

PLATO[®] Advanced Reading Strategies

Grade Level: 9–14
Target Audience: High School/Adult
Audio Support: Yes

Product Features

- Curriculum-specific reading strategy courses including Reading the Social Sciences, Reading Literature, Reading History, and Reading Science
- Over 60 discrete learning objectives
- Engaging reading comprehension practice activities appropriate for grades 9 to advanced placement at a college sophomore level
- Six courses containing tutorials, problem-solving activities, practice passages, vocabulary builders, and mastery tests
- Variety of question types including multiple choice and alternate choice, fill-in, drag and drop, highlighter, bubble sheet test, and slider

Product Benefits

- Correlates to state standards
- Builds reading comprehension, critical thinking, and study skills
- Utilizes reading skills and strategies to solve real-world problems
- Offers the opportunity to study word definitions, hear correct pronunciations, and see words used in multiple contexts with PLATO Vocabulary Builder
- Provides practice lessons in history, social sciences, literature, and science
- Includes questions similar in format and content to those found on standardized tests
- Offers teachers a variety of instructional strategies to match learner needs

Online Tools

Notebook—allows learner to type, save, and print notes

Glossary—provides definition of terms essential to understanding the activity

Dictionary—allows learner to search for the definition and correct spelling of a word

Menu Icons

Start Over—allows learner to start over at the beginning of the lesson

Strategy—offers a 4-step procedure to help learner better understand and recall what was read

Contents—lists categories of instruction: Introduction, Chapter, and Wrap Up

Back—moves backward to previous screen

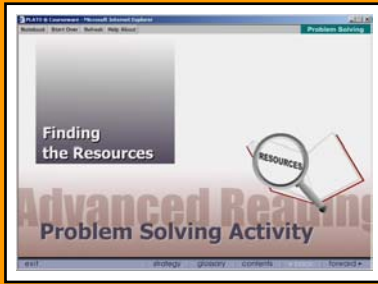
Forward—moves forward to the next screen

Exit—allows learner to stop and exit the activity

Reference Materials (Refer to PLATO Documentation CD)

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Advanced Reading Strategies

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Advanced Reading Strategies—Learning Aids



Getting Started

- Refer to the PLATO Curriculum Guide—Advanced Reading Strategies to learn about the product features and benefits.
- Review the scope and sequence included in the PLATO Curriculum Guide.
- Identify and discuss prerequisite strategies prior to assigning the course.

Module Progression

- Tutorial—includes interactive instructional sequences using reading passages of various lengths (not scored).
- Problem Solving Activities (PSA)—usually follows the tutorial and allows learner to practice the skills learned in school or at work (scored).
- Mastery Test—includes five randomly generated questions and evaluates performance based on the module objective (scored).
- Practices—contains three passages in the four courses followed by questions similar to those found on standardized tests.
- Vocabulary Builder—provides an automated database that helps learner build their vocabulary in a subject area.

Assessment

- Use PLATO Fastrack Curriculum Placement Test—Reading Skills and Strategies to exempt learner from modules that contain skills they have already mastered and prescribe modules that target learning needs.
- Use classroom formative assessments to determine learner’s reading level, strengths, and needs prior to courseware assignment.

Implementation Strategies

- Align the courseware modules with state standards and classroom instruction.
- Consider the instructional strategies—individualized, competency-based, or mastery model—described in the PLATO Curriculum Guide.
- Create an individual learning path based on the learner’s needs or skill gaps.

Evaluation

- Use PLATO Fastrack reports to track learner progress and grade level gains.
- Evaluate learner’s portfolios that include learner generated reports.
- Discuss report data with learner to determine next steps.

Extension Exercises

- Encourage learner to use the online notebook to take and print notes.
- Ask learner to select vocabulary words from the PLATO Vocabulary Builder portion of the courseware and incorporate them in a writing assignment appropriate to a content area.

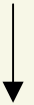
Curriculum Structure

Curriculum



Advanced Reading Strategies

Course



A Reading Strategy

Module



Finding the Resources

Tutorial

Problem Solving

Mastery Test

Practices

Vocabulary Builder

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