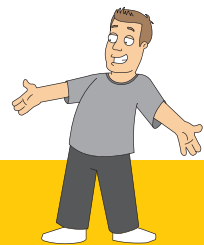
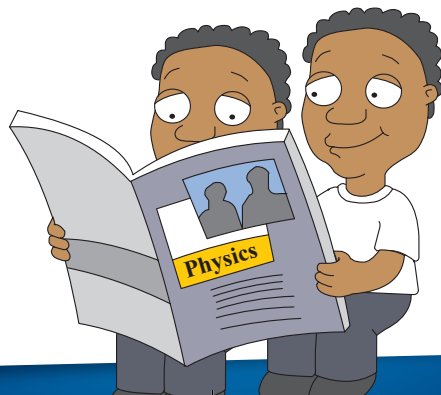


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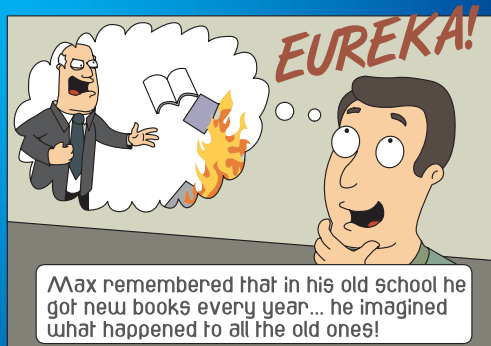
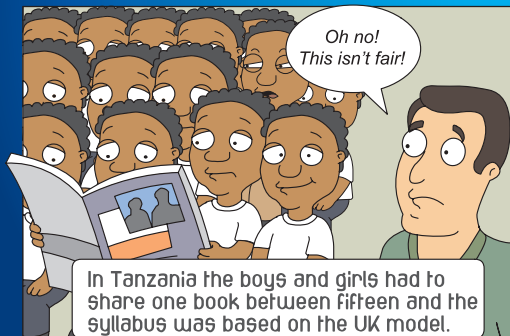
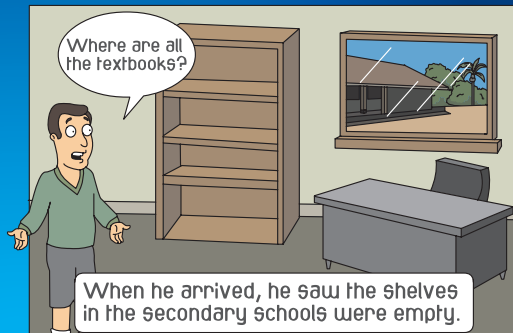
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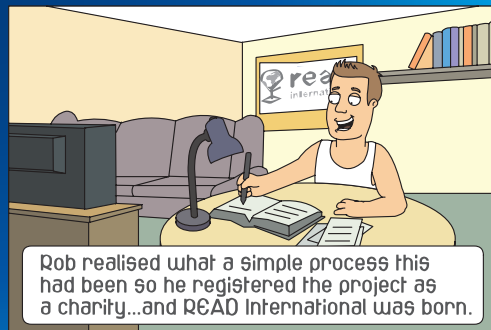
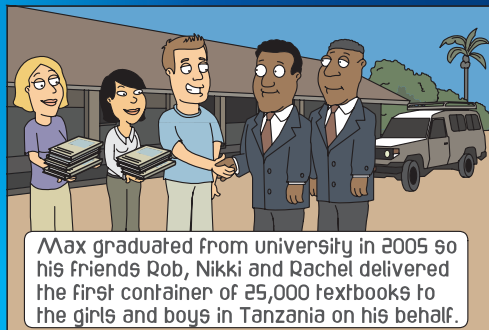
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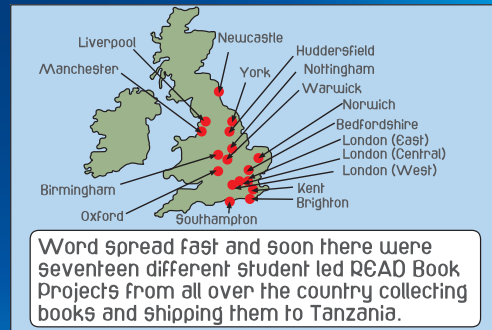


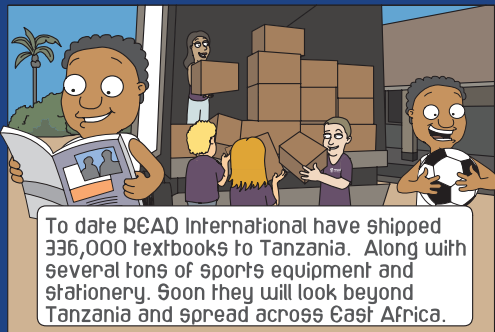
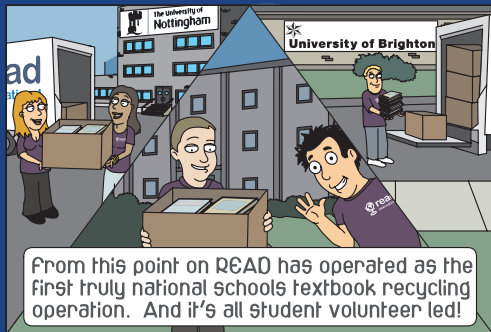


Once upon a time there was a boy called Max. He decided to go on an adventure to Tanzania in Africa. He had always wondered what life was like there and was very excited to find out!









Throughout the next year READ will work towards shipping over 300,000 books to Tanzania in August 2009. This year we will cross a significant landmark of shipping over half a million books to Tanzania. This is a superb achievement, especially considering we began just a couple of years ago. But now there are 4 full time staff, a board of trustees, and over 500 student volunteers involved. READ's vision for what it can achieve in the future is growing day by day.

The READ story has just begun...

Delivering **Our Mission**

READ Book Project

We redistribute disused education resources from the UK to Tanzania. By making these resources available we are promoting literacy and healthy learning environments. What's more, we are providing opportunities for school children to become educated, empowered and engaged in their local and global community.

Think Global

We work in partnership with Oxfam GB to help young people in the UK identify with their local and global communities. Our volunteers deliver school workshops to open young people's minds to the positive impact that social enterprise, student volunteering, and global citizenship can have on tackling world issues. In doing this, we encourage young people to engage in our work and create their own student-led initiatives.

READ Partnerships

We have developed many partnerships to come this far. Our partner organisations include Kit Aid (together we provide sports equipment to schools in Tanzania), NoPC (together we deliver innovative and low-cost ICT solutions to schools in Tanzania), Oxfam GB (together we deliver the project, 'Think Global') and finally Better World Books (they help us sell the books which are not needed in Tanzania).



We will expand our project list over the coming years. Our doors will always be open to collaborative, student-led initiatives that tackle global issues through education. If a potential project fits our criteria and our values, then we will provide the support necessary to implement action.

The Need in Tanzania

Tanzania is one of the poorest nations in the world.

In the UK nearly £7,000 is spent on every school pupil each year. This is compared to just £70 in Tanzania. Of this £70 only 30p is available for textbooks. Essential education resources are simply not available to Tanzanian students.



Our Solution in the UK

Tanzania's education resources are scarce, while the UK has a huge surplus. The Tanzanian secondary school syllabus is based almost entirely on the UK model and all lessons are taught in English!

Our huge network of over 500 student volunteers in the UK can collect, sort and redistribute hundreds of thousands of good quality but disused UK textbooks to Tanzania.

“How can you help?”

1 Donate Textbooks

Do you have disused textbooks to dispose of? We focus on the collection of Primary school, Secondary School, and University level textbooks. We can arrange a free collection from any school, college or university in England.

We do not believe any book is better than none. In brief, we collect, sort and then send the most relevant mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, physical geography, and English language textbooks, and children's fiction books to Tanzania. Any book which is not relevant to Tanzania, we try to sell to help raise funds. All other books we recycle.



For a more detailed summary of what we collect and send, please go to:
www.readinternational.org.uk

“How can you help?”

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Volunteer

We're always looking for more volunteers. We are an almost entirely student volunteer-led organisation. In 2008/9 we will engage over 500 student volunteers in our work, but there's plenty of room for more. This is your chance to get involved in an international project at any level: fundraising, collecting books, giving school presentations, communications, marketing, PR, logistics, the list is endless. A group of students will also be needed to distribute everything in Tanzania! Students will learn how to manage and run an international project from start to finish. You can develop your communication skills, as well as planning and organisational skills. All great for your CV!

In Kind Support

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We are always looking for support from individuals and companies willing to offer free, in-kind support to guide us in our work. We would like to thank the support we receive from the following:

What If, Latham and Watkins, the MLS Group, Liquid IT, Agile UK, and CCM Supplies.

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Fundraising

Over half the costs of our organisation are fundraised by our student volunteers efforts. However we still need help fundraising the rest.

You could join our 50 pence, makes sense campaign. It never costs us more than 50 pence to send one textbook to Tanzania. So why not get involved and start a 50p campaign at your school, university or workplace. You could have a 50p themed fun day and send all proceeds to READ International.



Find out more about this on our website
www.readinternational.org.uk

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