

Selected Learning Materials List: Identified by Deaf Stream Service Providers

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Introduction

The purpose of the *Selected Learning Materials List* is to provide adult literacy practitioners with examples of familiar materials and to show how they can continue to be used with the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF). Experienced practitioners who work with Deaf, Native, anglophone, francophone and college-based academic upgrading learners provided examples of learning materials they currently use. The five *Selected Learning Materials Lists*—anglophone, Native, francophone, Deaf and College—include the materials identified by these service providers. The learning materials in each list are categorized by competency. Other competencies that the material fits with and the goal paths it could be used in are identified. Within each *Selected Learning Materials List*, a goal of five examples of learning materials for each of the six competencies was set, totalling 30 learning materials examples for each Selected Learning Materials List. This goal was accomplished for many of the competencies, but not for all competencies in all lists.

Selected learning materials examples meet the following criteria:

- The material is commonly used and effective
- The material links well to one of the competencies
- The material was evaluated using the *Checklist for Evaluating Learning Materials* (http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/OALCF_LM_Checklist_Mar_11.doc) available on the OALCF web site
- The materials reflect a wide range of mediums from workbooks to websites

The information in this document was collected and current as of March 2011.

Please note that the Selected Learning Material Lists are **not** comprehensive; there are many excellent learning materials currently used by literacy practitioners that can be used with the OALCF. The *Checklist for Evaluating Learning Materials* and accompanying guide, *How to Use the “Checklist for Evaluating Learning Materials”*

(http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/OALCF_How_to_Evaluate_Learning_Materials_Mar_11.pdf), available on the “Linking Learning Materials to the OALCF” page of the OALCF website, support practitioners in making choices of other materials. These learning materials reflect only a sampling of the many materials available to Ontario adult literacy service providers.

Real World Writing



Description

Real World Writing binders teach strategies for reading many different types of print found in the real world. Learners learn survival reading techniques along with key vocabulary words for a variety of everyday texts, such as menus, labels, maps, bills, credit card statements, and job applications. Activity sheets include realistic graphics of each type of text to provide "real-life" reading practice. It includes lessons, activities, and assessments.

Binder 1 covers menus and recipes, labels, instructions, maps, driving-related items, and schedules.

Binder 2 covers phone books; newspapers; catalogues; mail and postal forms; bills, statements and invoices; websites and email; and applications and other forms.

How do I find this material?

These are available in two reproducible binders from

www.pcieducation.com/real-world-writing-binder-1.aspx

www.pcieducation.com/real-world-reading-binders-1-2.aspx

Author: Bonnye Wier Cavazos

Cost: \$69.95 per binder (US dollars)

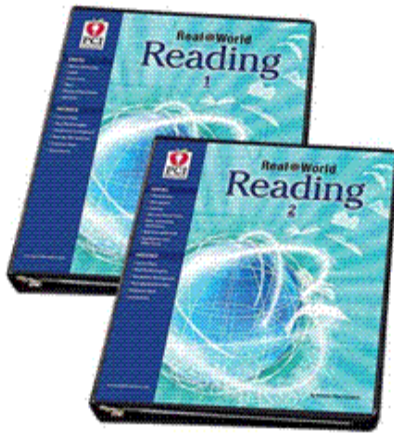
Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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Real World Reading



Description

Real Word Reading teaches strategies for reading many different types of print found in the real world. Learners learn survival reading techniques along with key vocabulary words for a variety of everyday texts, such as menus, labels, maps, bills, credit card statements, and job applications. Activity sheets include realistic graphics of each type of text to provide "real-life" reading practice.

There are two binders, and each features lesson plans, reproducible activity sheets, extension activities, assessments, and an answer key.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.pcieducation.com/real-world-reading-binders-1-2.aspx

Cost: \$69.95 per binder (US dollars)

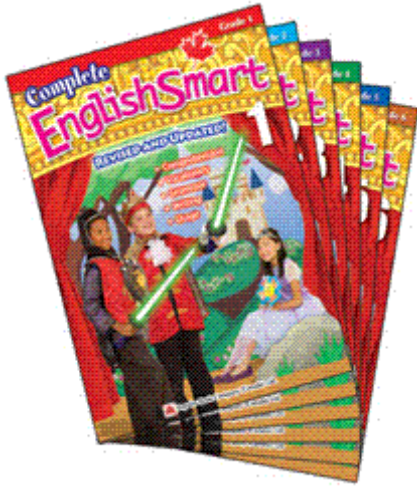
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Complete EnglishSmart Series



Description

Complete EnglishSmart provides ample practice for developing and improving English skills. Concise explanations with examples are provided before practice to guide learners along. The systematically-designed activities cover the key areas of learning-reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, usage, and writing.

How do I find this material?

Available at the following website: www.teachcanada.ca

Cost: \$16.98

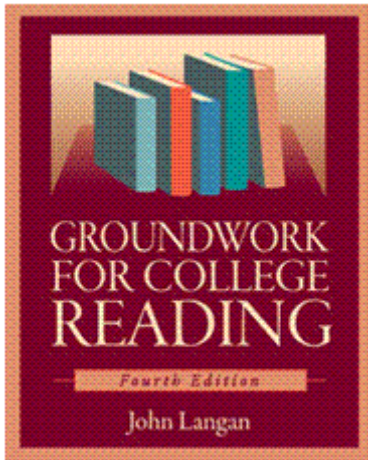
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Groundwork for College Reading



Description

Featuring major chapter additions, freshened content, and enhanced visual appeal, this newly revised edition of *Groundwork for College Reading* is ideal for adult learners in a very basic developmental reading course or ESL course.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.townsendpress.com

Cost: \$25.00 (US dollars)

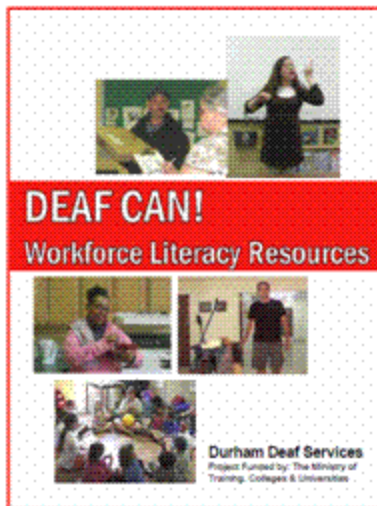
Other competencies this material supports learning in:

- Not applicable

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DEAF CAN! Workforce Literacy Resources



Description

DEAF CAN! is a practitioner's workforce literacy resource. It provides an overview of 10 entry-level jobs and some of the tasks learners may encounter at each. The main focus of this resource is to develop literacy and numeracy skills while exploring various occupations such as ASL Instructor, Counsellor, Landscaper, and many more.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from
www.durhamdeaf.org/DeafCANresource.html

Cost: \$45.00

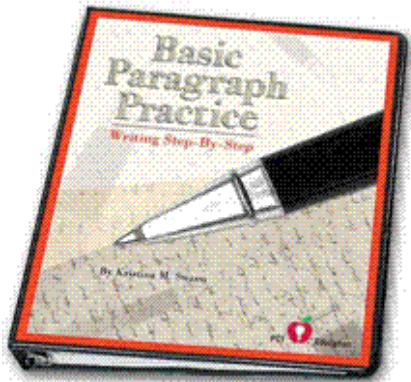
Other competencies this material supports learning in:

- Communicate Ideas and Information
- Understand and Use Numbers
- Use Digital Technology
- Manage Learning

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Basic Paragraph Practice



Description

This material gives learners a foolproof strategy for writing paragraphs. Using a step-by-step process and a graphic organizer, learners work on writing a five-sentence paragraph. The book also presents 100 “Real-World” topics.

The series includes: Basic Paragraph Practice 1 and 2.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from PCI Education

www.pcieducation.com

Author: Kristina Swann

Cost: \$44.95 each or the set for \$79.95

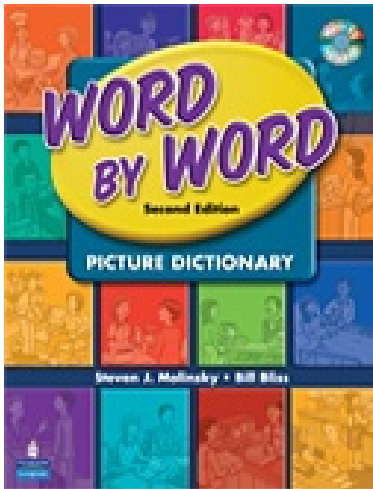
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Word By Word



Description

In this book, more than 4,000 vocabulary words are presented through vibrant illustrations and easy-to-use lessons. There is extensive coverage of important life skill competencies, and the material ties these competencies to standards-based curriculum objectives. Expanded discussion questions encourage learners to share their backgrounds, experiences, and opinions. A Teacher's Guide and Lesson Planner are included on an accompanying CD-ROM and save countless hours of planning. They are also provided as reproducible masters.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.amazon.ca

Authors: Steven J. Molinsky, Bill Bliss

Cost: \$28.17

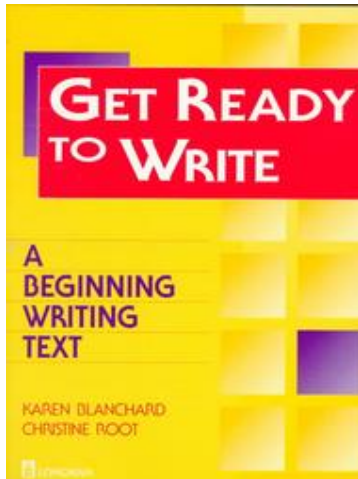
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Get Ready to Write



Description

Get Ready to Write introduces learners to the fundamentals of effective writing. Learners will progress from writing sentences to guided paragraphs, learn to apply organizational principles to the writing process, and at the end of the course, assemble their personal pieces into an autobiography.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.abebooks.com

Authors: Karen Blanchard, Christine Root

Cost: \$3.97 (US dollars)

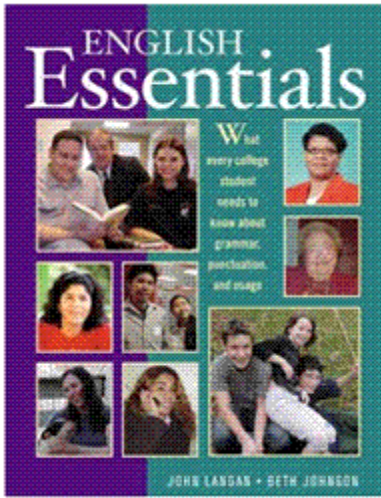
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English Essentials



Description

This textbook focuses on grammar and punctuation using pictures, stories, and activities geared towards the adult learner.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.mcgrawhill.ca

Author: Jon Langan

Cost: \$57.95

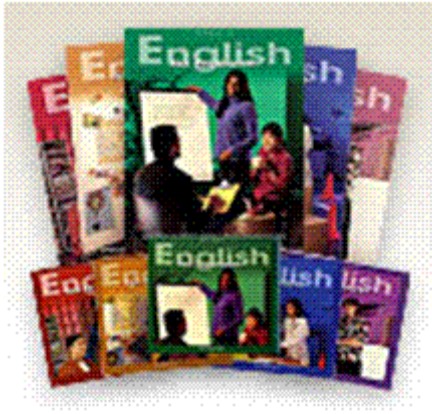
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English–No Problem



Description

English–No Problem! is a complete five-level theme-based series for adult English language learners from literacy through high-intermediate levels. It provides a strongly communicative approach that fosters language development and use through integrated skills practice, task and project based lessons, and extensive opportunity for collaborative learning experiences and authentic interactions.

These pages outline key instructional practices. They reflect current “best practices” and an understanding of what is most effective with adult learners, research in second language acquisition, and the instructional standards currently most prominent in the field.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from

www.newreaderspress.com/Items.aspx?hierId=0070

Cost: between \$5.00 and \$20.00 per item

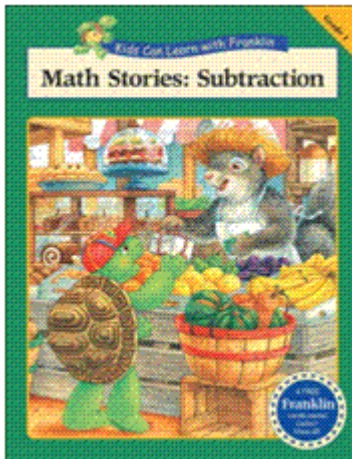
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Math Stories: Subtraction



Description

Tell-your-own math stories, subtraction puzzles, secret codes, a subtraction table and more.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.kidscanpress.com/US/Math-Stories-Subtraction-P2870.aspx

Cost: \$3.95

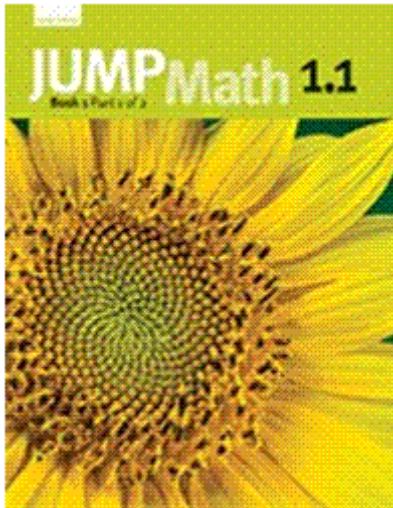
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JUMP Math 1.1



Description

JUMP Math believes that all learners can be led to think mathematically, and that with even a modest amount of attention every learner will flourish. By demonstrating that even people who are failing math or who are labelled as slow learners can excel at math, the makers of this resource hope to dispel the myths that currently prevail. It offers educators complete and balanced materials as well as training to help them reach *all* learners.

How do I find this material?

More information can be found at www.jumpmath.org

Available for order from www.amazon.ca

Cost: \$10.15

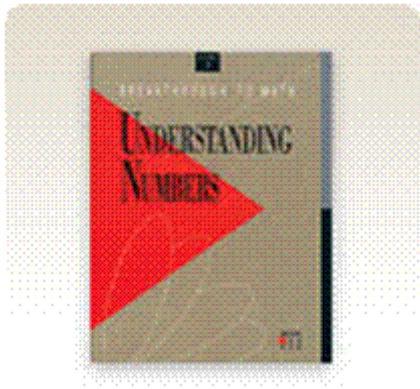
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Breakthrough to Math



Description

The *Breakthrough to Math* series breaks skills down into basic steps and focuses on one skill at a time to make math easier to understand. It uses clear, simple instructions to help learners see how math is used in whole number computation, fractions, decimals, percentages, algebra, and geometry.

There are four levels of Skill Books with evenly placed instruction covering a single skill or group of related skills per book to help build learner confidence and ensure learner success. The Skill Books offer straightforward step-by-step instructions on how to use the series. They also include diagnostic, prescriptive, and evaluative tools which can be learner-administered.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.newreaderspress.com

Cost: \$1.00 to \$53.28 per item

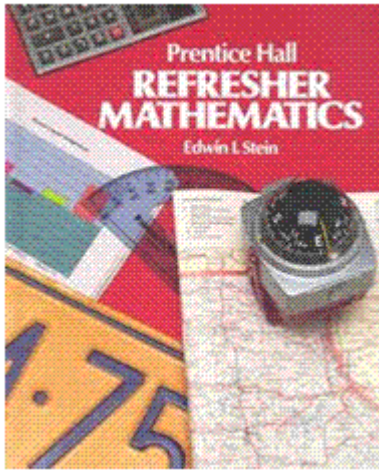
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Refresher Mathematics



Description

This book can be used with learners to build their math skills.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from

www.abebooks.com/

Cost: \$1.00 (US dollars)

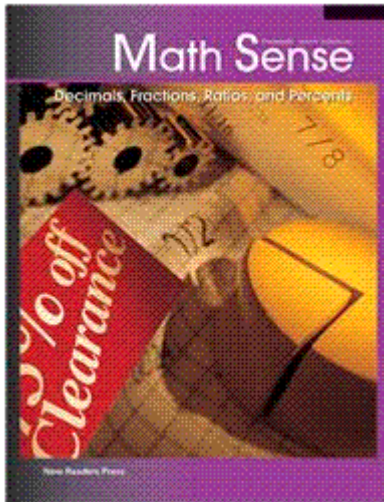
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Math Sense



Description

This series combines the best elements of traditional skill development with empowerment based learning. *Math Sense* offers easy-to-follow step-by-step instruction in each skill area, followed by practice and real-life application.

Math Sense teaches problem-solving strategies for questions. It includes practice tests and instructions for using calculators.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.frontiercollegebooks.ca

Cost: \$15.55 to \$28.80 per item

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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American Sign Language University Resource Site

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American Sign Language resource site - Lifeprint.com

Description

Lifeprint.com is an American Sign Language resource website that includes links to First 100 Signs, free lessons, a dictionary, and practice tools.

How do I find this material?

This website is found at www.lifeprint.com

Cost: Free

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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- Understand and Use Numbers

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Edhelper.com



Description

This is an online resource site that includes links to free lessons, dictionary, and practice tools.

How do I find this material?

This website is found at www.edhelper.com

Cost: Free

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

- Find and Use Information

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www.aslpro.com



Description

This is an American Sign Language resource site that includes links to free lessons, dictionary, and practice tools.

How do I find this material?

This website is found at www.aslpro.com

Cost: Free

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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Visual Thesaurus



Description

The *Visual Thesaurus* is an interactive tool that allows you to discover the connections between words in a visually captivating display. Word maps let you search for a word and then explore related concepts, revealing the way words and meanings relate to each other. It contains more than 145,000 words and 115,000 meanings organized in an innovative and intuitive design.

How do I find this material?

This website is found at www.visualthesaurus.com

(A subscription is required for full access, but you can try a few words for free)

Cost: \$2.95 US dollars per month for online subscription

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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www.abcteach.com



Description

This is a quality educational site that offers 5,000+ free printable theme units, word puzzles, writing forms, book report forms, math, ideas, and lessons.

How do I find this material?

This website is found at www.abcteach.com

Cost: Some free resources. Full access is \$39.99 for an individual annual membership.

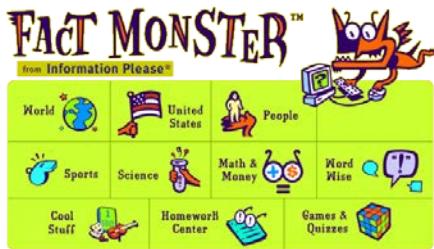
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Fact Monster



Description

This website contains free printable theme units, word puzzles, writing forms, book report forms, math, ideas, and lessons.

How do I find this material?

This website is found at <http://dictionary.factmonster.com>

Cost: Free

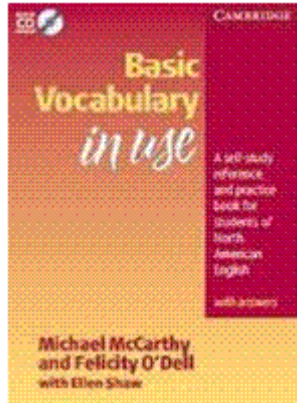
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Basic Vocabulary in Use



Description

Beginning learners can access 1,200 basic North American English vocabulary items presented via sixty units in this book, which is designed for both classroom and self-study use. Its easy-to-use format presents a content or grammar-based area of vocabulary on the left-hand page and practice activities on the right-hand page. Firmly based on current vocabulary acquisition theory, *Basic Vocabulary in Use* promotes good learning habits and teaches learners how to discover rules for using vocabulary correctly. It also offers an index with phonetic transcriptions, a complete answer key, and an audio CD. Intermediate and upper-intermediate level books are also available. An edition without answers, suitable for classroom use, is also available.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.amazon.ca

Cost: \$29.95

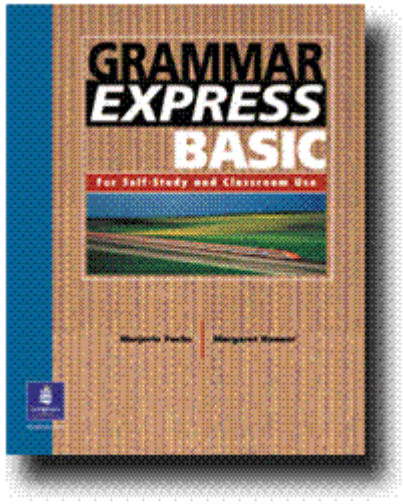
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- Communicate Ideas and Information
- Use Digital Technology

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Grammar Express Basic



Description

Grammar Express Basic is designed just for beginning and low-intermediate learners. Appropriate for self-study or classroom use, *Grammar Express Basic* uses highly controlled vocabulary, abundant illustrations, and slower pacing to quickly bring learners up to speed. Concise, four-page units present and practice grammar points in context, using topics of interest and relevance to learners.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.amazon.ca

Authors: Marjorie Fuchs, Margaret Bonner

Cost: \$37.54

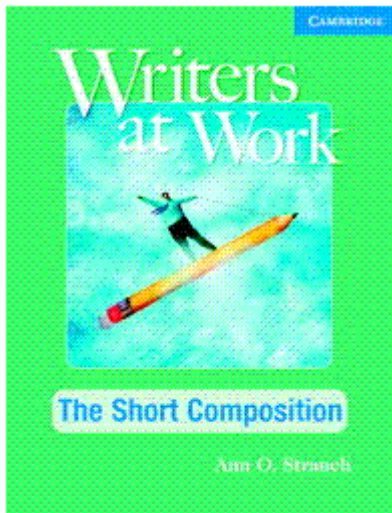
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Writers at Work: The Short Composition



Description

This low-intermediate to intermediate level writing book teaches the basics of short composition writing. It teaches learners how to compose multi-paragraph short compositions. Learners tap into their personal experience to organize their writing using academic modes of organization, such as exemplification and cause and effect. In addition, learners learn how to write about works of fiction and non-fiction by summarizing and citing sources.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.amazon.ca

Author: Ann O. Strauch

Cost: \$29.40

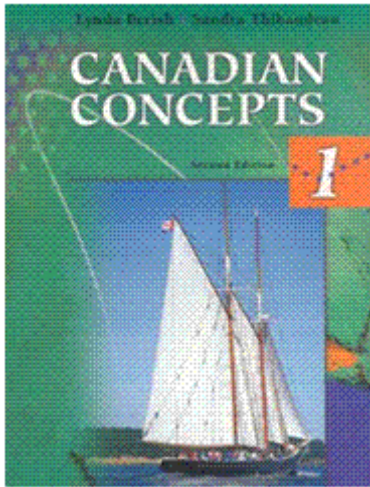
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Canadian Concepts 2nd Edition



Description

In the second edition of *Canadian Concepts* many ideas and requests from instructors across Canada have been incorporated to boost learner communication skills at every level. Functional language is used in imaginative four-skill activities that build both language skills and confidence. Carefully graded exercises involve repetition and provide ample opportunities for active learner participation. Features that made the first edition of *Canadian Concepts* so successful have been retained: thematic units, Canadian content that gives practical information about life in Canada, and community content tasks to link learners to their community.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from www.longman-esl.ca/canadian_concepts_1_p550497.html

Authors: Sandra Thibaudeau, Lynda Berish

Cost: \$39.95

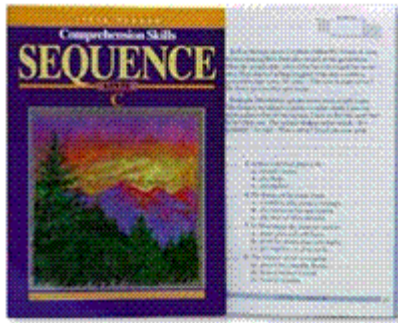
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Steck-Vaughn Comprehension Skills Series



Description

The following books are included in the Comprehension Skills Series:

Facts: Facts are true things. In this book you will find facts in stories.

Sequence: Sequence is about time and order. In this book you will practice finding the sequence.

Main Idea: the main idea is the point a writer makes. In this book, you will learn about main ideas.

Context: using context is a way to learn new words. In this book, you will learn how to use context.

Conclusions: to draw a conclusion, you must put all the clues together in order to find the answer.

Inference: making an inference means making a guess. You will make inferences about the stories in this book.

How do I find this material?

<http://sec.evso.com/wc.dll?wieser~&page=catalog&tree=1000000141&srch=%7B1000000149%7D>

Cost: \$13.99 for each item in the series (US dollars)

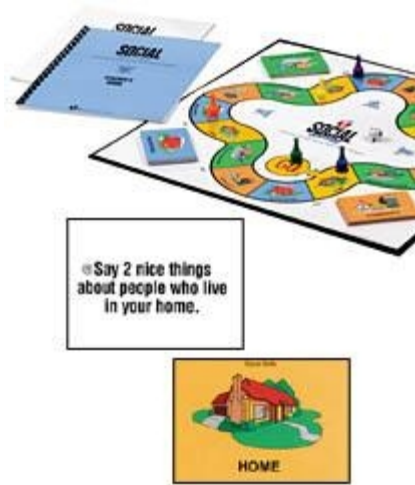
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Life Skills Series I and II



Description

PCI's complete *Life Skills Series I* and *II* features 16 games, proven effective for learners with special learning and behavioural needs. Written and developed by PCI's Janie Haugen-McLane, these programs are used by practitioners to teach all learners to be successful in the subject of "life." The fun-to-play programs encourage socialization and positive behavioural reactions, while offering basic life-skills instruction that promotes independence.

"Social Skills: Learning to Get Along with Other People" is one of eight *Life Skills Series II* games designed to teach appropriate behaviour in various settings. Learners land on a category identified by a full-colour illustration, draw a card from the matching card deck, and read and answer a question. Blank draw cards are included for customization of questions.

How do I find this material?

These can be ordered from <http://www.pcieducation.com>

Author: Janie Haugen-McLane

Cost: \$49.95

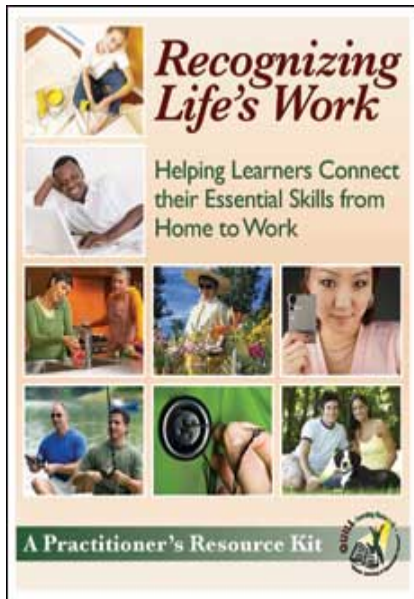
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Recognizing Life's Work



Description

Recognizing Life's Work: Helping Learners Connect their Essential Skills from Home to Work—A Practitioner's Resource Kit highlights the Essential Skills (ES) developed and strengthened through 12 different common leisure and home based activities. The kit is a comprehensive bank of materials that includes high- and low-level learning activities, authentic documents, steps to the answers and to the learning activities, and fictional “day-in-the-life of a job” case studies. The tools help practitioners and their learners make the link between the most important Essential Skills used in leisure activities and occupations that also require the same Essential Skills. This resource provides credibility, validity, and recognition to the Essential Skills that adults develop and strengthen through daily home and life activities and emphasizes that adult learners with no, or limited, work experience still have a wealth of knowledge, skills, and experience to bring to the workplace.

How do I find this material?

These can be downloaded from
www.nald.ca/library/learning/recognizing/helping_learners/cover.htm

Written and developed by the Quill Learning Network

Cost: Free

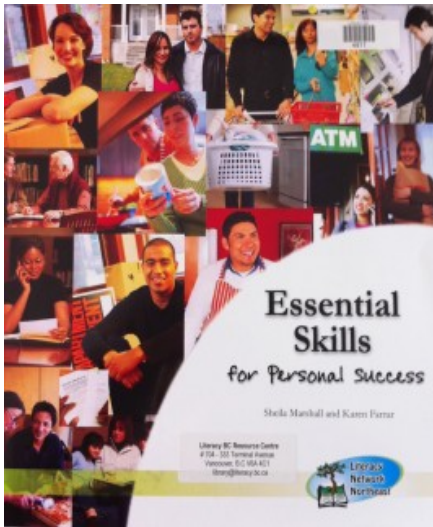
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- Use Digital Technology
- Manage Learning

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Essential Skills for Personal Success



Description

This practitioner resource introduces the *Essential Skills for Personal Success!* curriculum, developed by Literacy Network Northeast, based in Timmins, Ontario. The curriculum is divided into four modules that deal with managing basic needs; improving and maintaining health; handling personal issues and relationships; and participating fully as members of the community. The authors begin with general guidelines for practitioners teaching the curriculum, and then provide specific guidelines for each module and workbook materials for the learner.

How do I find this material?

These can be obtained from www.literacynet.ca

Authors: Karen Farrar, Sheila Marshall

Cost: N/A

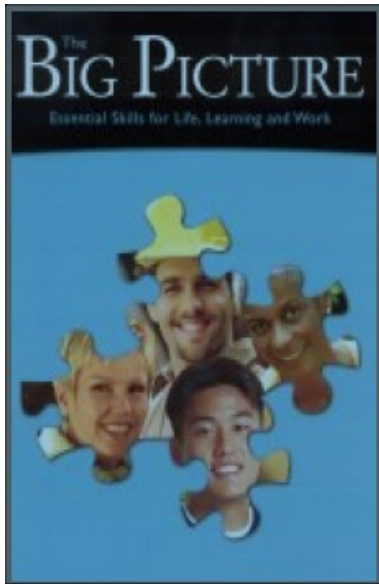
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- Find and Use Information
- Communicate Ideas and Information

Goal path

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The Big Picture: Essential Skills for Life, Learning and Work



Description

This publication is related to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada's Applications of Working and Learning (AWAL) project, a national professional development project for educators. It is part of a learner-focused bilingual AWAL project that was developed as a way to bring Essential Skills research not just to instructors, but also to learners. This project involved developing a classroom resource based on the theory behind the Essential Skills so that this language becomes meaningful, informative, and commonplace. In its design, the resource ensures that learners will not just hear it and speak it; they will live it and experience it through continued, deliberate, and explicit practice and application.

How do I find this material?

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- Communicate Ideas and Information
- Manage Learning

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Building Groups & Warm Ups

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 Discovering Life Skills | new Volume 1



Description

Volume 1 of the Discovering Life Skills publication series, *Building Groups & Warm Ups*, includes an extensive section on warm ups in addition to lesson plans focusing on building groups.

Themes covered in this publication include:

- Community Building (4 exercises)
- Self-Disclosure (10 lessons)
- Communication (8 exercises)
- Trust (4 exercises)
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