

McGraw Hill Contemporary Reading Basics - Student Edition Workbook and accompanying Reader (Three Levels)

Overview

Resource Type	Subject(s)	NRS Level(s)
Print	Reading, Writing	ABE 2, 3, 4

Publisher and Website

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<https://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/program/MKTSP-YDA01M0.html>

Summary

General Information

Contemporary Reading Basics uses two print resources at each level, which consist of a workbook (referenced as Student Edition) and an accompanying reader. Reading level and TABE classification for each level are noted below. (The advanced level was not included in this review.)

Introductory	(Reading Level 1.6 - 3.9, TABE E)
Intermediate 1	(Reading Level 3.6 - 6.9, TABE M)
Intermediate 2	(Reading Level 6.6 - 8.9, TABE D)

General Information

The resources are based on EBRI (evidence-based reading instruction). Four components of reading are emphasized: alphabetic (phonemic awareness and word analysis), fluency, vocabulary development, and comprehension.

Organizational Format

Organizational format of the Student Edition Workbook:

- Pretest, along with a pretest evaluation chart and answer key
- Units (3 units, each with multiple lessons, and a unit review)
 - Unit 1: 7 Lessons
 - Unit 2: 6 Lessons
 - Unit 3: 6 Lessons
- Posttest, along with a posttest evaluation chart and answer key

Lesson Overview

Each lesson in the Student Edition introduces a different reading comprehension skill. Each lesson typically has the following sections:

- Reading Skill Instruction (Four-step approach: Introduce the concept, Practice, Apply, and Check Up; the Practice, Apply and Check Up sections each have multiple questions)
- Workplace Skill – an application of the reading topic as it pertains to a workplace document
- Write for Work – a work-related writing exercise
- Workplace Extension or Reading Extension
 - Workplace Extension: Reading a scenario in which a person is faced with a workplace problem or issue, followed by questions
 - Reading Extension: Applying the reading concept to an article in the reader. (The reader provides supplemental readings to the lessons. The reader includes questions about each reading. In addition, there are follow-up questions about the same article in the Student Edition workbook.

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- Explore Words - practice exercises in alphabetics and vocabulary

Question/Answer Format

Pretest - all multiple choice questions:

- Introductory Level: 67 questions
- Intermediate 1 Level: 70 questions
- Intermediate 2 Level: 66 questions

Lessons: Multiple types of assessment questions are throughout the various sections of a lesson – MC, fill-in-the-blank, short answers, short writing exercises.

Unit Review (restatement of key concept of each lesson) and Assessment - all multiple choice questions

- Introductory Level: Unit 1, 40 Qs; Unit 2, 36 Qs; Unit 3, 36 Qs.
- Intermediate 1 Level: Unit 1, 33 Qs; Unit 2, 34 Qs; Unit 3, 32 Qs.
- Intermediate 2 Level: Unit 1, 34 Qs; Unit 2, 32 Qs; Unit 3, 30 Qs.

Posttest – all multiple choice questions:

- Introductory Level: 69 questions
- Intermediate 1 Level: 62 questions
- Intermediate 2 Level: 71 questions

While the answers to the pre- and posttests are included in the Student Edition workbook, the answers to the lesson and unit review questions are not available in the Student Edition or the reader. An instructor would need to review the answers with the student to identify a student's strengths and weaknesses or to provide the answers and then offer the opportunity to review any areas of concern.

Standards Alignment

Per the publisher's website, the Contemporary Reading Basics series is aligned to the TABE standards. The alignment of lessons to the standards can be found in the Instructor's Guide.

Other Resources

Instructor's Guide:

The Instructor's Guide includes assessments, answer keys, additional lessons, and activities. Includes TABE correlation charts, and Student Readers with articles in an MP3file format.

<https://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/product/reading-basics-instructors-guide-contemporary/9780076591367.html>

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