

## Assessment Of Reading And Writing Difficulties An Interactive Approach 5th Edition

Note: This is the bound book only and does not include access to the Enhanced Pearson eText. To order the Enhanced Pearson eText packaged with a bound book, use ISBN 013451548X. Comprehensive, practical, and up to date, *Assessing and Correcting Reading and Writing Difficulties* presents a wealth of examples and thorough coverage of procedures for assessing and instructing below-level readers and writers from pre-k through grade 12. The book covers virtually all aspects of assessment, including basic concepts of tests and measurements; standardized measures, and informal but highly regarded techniques. The book's thorough, practical coverage of instructional techniques includes approaches for working with readers and writers who have the most severe difficulties. Some 46 sample lessons covering virtually every essential skill are presented and accompanied by numerous suggestions for practice and reinforcement, including the use of technology. The text takes the position that with the right kind of instruction and reinforcement, virtually all students can learn to read and write complex text, which is the foundation for being college- and career-ready. Improve mastery and retention with the Enhanced Pearson eText\* The Enhanced Pearson eText provides a rich, interactive learning environment designed to improve student mastery of content. The Enhanced Pearson eText is: Engaging. The new interactive, multimedia learning features were developed by the authors and other subject-matter experts to deepen and enrich the learning experience. Convenient. Enjoy instant online access from your computer or download the Pearson eText App to read on or offline on your iPad and Android tablet.\* Affordable. Experience the advantages of the Enhanced Pearson eText along with all the benefits of print for 40% to 50% less than a print bound book. \* The Enhanced eText features are only available in the Pearson eText format. They are not available in third-party eTexts or downloads. \*The Pearson eText App is available on Google Play and in the App Store. It requires Android OS 3.1-4, a 7" or 10" tablet, or iPad iOS 5.0 or later.

This one-of-a-kind resource offers solutions for teachers who provide exemplary instruction to students from varied cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Using real classroom experiences and current research, the authors focus on the needs of ESL learners in the regular classroom. The activities and assessment tools can be used by classroom teachers and ESL teachers working alone or together. In this book, you will find: ways to incorporate English and the home languages of the ESL students into the same lesson suggestions for informal individual and group assessments for reading, writing, and oral language ideas for welcoming new ESL students examples of criteria that can be used for the assessment of ESL students open-ended lessons and units for all learners, with accompanying reproducible masters Assessment of reading comprehension, writing performance, and higher-level thinking. This book provides an overview of current research on the development of reading skills as well as practices to assist educational professionals with assessment, prevention, and intervention for students with reading difficulties. The book reviews the Componential Model of Reading (CMR) and provides assessment techniques, instructional recommendations, and application models. It pinpoints specific cognitive, psychological, and environmental deficits contributing to low reading skills, so educators can accurately identify student problems and design and implement appropriate interventions. Chapters offer methods for assessing problems in decoding, word and sound recognition, and comprehension. In addition, chapters emphasize the recognition of student individuality as readers and learners, from understanding distinctions between difficulties and disabilities to the effects of first-language orthography on second-language learning. Topics featured in this book include: Learning the structure of language at the word level. Reading comprehension and reading comprehension difficulties

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Assessing reading in second language learners. Effective prevention and intervention for word-level reading difficulties. The neurobiological nature of developmental dyslexia. Reading Development and Difficulties is a must-have resource for researchers, practitioners, and graduate students in varied fields, including child and school psychology; assessment, testing, and evaluation; social work; and special education. "I think the book has the potential to be a game changer. It will certainly challenge the expectations of policy makers, not to mention the teachers of beginning readers. These chapters will enhance the knowledge base of those in our schools who are charged with the lofty task of assuring that children have the best possible opportunities to acquire the skill of reading." Sir Jim Rose Chair and author of Independent Review of the Teaching of Early Reading: Final Report (2006)

Describing specific structured methods for developing and improving literacy skills, this work provides detailed advice about successful organization, coupled with photocopiable masters of necessary materials. The methods are designed with the intention that all students and teachers can benefit, regardless of age and ability. They require no complex technology or expensive materials.

The most comprehensive PreK-8 literacy text on the market - packed with practical instruction and assessment strategies that support the literacy development of all learners. Creating Literacy Instruction for All Students includes in-depth coverage of every major topic and research-based strategy in literacy education. Readers will gain a thorough understanding of every essential theory and practical technique, then choose which strategies best fit their students' needs and their personal teaching style. Unique text features include: three chapters dedicated to comprehension, an Academic Word List adapted for elementary and middle school students, arranged by difficulty level of words; specialized techniques for teaching difficult phonics elements; formative phonics, syllabic analysis, and comprehension assessments that are easy to administer and analyze; comprehension techniques such as mystery passages, using manipulatives, macro close, and writing intensive reading comprehension; stage of development; explanations on using extensive databases of Lexiled informational texts; and step-by-step guidance for teaching reading and writing - including sample lessons for virtually every major literacy skill/strategy that incorporate the key elements of effective assessment and instruction. The 10th Edition highlights technology's increasing role and use in both literacy assessment and instruction, and incorporates new research studies that show how educators can support their students in reaching grade-level requirements. Also available with MyLab Education By combining trusted author content with digital tools and a flexible platform, MyLab personalizes the learning experience and improves results for each student. MyLab Education gives teacher candidates opportunities to apply theory to practice - better preparing them for success in their future classrooms. Note: You are purchasing a standalone product; MyLab Education does not come packaged with this content. Students, if interested in purchasing this title with MyLab Education, ask your instructor to confirm the correct package ISBN and Course ID. Instructors, contact your Pearson representative for more information. If you would like to purchase both the physical text and MyLab Education, search for: 0134863569 / 9780134863566 Creating Literacy Instruction for All Students plus MyLab Education with Pearson eText -- Access Card Package Package consists of: 0134986393 / 9780134986395 MyLab Education with Pearson eText -- Access Card -- for Creating Literacy Instruction for All Students 0134986482 / 9780134986487 Creating Literacy Instruction for All Students

Praised for its strong research base, engaging style, and inclusion of specific teaching ideas, the Fifth Edition comprehensively examines oral language, vocabulary, writing, reading, and writing/content-based instruction in English for grades K-12 students. This Fifth Edition of Peregoy & Boyle's best-selling book continues the strengths of the Fourth Edition with its comprehensiveness and accessibility, providing a wealth of practical strategies for promoting

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literacy and language development in ELLs (K-12). Unlike many books in this field, *Reading, Writing and Learning in ESL* takes a unique approach by exploring contemporary language acquisition theory (as it relates to instruction) and providing suggestions and methods for motivating ELLs' English language, literacy and content area learning. The book highlights content-based instruction and features differentiated instruction for English language learners. A complete toolkit for assessing kindergarten students' progress in language arts and math. Simple, ready-to-go evaluation sheets follow a month-by-month learning-expectations grid to ensure that all kindergarten learning objectives are covered. Support materials include record-keeping forms to keep assessment data organized and send-home learning activities to reinforce targeted skills. For use with Grade K.

This new edition of one of the most respected and well-known texts in the field is a "must-have" resource for any teacher's library. It presents an interactive perspective on reading and writing ability and disability, with an emphasis on understanding and addressing learners' difficulties in relation to the instructional context. Completely updated throughout, *An Interactive Approach to the assessment of Reading and Writing Difficulty, 5/e* gives readers an extensive, in-depth, and up-to-date treatment of current research and best practices in reading assessment, diagnosis, and remediation.

A Co-publication of Routledge and the International Reading Association This new edition of *Assessing Readers* continues to bridge the gap between authentic, informal, and formative assessments, and more traditional quantitative, and summative assessment approaches. At the heart of the book is respect and confidence in the capabilities of knowledgeable teachers to make the correct literacy decisions for the students they teach based on appropriate assessments. Inclusive and practical, it supports individual classroom teachers' knowledge, beliefs, decisions, and roles and offers specific assessment, instruction, and organizational ideas and strategies, while incorporating a range of perspectives that inform the field of reading and literacy education, covering the most important ideas and information found in more traditional reading diagnosis books. Changes in the Second Edition Addresses the Common Core State Standards Includes Response to Intervention (RTI) Discusses family literacy in language-diverse homes and the needs of ELL students Covers formative assessment Offers ideas and guidelines for ELL assessment Looks at issues of accountability and teaching to prescribed state tests and objectives versus accommodating to them – the pitfalls and problems and how to cope Provides new practical examples, including new rubrics, more teacher-developed cognitive assessments, a new case study, and new teacher-developed strategy lessons

This practical book focuses on three distinct types of struggling readers that teachers will instantly recognize from their own classrooms--the Catch-On Reader, the Catch-Up Reader, and the Stalled Reader. Detailed case studies bring to life the specific problems these students are likely to face and illustrate research-based instructional strategies that can help get learning back on track. The book also illuminates the causes and consequences of literacy difficulties, giving K-6 teachers a better understanding of how to meet the needs of each child. A comprehensive appendix provides dozens of informal assessment devices, ready to photocopy and use. Other user-friendly features include annotated bibliographies of key research, descriptions of commercial materials and curricula designed for each type of learner, and information on technology resources. Photocopy Rights: The Publisher grants individual book purchasers nonassignable permission to reproduce selected materials in this book for professional use. For details and limitations, see copyright page. Key Features: \* Struggling readers are a major focus of current teaching and legislation. \* Extended case studies provide realistic instructional examples. \* Research base evident throughout. \* Covers the causes and consequences of reading difficulties as well as how to help.

"This Writing and Reading Assessment Profile is an informal assessment tool that enables

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teachers to collect information on their children's literacy development and behaviours. Using this information teachers can analyse and interpret reading and writing samples, select resources appropriate to the literacy needs of students, and support and reinforce skills and strategies essential to building a solid literacy foundation. Each package contains a teachers' guide containing guidelines for administering and analysing assessment, 25 student reading assessment cards, 5 literacy essentials cards, and a tear-off recording pad"-Publisher's website.

ESL Readers and Writers in Higher Education describes the challenges ESL students in U.S. postsecondary institutions face when studying in a second language, and offers suggestions for how teachers, advisors, tutors, and institutions might provide support that meets the reading and writing needs of this very important student population. Because the ESL profession as a whole, including what professionals are doing in the classroom, sits under the umbrella of an institutional response to a language-related challenge, some solutions aimed at helping students achieve optimal proficiency lie outside of the classroom. As such, this book is based on the assertion that language development support is not the sole responsibility of language teachers. Everyone on campuses that hosts ESL students bears some responsibility for these students' language development. Chapters are therefore, intentionally adapted to appeal to a wide variety of readers from classroom teachers, and teachers in training, to admissions officers, academic advisors, and international student advisors.

This book is the ideal source for teaching oral language, reading, writing, and the content areas in English to K-12 English learners. In an approach unlike most other books in the field, Reading, Writing, and Learning in ESL looks at contemporary language acquisition theory as it relates to instruction and provides detailed suggestions and methods for motivating, involving, and teaching English language learners. Praised for its strong research base, engaging style, and inclusion of specific teaching ideas, the book offers thorough coverage of oral language, reading, writing, and academic content area instruction in English for K-12 English learners. Thoroughly updated throughout, the new edition includes a new chapter on using the Internet and other digital technologies to engage students and promote learning, many new teaching strategies, new and revised activities, and new writing samples.

This book, along with its companion volume Assessing Reading 2: Changing Practice in Classrooms, was originally conceived as the major outcome from an international seminar on reading assessment held in England. It focuses particularly on theoretical and methodological issues, though with a clear series of links to practices in assessment, especially state and national approaches to classroom-based assessment in the USA, the UK and in Australia, at both primary and secondary levels. Chapters offer new perspectives on the theories that underlie the development and interpretation of reading assessments, national assessments and classroom-based assessment, challenging readers to think in different ways.

Portfolios and Beyond Collaborative Assessment in Reading and Writing Christopher-Gordon Pub Alternative Assessment Techniques for Reading & Writing Jossey-Bass Stage one is for the initial interview and assessment of learners. Stage two is for classroom based assessment and objective setting.

Now in a revised and updated fourth edition, this accessible text has given over 100,000 preservice and inservice teachers vital tools for systematic reading assessment in grades K–8. The book explains how to use both formal and informal assessments to evaluate students' strengths and needs in all components of reading. Effective, engaging methods for targeted instruction in each area are outlined. In a convenient large-size format, the book includes 30 reproducible tools, plus an additional

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multipage assessment in an online-only appendix. Purchasers get access to a companion website where they can download and print the reproducible materials. New to This Edition \*Expanded coverage of the middle grades (4–8), including a new chapter and case study, and explicit attention to this grade range throughout; new coauthor Kevin Flanigan adds expertise in this area. \*New and expanded topics: computer-based testing methods, assessing academic language, and how to use reading inventories more accurately. \*Additional reproducible tools: informal reading inventory summary form, comprehension retelling forms for narrative and informational text, computer-based comprehension test comparison worksheet, revised Informal Decoding Inventory, and more.

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Focusing on ability/disability and reading/writing from an interactive perspective, this text emphasizes the importance of determining and establishing the appropriate learning environment for the individual learner. Extensive, in-depth treatment of current research and best practices make this text a 'must-have' addition to any current or future teacher's library. Section I (Chs. 1-3) provides the readers with a strong, comprehensive knowledge of reading/writing research and assessment practices from which readers can move forward to the second and third sections of the text (Chs. 4-10), which contain detailed discussions and examples of assessment practices. Traditional assessments of students are fully explored, and two chapters are devoted to assessing context factors like instructional methods and materials and tasks. Both classroom-based and standardized assessments are described. Section IV stands alone as an important chapter linking assessment to instruction by means of diagnostic instruction. Section V (Ch. 12-15) is devoted to instructional practices designed to improve reading and writing instruction for struggling students. Chapters on word recognition, vocabulary, comprehension-composition, and "high-utility strategies" address the major components of literacy development. In the final section (Ch. 16), issues related to professional standards and written reports is addressed.

As the education community struggles with literacy achievement, skillful leadership has emerged as a distinguishing feature of successful schools. Since *The Literacy Principal* was first published, it has helped shape the discussion around accountability and successful practices that support both teachers and students. This revised and expanded second edition challenges principals to become even more involved in championing literacy in their schools. It examines the role of school leaders at both the elementary and secondary levels. Commentaries from teachers, principals, and consultants who have been involved in developing strong school-wide and district-wide literacy programs are included to demonstrate the strides that many schools have made in the last few years. The increasingly important role of school literacy coaches and mentoring teams are presented as models of the power of cooperative approaches to successful literacy programs. David Booth and Jennifer Rowsell offer an overview of the most successful strategies for creating a support network that will nurture and build a powerful reading environment. They help administrators: introduce and support cooperative approaches to literacy that involve coaches and mentoring teams; understand exemplary reading and writing programs and school-wide strategies for

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promoting literacy growth among students; demonstrate a commitment to literacy among teachers, parents, students, and the community; appreciate the many forms of assessment and evaluation including intervention programs for improving student performance. Rooted in the latest research and real-world experience, this new edition provides tried-and-true frameworks that principals can use in their quest to create schools where literacy thrives.

This book is a guide to teaching reading more effectively to a wide range of children. It presents various research-supported approaches to teaching, explains why learning problems sometimes occur, and what can be done to prevent or overcome these difficulties.-- back cover, ed.

By utilizing the reading/writing connection, teachers can fit more into a day than they ever dreamt possible. *Reading/Writing Connections in the K-2 Classroom* demonstrates how through careful, explicit assessing, planning and teaching every student can understand the relationship between reading and writing. Filled with practical classroom strategies based on both theory and research, this resource demonstrates how to move students between reading and writing to become more skillful readers and writers. The book explores the essential understandings needed to use the reading/writing connection; demonstrates how planning helps to use the reading/writing connection; and outlines teaching strategies to use the connection to strengthen your everyday encounters with students. Charts, minilessons, and curriculum calendars provide ways to organize your ideas. A special feature called "For Further Study" is included for staff developers, literacy leaders, principals and members of study groups to provide a track for continued learning. Assessment is integrated into each chapter, providing a clear image of what it looks like to assess in the service of student learning. Practical ways to integrate phonemic awareness, phonics, word study and spelling into planning and teaching reading and writing are incorporated throughout. Word study is integrated into each chapter to ensure a systematic approach to the topic.

This text provides numerous examples and thorough coverage of procedures for assessing and instructing struggling readers of all ages. In keeping with current theory, the text emphasizes prevention and early intervention. It is based on the premise that student performance is variable and that assessment and instruction are planned and modified to meet the varied needs and levels of students.

Gunning does not subscribe to a medical model that emphasizes deficiencies, but rather focuses on what students can do. This text calls for inclusion, not exclusion, but recognizes that struggling learners need expert, carefully planned assessment and instruction. Assessment coverage includes a grounding in basic concepts of tests and measurement. While formal, standardized measures are described, emphasis is placed upon informal but highly regarded techniques such as the informal reading inventory, miscue analysis, running records, observation, think-alouds, holistic scoring of writing, and portfolio assessment. In addition to chapters devoted specifically to assessment, ways to connect

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assessment and instruction are mentioned throughout the text. Coverage of instructional techniques is thorough and practical. Nine chapters are devoted to instructional techniques.

Annual assessments of reading, writing, & mathematics are conducted in Ontario schools at grades 3 & 6. The results of these assessments provide individual, school, & school board data on student achievement at two key stages in elementary education. Each assessment includes performance-based activities requiring written responses as well as multiple-choice questions. This report describes the assessments, their administration & marking, and the derivation & reporting of their results, and presents & discusses the overall results of this year's assessment. The data are broken down by gender and type of student (English as a second language versus other students, special needs students versus other students). Data from previous assessments are included for comparison. The report also includes results of questionnaire surveys of the following: students' reading & writing habits & preferences, language spoken at home, computer use, and mathematics habits & preferences; teachers' teaching practices, experience, & professional development; and principals' experience & professional development. Based on the assessment results, observed patterns & trends, questionnaire data, and suggestions from teachers, the report makes recommendations for improvement.

This popular text, now in its Fourth Edition, introduces pre-service and in-service teachers to the most current theories and methods for teaching literacy to children in elementary schools. The methods presented are based on scientific findings that have been tested in many classrooms. A wealth of examples, hands-on activities, and classroom vignettes--including lesson plans, assessments, lists of children's literature books to fiction and nonfiction texts, and more--illustrate the methods and bring them to life. The text highlights the importance of teaching EVERY child to become competent in all of the nuances and complexities of reading, writing, and speaking. The value of reflection and peer discussion in learning to expand their students' literacies is emphasized. Readers are encouraged to reflect on their own experiences with reading and teaching throughout their lifetimes--experiences that will serve well in learning to teach reading. "Your Turn" boxes invite readers to think about their views of the material presented, and to talk with colleagues and teachers about their "best ways" of learning this new information. "Did You Notice?" boxes engage readers in observation and analysis of methods and classroom situations discussed in the text. Teachers' stories serve as models of successful teaching and to draw readers into professional dialogue about the ideas and questions raised. End-of-chapter questions and activities provide additional opportunities for reflection and discussion. All of these pedagogical features help readers expand and refine their knowledge in the most positive ways. Topics covered in Teaching Reading to Every Child, Fourth Edition: \*Getting to Know Your Students as Literacy Learners; \*Looking Inside Classrooms: Organizing Instruction; \*Assessing

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Reading Achievement; \*The Importance of Oral Language in Developing Literacy; \*Word Identification Strategies: Pathways to Comprehension; \*Vocabulary Development; \*Comprehension Instruction: Strategies At Work; \*Content Area Learning; \*What the Teacher Needs to Know to Enable Students' Text Comprehension; \*Writing: Teaching Students to Encode and Compose; \*Discovering the World Through Literature; \*Technology and Media in Reading; \*Teaching Reading to Students Who Are Learning English; \*All Students are Special: Some Need Supplemental Supports and Services to Be Successful; and \*Historical Perspectives on Reading and Reading Instruction. New in the Fourth Edition: \*A new chapter on technology with state-of-the-art applications; \*A new chapter with the most up-to-date information on how vocabulary is learned and on how it is best taught, responding to the national renewed interest in vocabulary instruction; \*A new section on Readers/Writer's workshop with a focus on supporting student inquiry and exploration of multiple genres; \*A more comprehensive chapter on literature instruction and the role of literature in the reading program with examples that support students' multigenre responses; \*A discussion of literary theories with examples for classroom implementation; \*Broader coverage of the phases of reading development from the pre-alphabetic stage to the full alphabetic stage; \*A more inclusive chapter on writing instruction; and \*A thoroughly revised chapter on teaching reading to students who are learning English, including extensive information on assessment and evaluation. Reading, Writing, and Literacy 2.0 provides tools and teaching strategies for incorporating online reading and writing into classroom learning, as well as a host of web resources that teachers can draw on to make this happen.

Well established as a definitive text--and now revised and updated with eight new chapters--this book translates cutting-edge research into effective guidelines for teaching writing in grades K–12. Illustrated with vivid classroom examples, the book identifies the components of a complete, high-quality writing program. Leading experts provide strategies for teaching narrative and argumentative writing; using digital tools; helping students improve specific skills, from handwriting and spelling to sentence construction; teaching evaluation and revision; connecting reading and writing instruction; teaching vulnerable populations; using assessment to inform instruction; and more. New to This Edition \*Chapters on new topics: setting up the writing classroom and writing from informational source material. \*New chapters on core topics: narrative writing, handwriting and spelling, planning, assessment, special-needs learners, and English learners. \*Increased attention to reading–writing connections and using digital tools. \*Incorporates the latest research and instructional procedures. See also Handbook of Writing Research, Second Edition, edited by Charles A. MacArthur, Steve Graham, and Jill Fitzgerald, which provides a comprehensive overview of writing research that informs good practice.

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strengths and weaknesses and attitudes toward reading. Written in easy-to-follow nontechnical language, it provides a multitude of tested informal assessment strategies and devices, such as "kid watching," retellings, journals, IRIs, writing surveys, portfolios, think alouds and more—including more than 200 reproducible assessment devices ready for immediate use! You'll find a detailed description of each informal assessment techniques along with step-by-step procedures for its use and, wherever possible, one or more reproducible sample devices. Complete answer keys for each device are included with the directions. Among the unique topics covered are the innovative Individual Reading Inventory, San Diego Quick Assessment List, El Paso Phonics Survey, QAD Chart, Holistic scoring of writing and Reproducible devices for portfolio assessment. In short, *Alternative Assessment Techniques for Reading and Writing* offers a wealth of tested, ready-to-use informal assessment information and devices that should save the teacher a great deal of time and energy in making a useful assessment of any student's literacy ability!

**ASSESSING AND DIFFERENTIATING READING & WRITING DISORDERS: A MULTIDIMENSIONAL MODEL** provides a framework for differentiating among various types of reading and writing disorders in order to assist the practitioner in establishing a differential diagnosis. This text introduces a multidimensional model that can be used to create profiles of a learner's strengths and weaknesses using 10 skill domains associated with reading and writing. Samples profiles for preschool and school-age children include assessment protocols, diagnostic reports, and treatment plans. A synopsis of relevant literature related to the relationships between spoken and written language, and the best predictors of reading achievement, along with a chapter devoted to counseling and intervention round out the text to provide a complete roadmap for evaluating the weaknesses and strengths in children who have reading and writing difficulties. Professionals who test children for reading and writing disorders and advanced students will find this text an essential tool. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This second book focuses directly on the classroom, on the challenges individual teachers face in classroom-based assessment, and how these challenges have been and are being met in a range of international contexts.

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In this essay collection, scholars in the area of early literacy provide concrete strategies for achieving excellence in literacy instruction. The collection presents current, research-based information on the advances and refinements in the area of emerging literacy and the early stages of formal instruction in reading and writing. Following a foreword (Alan Farstrup) and an introduction (Dorothy S. Strickland and Lesley Mandel Morrow), chapters in the collection are:

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(1) "Beginning Reading and Writing: Perspectives on Instruction" (William H. Teale and Junko Yokota); (2) "Becoming a Reader: A Developmentally Appropriate Approach" (Susan B. Neuman and Sue Bredekamp); (3) "Literacy Instruction for Young Children of Diverse Backgrounds" (Kathryn H. Au); (4) "Enhancing Literacy Growth through Home-School Connections" (Diana H. Tracey); (5) "Children's Pretend Play and Literacy" (Anthony D. Pellegrini and Lee Galda); (6) "Talking Their Way into Print: English Language Learners in a Prekindergarten Classroom" (Celia Genishi, Donna Yung-Chan, and Susan Stires); (7) "Organizing and Managing a Language Arts Block" (Lesley Mandel Morrow); (8) "Classroom Intervention Strategies: Supporting the Literacy Development of Young Learners at Risk" (Dorothy S. Strickland); (9) "Teaching Young Children to Be Writers" (Karen Bromley); (10) "Phonics Instruction" (Margaret Moustafa); (11) "Reading Aloud from Culturally Diverse Literature" (Lee Galda and Bernice E. Cullinan); (12) "Fostering Reading Comprehension" (Linda B. Gambrell and Ann Dromsky); (13) "Assessing Reading and Writing in the Early Years" (Bill Harp and Jo Ann Brewer); (14) "Sign of the Times: Technology and Early Literacy Learning" (Shelley B. Wepner and Lucinda C. Ray); and (15) "Still Standing: Timeless Strategies for Teaching the Language Arts" (Diane Lapp, James Flood, and Nancy Roser). (NKA)

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