as securing the cane when it is folded.

The Ambutech No Jab graphite folding cane is available in six lengths:

- ML202-125: 125cm (50 inches) four sections
- ML202-130: 130cm (52 inches) four sections
- ML203-135: 135cm (54 inches) five sections
- ML203-140: 140cm (56 inches) five sections
- ML203-145: 145cm (58 inches) five sections
- ML203-150: 150cm (60 inches) five sections

Please note, these are Special Order products that will take the standard six weeks to arrive.

• £56.99 ex VAT / £68.39 inc VAT

#### 8 Call today on 0303 123 9999

#### Bring another dimension to your cooking

# New: Easy-to-see measuring jug with tactile braille gauge

You're familiar with kitchen scales that talk and measuring jugs with bold, large print, now there's a new way to measure ingredients...

The easy-to-see measuring jug is now available with a tactile, braille measuring gauge which fits over the rim of the jug, allowing you to measure liquids by touch.

The jug is designed to be used with our talking kitchen scale (DK152), but can now be useful to anyone who just wants an easy-to-see jug with a tactile measuring feature.

In addition to the bold markings which show millilitres, pints and UK fluid ounces, the measuring gauge has tactile and braille markings for millilitres on one side and fluid ounces on the other. (To change which measure is used, remove the gauge from the clip, rotate it and reattach.)

The tactile measuring gauge is made of high temperature-resistant, food grade polypropylene and is designed to be fitted over the rim of the jug with the gauge on the inside.

To use the gauge, simply place your finger on the mark that represents the measuring capacity you wish to add to the jug and pour the ingredients into the jug until you feel the ingredient touch your finger. Please do not use this method when adding very hot liquids or ingredients.

Both the jug and tactile measuring gauge are microwave- and dishwasher-safe.





The gauge is also available to buy separately (DK152-G) if you already own the jug on its own or as part of our Talking Scale set (DK152).

- DK199 £18.50 ex VAT / £22.20 inc VAT
- DK152-G £3.75 ex VAT / £4.50 inc VAT

#### Stay on top of medication regimes

### New: Verbalise pocket medication reminder

Even the most organised of us can forget to take tablets or apply eye drops, occasionally. Keep on top of medication regimes with reminders from this new talking pocket clock, which lets you set up to five daily alarms so you never miss a dose.

The clock is radio-controlled (UK and US only) which means the time and date are set automatically by radio signal (time can be set manually in other parts of the world, but may require sighted assistance). This also means the clock will automatically update when the clocks change in the spring and the autumn, and therefore means you should never have to change the time manually unless out of the signal range.

It has two voice settings – male, English, 24-hour clock; and female, English, 12-hour clock – and speaks the time at the press of a large button. (Press twice to hear the date.)

When the battery is low, the LCD shows a blinking low battery icon. The voice, signal reception and backlight functions will not operate.

This pocket clock is supplied with a carabiner clip and a lanyard, and can be used as a keyring.

Available in two colour options – black or white.

• DH457 £24.00 ex VAT / £28.80 inc VAT





## Perfect for any first aid kit

#### New: Non-contact talking forehead thermometer

Take a temperature quickly, easily and hygienically with this non-contact talking thermometer. It measures body, room or surface temperature at the touch of a button and announces the reading in a clear, loud voice.

The thermometer uses infrared to enable contactless temperature readings and, with only four buttons, it is easy to use.

To measure someone's temperature, simply hold the thermometer three to five cm away from the forehead and press the large 'scan' button for an accurate reading in either Celsius or Fahrenheit after two seconds. Results are announced in a synthetic female American voice.

Three smaller buttons allow you to turn sound on or off; display saved measurements (up to 32 readings); and switch between measuring body, room or surface temperature.

The thermometer will alert you if measured body temperature is high. (The default threshold is 38 Celsius, but you can change this to a value between 37.3 and 39.1 Celsius.)

This thermometer is simple to set up and the batteries are easily changed. It will automatically switch-off after 30 seconds of non-use, to conserve power.

• DH455 £26.50 ex VAT / £31.80 inc VAT





There can be a certain cosiness to the nights drawing in – curling up beneath a blanket on the sofa, pulling the curtains on never-ending drizzle, treating yourself to hot chocolate... But it's also a reminder that good lighting is essential. Tell Santa to slide one of these new portable lights under the tree, to brighten up Christmas day in every way.

## Come on, baby, let's do the Twist!

#### New: Daylight Twist 2 desk lamp

Once you've tried this new and improved Daylight lamp, you're definitely going to want to 'twist and shout' about it. (We do not, however, recommend 'shakin' it, baby'.)

The Twist 2 desk lamp is still lightweight, portable, and easy to use, but it now has a high-quality diffuser



to reduce glare, adjustable brightness and top of the range CRI for tasks requiring colour matching, as well.

To use, simply fold out the 'easy-twist' shade, push the button and twist to get light exactly where you need it. Adjust the brightness (high, medium or low) with an easy-to-locate button. To turn it off, just fold the shade back to the closed position. The Twist 2 has an improved pivot using a stainless steel friction mechanism (similar to that used on laptop screens).

Weighing only 1kg (2lbs), this lamp is extremely portable and has been designed with good stability.

The Daylight LEDs offer a colour rendering index (known as CRI) of 95+ for perfect colour matching. A high CRI not only ensures colours are more vibrant, accurate and true, but also guarantees an even light output which reduces eyestrain and improves contrast. The new diffuser reduces glare.

Use the Twist 2 to illuminate books, newspapers or crosswords, not to mention your arts, crafts, model-making, cooking or jigsaw solving.

The LEDs last at least 50,000 hours, have a very low energy consumption and produce very little heat.

A contrasting stripe down each side of the lamp not only adds grip when you're holding it, but also helps you find it when turned off. The same contrast effect is used on the back of the lamp to make the power socket easy to find.

• DH454 £54.99 ex VAT / £65.99 inc VAT





## Looking for a crafty gift?

#### New: Rechargeable clip-on magnifier lamp 1.3x

Make sure your leisure is a pleasure with this clip-on magnifier light. Ideal for reading, sewing and crafting, this rechargeable LED lamp gives you extra light exactly where you need it.

Clip this lamp on to your book, table or headboard (up to a maximum width of 5cm) and use the flexible neck to direct the bright, 160 lumens LED light where you need it. Light is 4,000K (described as 'natural' white light) with a CRI of 80+, which ensures colours are vibrant, accurate and true. The light has a 7cm, 1.3× magnifier built in for when you need extra clarity.

You can adjust the brightness of the light using the touch-sensitive ON/OFF button – simply press and hold to gradually dim the brightness. Simply stop pressing the button when the light is suitable dimmed.

Recharge the light using the supplied micro USB cable (adapter not supplied). It fully charges in three hours and provides four hours of light on a full charge. When charging via USB, the indicator light will be on; when fully charged, the indicator light will be off.

• DH456 £29.99

#### A little light with big ambitions

# New: Rechargeable clip-on lamp with adjustable colour temperature

This ultra-portable lamp with adjustable colour temperature can be clamped to books, book stands, embroidery hoops, tables and headboards to give you extra light where you need it. Unlike most clip-on lamps, though, this one lets you choose from three







colour settings – from warm white (2700K) light to bright daylight-white light (5500K).

The daylight LEDs provide high contrast and accurate colour matching for reading and crafting (CRI of 80+), and the flexible neck allows you to direct the 500 lumen light where it is needed.

You can adjust the colour temperature of the light using the touch-sensitive ON/OFF button. The light will turn on at one touch, at the lowest colour temperature – simply touch the button again to raise the temperature to 4000K or 5500K. Touch the button again to turn the lamp off.

Recharge the light in two to three hours using the supplied USB cable (adapter not supplied), for up to four hours of light. When charging via USB, the indicator light will be on; when fully charged, the indicator light will be off.



• DH458 £24.99

# **Switch on to our Lighting Event!**

We're here to brighten up your November with our electrifying Lighting Event. From Monday 1 to Sunday 14 November you can get 30 per cent off selected lights – including the newest additions to our range.

Bend, fold or twist our portable lights; make your home safer with a sensor light; adjust your light with touch sensitive controls, or even a remote! Get all the latest innovations and save 30 per cent on the usual price (savings based on ex VAT prices).

Browse selected lights in our Special Offers section (**shop.rnib.org.uk/specialoffers**). Offer runs from 1 November until 14 November.



# Let me entertain you...

#### Gather round the gogglebox

We'll admit it is a little bit early for circling (literally or metaphorically) your must-watch films and shows in the Christmas TV guide, but if you don't already subscribe to one of our weekly TV guides, now's the time to check them out. Choose large print, braille, audio or email – contact Helpline on **0303 123 9999** to find the right one for you.

And then, stay in control of the channels with an easy-to-use large button universal remote control.

#### New: Geemarc TV10 universal remote control

Jump from Albert Square to Midsomer, and from Weatherfield to Holby at the press of a button with this new large-button, programmable remote control.

# Let me entertain you...

The Geemarc TV10 universal remote control has 20 easy-to-see buttons (19 are programmable) and is ideal for people with sight loss or limited dexterity.

Simpler than standard remotes, with large, clearly marked buttons that contrast with the case, this device puts you in charge of what you watch. Designed to be easy to use, it has eight extra-large buttons (power, mute, AV, volume up, volume down, channel up, channel down, and profile select), plus 12 large buttons (keypad zero to nine buttons, plus -/-- (for older TVs that won't otherwise let you enter two digits to jump to a higher numbered channel) and two rotating arrows symbol, which lets you go back to the previous channel selected). You can programme each individual button (except profile selection – the remote can be programmed for two TVs – just switch between profiles to watch the one you want. A small red LED light will tell you which profile is selected).

Set-up is quick and easy, using simple point-andclick programming (you will need your original remote control to 'teach' the TV10 the commands). This remote is suitable for TVs, TV receivers and VCRs with remotes that work with infrared (but not smart TVs).

Requires two × AAA batteries (not included).

• DR06 £9.99 ex VAT / £11.99

Also available: The Geemarc TV5 universal remote control has eight large, programmable buttons that contrast clearly with its black casing. Suitable for TVs with built-in Freeview digital channels, but may not be suitable for use with set-top boxes.

• DR05 £9.99 ex VAT / £11.99 inc VAT



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## Let me entertain you...



### Enter a world of pure imagination...

TV is all well and good, but we're here to embrace the wonder of radio too. Our weekly radio guides are also available in large print, braille, audio or email – contact Helpline on **0303 123 9999** to find the right one for you.

And check out the RNIB digital radio (HD13), which has tactile buttons and an easy-to-read display to help people with low vision use its main features. It has an extra-large display with high-contrast characters, a message feature that can be used for reminders, and is compatible with USB sticks from RNIB's Talking Book service.

If you decide to stop playing a Talking Book or audio file and unplug your USB stick, this DAB+/FM radio will automatically place a bookmark on the USB stick to remember the last played position so that you can resume play from there when ready.

Please note, the radio will not speak the station name, as this feature is not compatible with digital radios.

Supplied with a mains adaptor, but it can also run on batteries  $(4 \times AA)$  if required.

• HD13 £99.99 ex VAT / £119.99

## **18** Call today on 0303 123 9999



# **Gifts for the book-shelfish!**

Every Christmas tree should have at least one book under it. Whether you want to treat a little one to a shared reading book or are looking to expand a loved one's DAISY book library, we've got something to suit.

Browse our shared reading books for children at **https://bit.ly/3AkpYDn** and our full range of DAISY books for sale at: **https://bit.ly/3iDON7k** 

#### **New DAISY made-to-order books**

Black History Month is a time to celebrate Black achievements and culture in the UK and the courage and perseverance of people of Black African and Caribbean heritage in the face of centuries of systemic racism. To celebrate Black History Month, our newest releases spotlight Black authors.

Titles are packaged in a clear DVD case and are priced at £9.99 each (unless stated otherwise).

Pick up classics **To Kill a Mockingbird**, by Harper Lee (807112), and **The Color Purple**, by Alice Walker (807106). Also by Alice Walker is **The Temple of** 

# **Books for the book-shelfish!**

**My Familiar** (807110), in which a visionary cast of characters weave together their past and present to create a brilliantly intricate tapestry of tales.

Discover the general fiction novels of feminist author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – **Americanah** (804559); **Purple Hibiscus** (800886) and **Half of a Yellow Sun** (800412); and American writer Toni Morrison – **Jazz** (807109); **A Mercy** (802709) and historical fiction novel **Beloved** (802502). Or try Andrea Levy's **Fruit of the Lemon** (807111), a wonderful multi-generational saga that spans two continents and explores the importance of belonging and sense of history.

We also have the psychological thriller, **Their Eyes Were Watching God** by Zora Neale Hurston (807105) and **The Autobiography of Malcolm X** (803335).

Teen readers can enjoy **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry** by Mildred D Taylor (803049); **On the Come Up** by Angie Thomas (807108) and **Children of Blood and Bone** by Tomi Adeyemi (807107).

We also have new titles by non-Black writers, including Elaine Feinstein's biography of **Bessie Smith** (807113) and award-winning title, **The Hounding of David Oluwale** by Kester Aspden (801837) – a true crime micro-history that examines the death of Oluwale and institutionalised police racism in Britain.

Other new titles for October include Indian biographer Bal Ram Nanda's **Mahatma Gandhi** (807123); and **The Butterfly Isles: A Summer in Search of Our Emperors and Admirals** (807124) by Patrick Barkham, recounting his gleefully idiosyncratic quest to track down all 59 species of butterfly in the United Kingdom.

Finally, tuck into **Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café** (801287) by Fannie Flagg. It's music, podcasts and audiobooks to your ears. **< SOUR** happier Olivia Rodrigo

# Time to treat yourself to an Apple Watch?

We've all grown over-familiar with our couches in the last 18 months – what better way to encourage yourself to get active, than with an Apple Watch?

Features include Retina display, advanced sensors to track all your fitness and workout goals, and powerful features to keep you healthy and safe. And at the end of the day, the Sleep app lets you set a bedtime routine and track your sleep.

That's not all – you also get calls, messages and music right on your wrist. And you can use your Apple Watch at checkouts to make payments quickly and easily, and Apple Pay keeps your financial information completely private.

The Apple Watch is water resistant to 50 metres, so there's no need to remove it when you're swimming, and built-in GPS measures your workout accurately.







## **Time to treat yourself**





So whether you're going for a swim, run or a ride, you can leave your iPhone at home. Distance, speed and pace are all precisely recorded for you, ready for when you get back home to review your route on your iPhone.

For more information on Apple Watch, check out the Apple section on our Online Shop: https://shop.rnib.org.uk/technology/apple.







# **RNIB Technology Support**

For information or advice on technology that will be suitable for your needs, please contact our team on **0303 123 9999** and speak to one of our advisors within the Sight Loss Advice Service.



# See Christmas Differently...

You can make good things happen with a virtual gift that helps blind and partially sighted people in the UK fulfil their potential.

By purchasing one of our life-changing virtual gifts you will help us provide tailored support for the two million blind and partially sighted people in the UK; including practical and emotional guidance, reading services, expert advice and specialist products.

It couldn't be easier.

Go to **www.rnib.org.uk/donations-andfundraising/give-rnib-charity-gift** and choose a virtual gift – maybe the gift of adventure, or the gift of connection.

Send the e-card as a gift for someone else (or buy for yourself).

RNIB will use the gift you've purchased to deliver lifechanging work.

And you get to honour Christmas in your heart and keep it all the year!

# A class act – supporting young learners

With the new school year in full swing, these new education products can help to support braille learners to reach their full potential.

## What's your angle?

Help learners always find the right angle with our new tactile set squares and protractors. Made from yellow recycled plastic with black, tactile markings, they're a great way for students to learn about, measure and draw angles.

The protractors have long raised black lines, 1mm high, marking every 45 degrees, with short black tactile lines marking every 5 degrees, and medium tactile lines every 10 degrees. Choose a semi-circular (LC257) or circular protractor (LC258).

The set squares have black tactile lines at the 5mm and 1cm measurements up to 16cm (30/60 degree set square – LC256) or 13.5cm (45/90 degree set square – LC255). They also have two different outer edges – straight and notched. The straight edge can be used for measuring and drawing, while the notched edge is designed to help place pins when creating charts and graphs or using a compass.

There are raised black print numbers running parallel with the tactile markings on the straight edge of the set square from one to eight, then at the 10 and (on the 30/60 degree set square) 12 positions.

The recycled PETG plastic used to make these tools is a food-safe, environmentally friendly material.







## A class act

- 45/90 degree set square LC255 £4.50 ex VAT / £5.40 inc VAT
- 30/60 degree set square LC256 £4.50 ex VAT / £5.40 inc VAT
- Semi-circular protractor LC257 £4.50 ex VAT / £5.40 inc VAT
- Circular protractor LC258 £4.50 ex VAT / £5.40 inc VAT

#### Name a chemical element that ends in a vowel

Whether it's for Key Stage 3 or 4 Science, or because you want to impress Alexander Armstrong with a Pointless answer in a chemistry round, the Periodic table of elements is a must-have.

This print transcription of our UEB Periodic table of elements can be used by parents and teachers to support a braille reader with their studies.

Please note, this is not a printed table of chemical elements, but a transcription of the braille Periodic table of elements.

The periodic table is set out in tabular form including chemical symbol, atomic number and atomic weight for each element. This is followed by a list of the elements with symbol and name, ordered alphabetically by chemical symbol; then lists of the lanthanoid and actinoid series of elements (which don't appear in the main table) with their data.

• TC21453 £2.50





# A class act

### **Phonics for braille learners**

Read Write Inc (RWI) is a structured, synthetic phonics-based literacy programme that teaches reading, writing and spelling. It is aimed at children aged four to seven, but many braille learners may benefit from using the programme beyond age seven. The RWI programme consists of two parts – phonics sounds lessons and storybook lessons.

We have produced braille versions of the RWI storybooks for braille learners. These storybooks incorporate pages of uncontracted (grade one) braille into a print book, so that braille learners can read with a sighted peer.

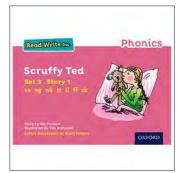
The books can be used alongside phonics sounds lessons, in which the child learns to read and write the braille letters while learning the sounds that the letters represent. Once they have learnt enough letters and sounds, they can complete storybook lessons using the RWI braille storybooks, developing their fluency, comprehension and writing skills.

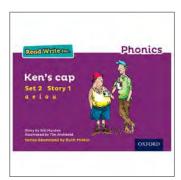
The RWI uses a different approach to teaching literacy from traditional braille reading schemes such as 'Hands On', in that it focuses on teaching children to decode words using phonic knowledge.

The RWI books are divided into eight levels (each containing 10 books), marked by different colours bands, from red (1) to grey (8). The complete order is: red, green, purple, pink, orange, yellow, blue, grey.

- £39.99 per set of 10 books
- Red TC21455-R
- Green TC21455-G
- Purple TC21455-PU
- Pink TC21455-PK









# Orbit Reader repairs service

RNIB's new Orbit Reader repairs service is for you if you've got an Orbit Reader which has stopped working and is out of warranty.

The service is UK-based and can fix – at the best price we can offer – a range of different faults, from replacing a reader's rubber feet to replacing its braille display or motherboard. An experienced technician who specialises in repairing braille machines carries out this work.

To book a repair, simply call our Helpline on **0303 123 9999** and we will arrange to get your machine collected. Please note there is an initial charge for return and/or collection of the reader and assessing its condition before the Orbit can be repaired. After collection or delivery, we won't charge anything further until the faulty reader has been assessed and costs agreed with the owner.

A full list of repairs and prices, along with the terms and conditions, is available on our Online Shop (go shop.rnib.org.uk and search 'Orbit repairs').

All orders for repairs must go through our Helpline. Once you've read the terms and conditions, please call **0303 123 9999** to place your order.

Projected repair times are in the terms and conditions, but please note that it may take up to 30 days for your device to be repaired and returned.





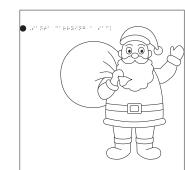


# **Coming soon**

## Christmas colouring book

Give Rudolph the reddest nose ever, put Father Christmas back in a green suit, or dress an elf in the colours of the rainbow with our new Christmasthemed tactile colouring book.

This book of 10 raised images can be coloured in using pens, pencils, crayons or paint. The images are printed (black outlines on white) as well as being tactile. Each page is also titled in uncontracted braille and print.



Wiro-bound, this book is suitable for ages four and over.

• ET83 £16.99

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#### **Companion cane**

Here's an alternative to the traditional method of guiding someone with sight loss – the Companion Cane. Made by TravelEyes, the holiday company that pairs blind and sighted travellers on holiday tours, it allows for guiding with social distancing, and gives the person being guided a greater feeling of space.

The Companion Cane extends up to 1.5m when fully extended, and can fit in a backpack when not in use – folded and collapsed, it measures 33cm. It comprises two telescopically adjustable rods joined by a hinge in the middle. To use the Companion Cane, unfold it and lock the hinge in place. You can then extend the rods to the desired length. The telescopic action is controlled by clips which sit below each crooked handle. Open the clips to smoothly adjust the telescoping sections, and close them again to lock the rods firmly in place at the length you want. To fold the cane away, simply reverse the process!

The ergonomically designed handles have been extensively tested to ensure they give maximum comfort while also providing each user (guide and guided) with maximum tactile feedback regarding the position of the other.

The cane is made from aluminium, which is lightweight but also sturdy, and durable injectionmoulded plastic. It also has reflective stickers to increase visibility in poorly lit areas.

If you usually use a guide or long cane, it is recommended that you use that together with the Companion Cane.

• MP124 £75.00 ex VAT / £90.00 inc VAT



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#### **Tactplus tactile printer**

This revolutionary printer uses ground-breaking technology to produce documents with braille and tactile images in a single step at a more affordable price than ever before.

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TactPlus uses thermal technology and capsule paper to create tactile documents as simply as a standard printer turns out images and text.

Weighing less than the 3lb, the TactPlus tactile printer is small and lightweight, making it easy to print on the go. It's also quiet (less than 50db) and usability is enhanced with voice guidance.

Ideal for educational establishments, enabling you to emboss high-resolution graphics of virtually any image, for children and students to learn through touch.

Custom TactPlus printer paper must be purchased separately. Similar to swell paper, this fine, thermal foamed capsule paper is heated by the TactPlus printer, to produce braille and graphics in one easy step.

Measures just under 8.5×11 inches / standard A4 copy paper. 1,000 sheets per pack.

- HT390 TactPlus Printer £995.00 ex VAT / £1,194.00 inc VAT
- BP71 TactPlus capsule paper £179.99 ex VAT / £215.19 inc VAT





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London: 9.30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Edinburgh: 9.30am to 4pm, Tuesday and Thursday.

Belfast: 9.30am to 4pm, Tuesday and Thursday.

To book an appointment go to https://bit.ly/3uaC1QV or contact our Helpline on 0303 123 9999 who'll be happy to make the booking on your behalf.

Our Products for Life stores and display locations give you the opportunity to view and try products from our catalogue before you buy. We can provide guidance and instructions for use and set up items so they're ready to use when you get home.

Our stores carry some stock, and we advise you contact us before visiting to check we have the products you wish to see, and stock of those you wish to purchase.

For items not in stock, our staff and volunteers will be happy to help you contact our Helpline or place an order via our Online Shop.

## **Christmas opening times**

Please note the following special opening times for our Products for Life stores over Christmas:

London: Closes 4pm, Thursday, 23 December and reopens 9.30am, Tuesday, 4 January.

Edinburgh: Closed on Tuesday, 28 December and Tuesday, 4 January.

Belfast: Closes 4pm, Wednesday, 22 December and reopens 9.30am, Tuesday, 4 January.

#### **Store locations**

#### London

Our London store is a five to 10-minute walk from three nearby train stations: King's Cross, Euston and St Pancras International.

Address: 105 Judd Street, London, WC1H 9NE

Phone: 0208 154 7680

#### Edinburgh

Address: 12-14 Hillside Crescent, Edinburgh, EH7 5EA

Phone: 0131 652 3140

#### Belfast

Address: Victoria House, 15-17 Gloucester Street, Belfast, County Antrim, BT1 4LS

Phone: 028 9032 9373

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