

PLATO[®] Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension

Grade Level: 3–9
Target Audience: Middle and High School/Adult
Audio Support: Yes

Product Features

- 252 reading passages of varied length and difficulty
- Over 900 vocabulary words
- Structured study, practice, and test sections
- Two curricula: Stories and Literature and Information and Expository Text
- Preview questions for focused reading practice
- Factual and inferential comprehension questions
- Hot word “surprises”: audio or visual enhancements of select words

Product Benefits

- Provides ample reading practice, which leads to increased fluency and automaticity
- Develops higher-order thinking skills
- Integrates vocabulary building with reading
- Reinforces the common reading strategy of reading with a purpose
- Provides appropriate support so learners can complete practices independently
- Fits any class timeframe

Online Features

Notebook—allows learners to take notes, save them, and print them

Memory Jogger—allows learners to create their own hints about a word’s definition

Bookmarking

Final score reporting

Scorebar—remains onscreen throughout reading comprehension practice

Menu Icons

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

Refresh—allows learners to refresh the screen

Help About—provides technical information about each step in the lesson

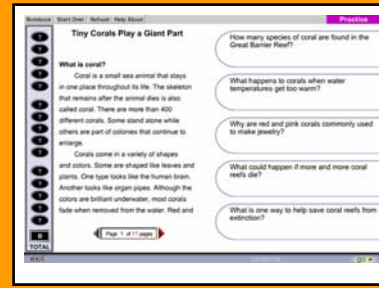
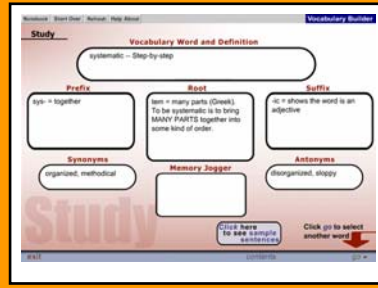
Exit—allows learners to stop and exit the module

Contents—lists sections of the module (Study, Practice, Test, Reading Passages)

Go—allows learner to advance to the next page

Reference Materials (Refer to PLATO Documentation CD)

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension



Getting Started

- Refer to the PLATO Curriculum Guide—Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension to learn about product benefits, features, and learning activities.
- Use the curriculum guide to preview vocabulary words and passage titles for each Vocabulary Builder and Reading Practice activity.

Lesson Progression

Vocabulary Builder

- Study—presents sets of 10 or 20 vocabulary words with definitions and context sentences
- Practice—gives learners an opportunity to match definitions to vocabulary words (not scored)
- Test—gives learners two tries to select the correct definition of a word (scored)

Reading Practice

- Contents—presents three reading passages, which learners may read in any order
- Preview questions—shows learners the comprehension questions they will be asked after reading the passage
- Passage and individual questions—allows learners to read entire passage first or page by page, answering questions as they read (scored)
- Return to Contents—allows learners to choose the next passage

Assessment

- Use FASTRACK Advantage Reading Comprehension Assessment Test for skill level placement.
- Assign Reading Practices as pre-tests.

Implementation Strategies

- Before assigning modules to learners, present to the class as a whole
 - one way of understanding a word's meaning by breaking it into its root, prefix, and suffix.
 - the reading-with-a-purpose strategy.
- Encourage learners to study at their own level and move at their own pace.

Evaluation

- Generate reports to track learners' progress.
- Discuss report data with learners to determine next steps.

Extension Exercises

- Ask learners to write short stories using new vocabulary words.
- Ask learners to summarize a favorite passage and then explain why they liked it.

Curriculum Structure

Curriculum



Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension

Course



Information and Expository Text, Level 7

Module



Reading Expository Text, 7a

Activities



Vocabulary Builder

and

Reading Practice

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