

Step Up to better English

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New education pullout designed for pupils in vernacular schools

KUALA LUMPUR: Reading materials that pupils find easy to understand and within their proficiency level can motivate them to read more in English, said experienced teacher Chen Ng Moi.

"Reading is a very effective method to improve the command of language among pupils," said Chen, who has 25 years of teaching experience.

The teacher from SJK (C) Serdang Baru 2 added that students also enjoyed hands-on exercises during English lessons.

Taking the first step, pupils from the school have embarked on improving their English with *Step Up*, the new education pullout published by Star Publications (M) Bhd.

Designed for pupils from vernacular schools, *Step Up* is a 24-page pullout that comes with interesting text, language strengthening exercises, and English-Mandarin translation boxes.

Copies of the pullout were distributed at their school yesterday.

"I like the pullout because it has many fun games and activities," said Dhurai Mani, 12.

His classmate, Bryan Tan, was

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drawn by the stories in *Step Up* and was delighted to find that squash queen Datuk Nicol David was featured in the debut issue of the pullout.

Teachers and pupils from the school also submitted 100 subscription orders for the pullout.

Step Up is published on alternate Thursdays and offers syllabus-based content with ready-made materials



Fun read: Tan and Dhurai (right) are all excited by the contents of *Step Up*.

for pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6.

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reference book *The New First Aid in English* or a Swan sling bag.

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