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FOR THE STUDENT

Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies (CARS Series) is a reading series that gives you practice with eight reading strategies. In *Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies, Book A*, you will complete ten reading lessons. Each lesson has a reading passage and questions about the passage. Each passage is a different writing form. Some of the writing forms are a note, a poem, a letter and a story. After you read each passage, you will answer eight questions. Each question helps you practise a certain reading strategy.

Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies, Book A will help you become a better reader. You will understand what important information to look for as you read. This will help you get the most from your reading.

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LESSON 1

Read this ad from a newspaper. Then answer questions about the ad. Choose the best answer for Numbers 1 to 8.

Five Collie Puppies for Sale

Light brown and white puppies were born in May. Now they are six months old. These loving pets need a good home. Must sell! We wish we could keep them all, but we do not have the room!



These puppies are great with children. They also need plenty of exercise. People who want to buy the puppies must make sure the puppies get to run and play.

Call owners: (03) 9955-6858



Finding Main Idea

1. The ad is mostly about
- Ⓐ puppies that are for sale.
 - Ⓑ puppies that are good with children.
 - Ⓒ how to care for a new puppy.

Recalling Facts and Details

2. How many puppies are for sale?
- Ⓐ four
 - Ⓑ five
 - Ⓒ six

Understanding Sequence

3. The puppies were born in May. They are six months old. What month is it now?
- Ⓐ October
 - Ⓑ November
 - Ⓒ December

Finding Word Meaning in Context

6. The puppies need lots of exercise. This means that they need
- Ⓐ to eat and sleep.
 - Ⓑ to run and play.
 - Ⓒ to find a good home.

Recognising Cause and Effect

4. Why are the puppies for sale?
- Ⓐ The owners cannot play with them.
 - Ⓑ The owners do not want them.
 - Ⓒ The owners do not have room for them.

Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences

7. You can tell that the puppies are
- Ⓐ smart.
 - Ⓑ quiet.
 - Ⓒ friendly.

Making Predictions

5. The owners would most likely sell a puppy to
- Ⓐ a person who does not like to go outside.
 - Ⓑ a person who lives near a large park.
 - Ⓒ a person who has no other pets.

Reading Pictures

8. Which of these shows a puppy?

Ⓐ



Ⓑ



Ⓒ



SELF-ASSESSMENT 1

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Complete this page after you have completed Lessons 1–5.

1. You have completed Lessons 1–5. How well do you think you answered the questions? Circle your answer.

great good could be better

2. Did you have trouble with any of the reading? _____
If so, what kind of trouble did you have?

3. Did you have trouble with any of the questions? _____
If so, what kind of trouble did you have?

4. Complete this sentence: I could have done an even better job on Lessons 1–5 if

5. What do you want to do differently in Lessons 6–10?
