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## What is *Strategies to Achieve Reading Success (STARS Series)*?

*STARS* is a prescriptive reading series that provides essential instruction in 12 reading strategies (8 reading strategies in Book 1), the same strategies that are assessed in the *CARS* diagnostic reading series. *STARS* provides students with precise instruction in and practice of the strategies they need to master in order to achieve reading success.

In *STARS, Book 2*, students receive step-by-step instruction in 12 reading strategies:

- finding main idea
- recalling facts and details
- understanding sequence
- recognising cause and effect
- comparing and contrasting
- making predictions
- finding word meaning in context
- drawing conclusions and making inferences
- distinguishing between fact and opinion
- identifying author's purpose
- interpreting figurative language
- distinguishing between real and make-believe

In *STARS, Book 2*, students read the following genres as part of the instruction:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| • narrative              | • tall tale             |
| • science article        | • poem                  |
| • biography              | • fairy tale            |
| • advertisement          | • historical fiction    |
| • fable                  | • informational article |
| • folktale               | • fantasy               |
| • letter                 | • movie review          |
| • social studies article | • book review           |
| • journal entry          | • instructions          |

## What is in the student book?

Each 128-page student book (80 pages in Book 1) contains

- 12 strategy lessons (8 strategy lessons in Book 1)  
Each eight-page lesson provides instruction in a specific reading strategy. Students read several passages and answer 16 selected-response questions that focus on the strategy.
- 4 review lessons  
A four-page review lesson follows every three strategy lessons. (A two-page review lesson follows every two lessons in Book 1.) Students

read two longer passages and answer 12 selected-response questions. (One passage and 8 questions in Book 1.)

- 1 final review  
The nine-page final review (four pages in Book 1) gives practice in the 12 reading strategies (8 in Book 1). Students read three longer passages (two in Book 1) and answer 36 selected-response questions (16 in Book 1).

## What is the organisation of the strategy lessons in *STARS, Book 2*?

Each strategy lesson teaches students a specific reading strategy. There are 16 selected-response questions in each strategy lesson. Each of the 12 lessons includes the following two-page sections:

- Part One: Learn about the Strategy  
This section introduces the strategy and presents the key characteristics of the strategy. Two selected-response questions are provided. Part One should be guided by the teacher.
- Part Two: Check your Understanding  
This section reviews the strategy and explains which answer choices are correct and why the other answer choices are incorrect. Two selected-response questions are provided. Part Two should be guided by the teacher.
- Part Three: Learn More about the Strategy  
This section presents additional information about the strategy, as well as further practice. Eight selected-response questions are provided.
- Part Four: Prepare for a Test  
This section provides students with information about the kinds of test questions that target the strategy. Four selected-response questions are provided. The name of the strategy appears above each question.