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# FOR THE TEACHER



## **What is *Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II (CARS Series II)*?**

*Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II* is a reading series that assesses student proficiency in 12 reading strategies (8 strategies in Book 1), the same strategies that are practised in the *Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies* diagnostic reading series. *Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II* allows teachers to identify and assess a student's level of mastery with each of the reading strategies. This eight-level program is designed for students in years 1 through 8. *Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II* is for use after students have been diagnosed with *Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies* and have been instructed with *Strategies to Achieve Reading Success*, or with any other remediation materials.

Book 1 has 20 pages and contains four lessons. Each lesson provides a two-page reading passage and 8 selected-response questions. Each question focuses on a specific reading strategy.

Books 2–8 have 24 pages and contain four lessons. The first lesson provides a three-page reading passage followed by 12 selected-response questions. The second lesson provides 12 selected-response questions, based on the reading passage presented in the first lesson. Be sure to allow students time to reread the passage before answering the questions. The third lesson provides a reading passage followed by 12 selected-response questions. The fourth lesson provides 12 selected-response questions, based on the reading passage presented in the third lesson. Be sure to allow students time to reread the passage before answering the questions. Each question focuses on a specific reading strategy.

In *Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II, Book 2*, students receive follow-up assessment for the following 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

## **What is in the student book?**

Each student book contains

- four lessons; each lesson is based on a three-page reading passage and includes 12 selected-response questions (two-page reading passage and 8 selected-response questions in Book 1).
- a self-assessment form for students, which they complete after Lesson 4.
- two assessment forms for teachers, which they complete after Lesson 4 has been completed and corrected.
- an Answer Form on which students record their answers.

## **What is in the teacher guide?**

Each teacher guide contains

- suggestions and instructions for using *Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II* effectively in the classroom.
- Understanding the Strategies, an instructional reproducible for use with students in the classroom.
- reproducibles of the student assessment and the two teacher assessments that appear in the student book.
- a reproducible Class Performance Chart for recording class results.
- a completed Answer Form.

## **Where do students record their answers?**

Students record their answers on the Answer Form on page 21. Ask students to detach the form and fill in the personal-information section. Next to each item number on the Answer Form is an abbreviation that identifies the strategy. Once you have a student's completed Answer Form, total the number of correct responses for each strategy. Then transfer these totals to Teacher Assessment 1 to begin the assessment process.