

FOR THE STUDENT



Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II (CARS Series II) is a reading series that gives you practice with 12 reading strategies. You will complete four reading lessons. Each lesson has a reading passage and 12 questions about the passage. Each question helps you practise a certain reading strategy.

Once you have completed the four lessons, you will complete a self-assessment. This self-assessment will help you see how well you did.

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

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**Here is a fable by Aesop. Read the fable.
Then do Numbers 1 through 12.**

Two men were travelling on foot, each from a different direction. At the same time, they arrived at the edge of a dark forest. Since their journey would take them deep into the forest, each man was nervous about travelling alone. They decided to make their journey through the forest together. Two people would surely be safer travelling through the forest than either person would be travelling alone.

The first of the travellers, the one who had suggested that the two travel together, was a light and nimble fellow. He knew all kinds of lively songs and humorous stories. He was ready to share a laugh at almost any time. It seemed there wasn't anything he couldn't make into a joke. Just walking along through the forest seemed to fill him with enthusiasm. His stride was practically a hopping little dance.

The second traveller was slower, but solid and strong. He looked neither to the right nor the left as he walked. Instead, he kept a steady, determined pace. He could never remember jokes he'd heard, and wouldn't have been able to tell them well, even if he had. He was a fair fiddle player, but he wasn't able to carry even a single note. Having neither a fiddle in his bag, nor any stories in his head, he was grateful to have a companion, especially one so entertaining.





The men hadn't travelled too far into the forest when, much to their surprise, a savage bear came charging out of a thicket. The first man broke off the joke he was telling, screamed for help, and headed for the trees as fast as his feet could carry him. The bear tried to catch him, but the man was too quick for the beast. In the wink of an eye, the man was safely up a tree, clinging to a delicate branch. The bear started up the tree after him but then changed its mind. Instead, the bear turned its attention to the second man.

The second man had faced a similar situation in the past. He knew that running was out of the question. He was too slow, and the bear would certainly outrun him. If he tried to fight the bear, he would not win. Instead, he dropped to the ground and lay there holding his breath, hoping that the bear would not attack.

The bear came up to where the man lay. Its huge paws crunched on the gravel path as it circled the second man. The bear used its powerful snout to nudge the man, trying to see if he would move. It sniffed his legs and sniffed at his feet. It sniffed at the bag he had dropped on the ground. It sniffed at his head with its nose to the man's head, so close to the man's ear that the bear's whiskers tickled.

