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One of the first steps in preparing a survey review is to look at the ‘best practice’ of recent years in *ELT Journal*. There I found a number of models that looked promising as templates for my own task. However, once all the

books to be examined had arrived, it was clear that standard approaches based on a relatively small number of titles would have to be reassessed. Counting support materials such as teachers' books and workbooks, 59 volumes were in the frame, and students' books alone totalled 45. Free-standing DVDs and CD Roms are not included in this tally. Evidently, it was not going to be possible to unpick the minutiae of each one.

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