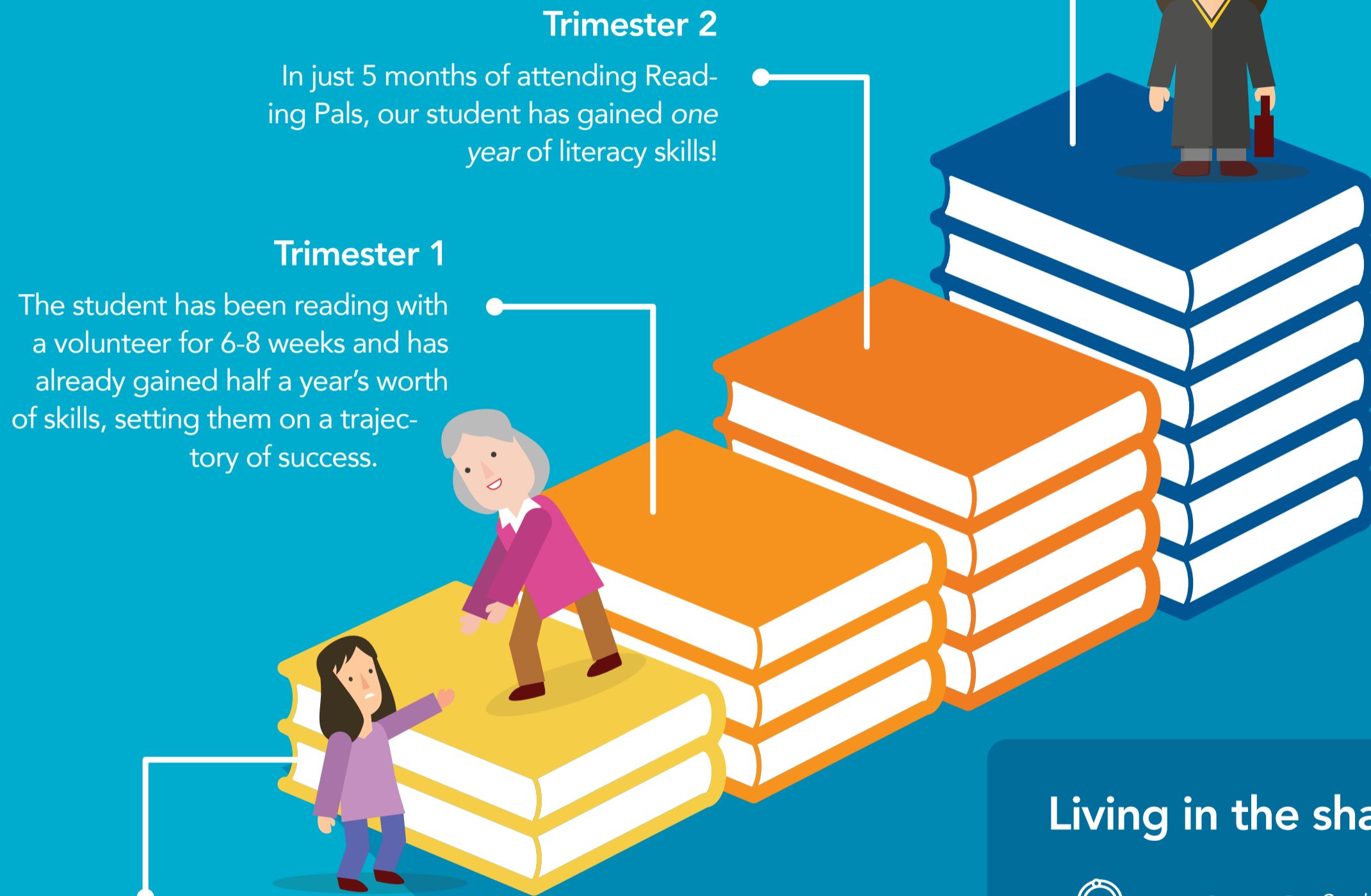


# Here's our typical student on their way toward graduation and vocation...



**Trimester 1**  
The student has been reading with a volunteer for 6-8 weeks and has already gained half a year's worth of skills, setting them on a trajectory of success.

**Trimester 2**  
In just 5 months of attending Reading Pals, our student has gained one year of literacy skills!

**Trimester 3 (and Beyond)**  
By the end of the school year, our student has narrowed the gap and is set on a path to not only catch up, but to stay on grade level.



**Reading Pals graduates have a bright future! Here are the numbers:**




**89%** of students in poverty who read at grade level by 3rd grade graduate on time and at the same rate as their more affluent peers<sup>3</sup>

**9x** High school grads are 9 times more likely to find employment than their peers<sup>4</sup>

**7 of 10** high school grads enroll in higher education<sup>5</sup>

**Starting Out...**  
Our average Reading Pals student is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader who reads 2 years behind grade level.

### Living in the shadow of illiteracy...

-  **2 of 3** Students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare<sup>6</sup>
-  **70%** Over 70% of America's inmates cannot read above a 4th grade level<sup>7</sup>
-  **\$20B** The cost of illiteracy to businesses and taxpayers is estimated to be over \$20 billion per year<sup>8</sup>