



The Outline of Science, Vol. 1 (of 4) / A Plain Story Simply Told

by J. Arthur Thomson · Best for B1–B2 (Intermediate–Upper intermediate)

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J. Arthur Thomson set out to explain the natural world to ordinary readers in plain, encouraging English, and that purpose makes this early-twentieth-century science survey surprisingly accessible. Each chapter introduces a different area of biology or natural history, using clear analogies and short, well-structured sentences. You will meet precise scientific vocabulary alongside everyday comparisons, which is good practice for reading non-fiction in English.

What you'll practise

- Scientific nouns and their definitions built into the surrounding sentences
- Present simple used to state general facts and natural laws
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