



Marco the Malta Bus reading scheme bus route (Remember to download the free Memory/flash cards)



1. Show the new memory/flash cards as indicated at the bottom of simple sentence pages. Go at the child's own pace.

 Marco	 Maria
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2. Your child can then read the simple sentence pages (page 1,3 etc.) which contain only the target words learned from the memory/flash cards at this stage.

Marco

Maria

Marco

Maria



**3. You can then read the story (pages 2,4,6, etc.)
and the child can read the target words which are in bold font.
Stop when the next simple sentence page has the new target words
indicated at the bottom of the page.**

Marco is an old
yellow and
orange bus.
Marco loves¹
smiling and
singing as he
drives around
the island of
Malta.¹

Marco¹
Page Break

Maria is
Marco's driver.
Maria wants to
become a
singer. **Maria**
loves clothes,
reading and
swimming in
the sea.¹

Maria¹
Page Break



4. Choose the new memory/flash cards which appear at the bottom of the next simple sentence page and repeat steps 1-4 until the book is finished. The bottom of the story pages indicate the first occurrence of the target word within the story text.

For further reading practice, enjoy some free activities on www.marcothemaltabus.com. **Marco's matching word game** or **Maria's Memory/flash card Posting Game** to detect some basic phonics using Marco's target words. Check **Nifi's Number Game**