

# PLATO<sup>®</sup> Fundamental and Intermediate Reading Strategies

**Grade Level:** 5-9  
**Target Audience:** Middle/High School/Adult  
**Audio Support:** Yes

## Product Features

- Two courses: Fundamental and Intermediate Reading Strategies
- 54 discrete learning objectives
- Spiral curriculum
- 10 distinct reading strategies to increase comprehension
- Narrative and expository text
- Engaging online magazine menu
- Online workbook compares learner and tutor responses
- Printable offline worksheets
- Linked to the PLATO Fastrack Curriculum Placement Test
- Full audio support

## Product Benefits

- Aligns to state standards
- Reinforces learning with a spiral instructional approach
- Includes extensive modeling of reading strategies
- Helps learner differentiate between narrative and expository text
- Offers teachers a variety of instructional strategies to match learner needs
- Learners work through modules at their own pace
- Models problem-solving strategies

## Online Tools

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

Dictionary—allows learner to search for the definition of a word (Pathways only)

## Menu Icons

Preferences—accesses audio controls (Pathways only)

Print—allows learner to print the screen (Pathways only)

Learner Log—allows learner to document and revise notes in conjunction with the activity

Audio—allows learner to turn audio off and on

Strategy—allows learner to quickly access a list of reading strategies and definitions

Question and Workbook—allows learner to respond to practice questions

Contents—allows learner to move to the main menu

Back and Forward—allows learner to move to the previous or next screen

Stop, Pause, Play buttons—allows learner to stop, pause and resume, and play audio

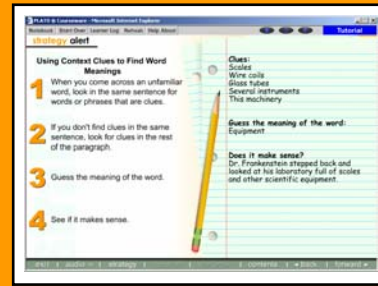
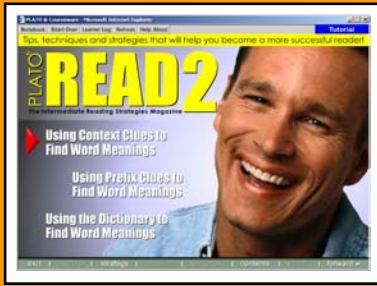
Exit—allows learner to stop and exit the module

## Reference Materials (Refer to PLATO Documentation CD)

Student Materials and Offline Activities—Fundamental Reading Strategies

Student Materials and Offline Activities—Intermediate Reading Strategies

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Reading Strategies



## Getting Started

- Refer to the PLATO Curriculum Guide—Reading Strategies to learn about product benefits, features, and learning activity types.
- Review the scope and sequence in the PLATO Curriculum Guide—Reading Strategies to align modules with classroom instruction.
- Determine learner’s reading level prior to assigning a courseware module.
- Begin previewing courseware modules at the appropriate instructional level.

## Lesson Progression

- Tutorial—models the reading strategy, provides practice, and feedback (not scored).
- Application—provides additional practice and reinforces reading strategy (scored).
- Mastery Tests—includes random questions to assess mastery of strategy (scored).
- Homework—includes printable worksheets for additional practice and enrichment.

## Assessment

- Use PLATO Fastrack Reading Skills and Strategies for skill level placement.
- Use classroom formative assessments to determine learner strengths and needs prior to assigning courseware modules.
- Have the learner demonstrate mastery by modeling the use of strategies when reading selected stories and articles.
- Use the mastery tests to provide ongoing assessment of learner’s progress.

## Implementation Strategies

- Create individual learning paths that target identified learning gaps.
- Introduce a reading strategy by working through the tutorial as a whole group activity.
- Allow learner to work independently when completing the application and mastery test.
- Encourage learner to use the notebook to keep a journal and reflect on strategies learned.
- Use homework assignments contained in the courseware to provide additional practice.

## Evaluation

- Generate reports to track learner progress and measure gains.
- Have the learner print an individual progress report to track percent of modules mastered.
- Discuss report data with learner in order to determine next steps.
- Use state or local reading comprehension tests to determine grade level gains.

## Extension Exercises

- Have the learner interact with a peer to explain how to use reading strategies.
- Encourage the learner to use the dictionary to find definitions of words that are new and record them in the notebook.
- Direct the learner to select an article or story, and model the “think aloud” approach to explain the reading strategy used.

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Intermediate  
Reading  
Strategies

Course



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Your  
Vocabulary

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