

Content Area Reading Inventory (CARI)

WebQuest

Introduction:

The Content Area Reading Inventory (CARI) is a teacher created assessment to determine at what level the students are able to read the class textbook. The assessment uses a 250 to 500 word passage directly from the textbook or reading material and asks 10 questions on a variety of comprehension levels from Bloom's Taxonomy. The types of questions asked on the CARI are typical kinds of questions asked on standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT. The teacher can then determine what types of questions the students typically miss and also evaluate how much instruction is going to be needed in the classroom to insure that all students understand the intended message and comprehend the concepts in the reading material. Be sure to also read the article and the directions for the CARI in the collections booklet.

Task:

To complete this assignment you will need to:

1. Read the information on the CARI in the Collections Booklet.
2. Review the internet sites listed below to learn more about content area reading inventories.
3. Create your own CARI from a textbook or reading passage that you think that your students will use in class.

Resources:

<http://coe.sdsu.edu/people/jmora/ContentReadMM/sld005.htm>

<http://www.rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/oct2750.htm>

A case study of a student with a CARI being used to assess reading levels of textbooks.

www.stcloudstate.edu/coe/tqe/documents/SueKlund2.doc

<http://www.sedl.org/pubs/reading16/6.html>

<http://educator.readingsuccesslab.com/FAQ/FormalInformal.html>

Math - http://journals.sped.org/EC/Archive_Articles/VOL.34NO.1SEPTOCT2001_TEC_jones.pdf

Science - http://www.vermontinstitutes.org/vsri/tools/assess_comp.pdf

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Student's Name _____ Teacher's Name _____

Reference _____ Grade Level _____

Section 1: Textual Knowledge/Interaction

Ask the student the following questions. Write the student's answers under the question. Check the appropriate column.

	Correct	Incorrect
1. What is the title of your book?	_____	_____
2. Who is/are the author/authors/ illustrator/illustrators?	_____	_____
3. Where can you find information about the author?	_____	_____
4. How many chapters are in the book?	_____	_____
5. What is the copyright date of the book? What page is it on?	_____ _____	_____ _____
6. What do you think this story is about?	_____	_____
7. Why do you say that?	_____	_____
8. Is this story fiction or non-fiction?	_____	_____
9. Why do you say that?	_____	_____
10. What can you tell me about the kind of story it might be? (Genre)	_____	_____
11. What can you expect to happen in the story? (Story Grammar)	_____	_____

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Section 11: Oral Reading of the Passage/Interpretation

Select two to four pages for the student to read. Ask the student to read the passage orally. Ask the student the following questions. Write the student's answers under the question. Check the appropriate column.

	Correct	Incorrect
12. What is this passage about? (Main Idea)	_____	_____
13. How do you know this? (Details)	_____	_____
14. What do you think might happen next?	_____	_____
15. Why do you say that?	_____	_____

Section 111: Comprehension/Vocabulary

Select three vocabulary words. Ask the student the following questions. Write the student's answers under the question. Check the appropriate column.

	Correct	Incorrect
16. What does _____ mean?	_____	_____
17. What does _____ mean?	_____	_____
18. What does _____ mean?	_____	_____

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Section IV: Comprehension/Context

Prepare two literal, three interpretive, and two critical/applied comprehension questions. Record the questions and student's answers. Check the appropriate column.

	Correct	Incorrect
19. Text-Explicit Question	_____	_____
20. Text-Explicit Question	_____	_____
21. Text-Implicit Question	_____	_____
22. Text-Implicit Question	_____	_____
23. Text-Implicit Question	_____	_____
24. Experience-Based Question	_____	_____
25. Experience-Based Question	_____	_____

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