

Brigance: Comprehensive Inventory of Basic Skills II

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Summary:

The BRIGANCE® Comprehensive Inventory of Basic Skills II, or CIBS-II, is a comprehensive collection of valid, reliable and well-researched reading, English and maths assessments for students with special needs in years P–9. The *CIBS-II* consists of two content-specific volumes – *CIBS-II Reading/English* and *CIBS-II Mathematics* – that offer a complete range of information on students’ academic skill levels, as demonstrated under real-life, everyday conditions.

The *CIBS-II* is designed to meet the requirements of programs serving students with special needs. The curriculum-based assessments and year-level placement tests in the *CIBS-II* allow teachers to accurately pinpoint a student’s present level of achievement. Teachers can then identify a sequence of objectives for planning level-appropriate instruction, for writing IEPs and for individualising ongoing assessment and progress monitoring. *CIBS-II Reading/English* includes reading and writing assessments for years P–9 as well as Year-Level Placement tests for years 1–9. The assessments in the Readiness section can be used to determine foundation year (prep, reception etc.) or first-year readiness and to measure progress throughout the first critical years. The Inventory’s key skill areas correlate to commonly tested skills and strategies that reflect common teaching.

The year levels expressed throughout the *CIBS-II* Inventory are drawn directly from original Brigance research rather than a specific curriculum. In the Reading section, they correspond to Flesch-Kincaid readability levels, the Fry technique and the Dale Index, while those in the Mathematics section are based on original Brigance research. A new addition to the Australian version, Appendix C, includes information on how these assessments can correlate with the new Australian curriculum. Teachers’ own curriculum guidelines should take precedence and determine at which point they administer each assessment.

Supporting Resources:

- *CIBS-II: Record Book* (CA11575)
- *CIBS-II: Standardisation and Validation Manual* (CA11829)
- *CIBS-II: Standardised* (CA11824)
- *CIBS-II: Standardised Record Book* (CA11987)

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