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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 *Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies (CARS Series)* 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 1*, students receive step-by-step instruction in 8 reading strategies:

- finding main idea
- recalling facts and details
- understanding sequence
- recognising cause and effect
- making predictions
- finding word meaning in context
- drawing conclusions and making inferences
- reading pictures

In *STARS, Book 1*, students read the following genres as part of the instruction:

- narrative
- science article
- advertisement
- letter
- social studies article
- journal entry
- poem
- book review

## What is in the student book?

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

## What is the organisation of the strategy lessons in *STARS, Book 1*?

Each strategy lesson teaches students a specific reading strategy. There are 16 selected-response questions in each strategy lesson. Each of the 8 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 Three should be guided by the teacher.
- 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. Part Four should be guided by the teacher.