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CONTENTS OF THIS PROBE KIT

The PROBE2 kit has two books. This kit is generally referred to as the full kit.

BOOK ONE: The Manual divided into four parts

PART 1: GUIDE purpose & procedure
PART 2: DETERMINER pre-test - purpose & procedure
PART 3: ANSWERS includes notes & keywords
PART 4: COPYMASTERS Determiner & Recording Sheets

BOOK TWO: Student Texts

Includes the PROBE 2 Determiner word lists (pages 2 & 3)
40 stories & questions (fiction & non-fiction)

NOTE: Students read the stories from this book only
i.e. Not from the recording sheets in the manual

STUDENTS’ GUIDE [FREE] ONLINE

COPYRIGHT

WHAT YOU CAN & CANNOT COPY

Triune Initiatives copyright

PROBE2 is protected by the international law of copyright.

Legal use of copymasters

Copies can only be made (directly) from copymasters in a legally purchased manual.
Copies of copies are NOT permissible.
Guide, Determiner, Answer Section or Student Texts MUST NOT BE COPIED.

NO CHANGES & NO DIGITAL UPLOADS PERMITTED

THIS WORK MUST NOT: 1. be reformatted. 2. have texts or questions altered.
3. have illustrations added. 4. be copied/uploaded to a digital device
ABOUT THE PROBE2 SUPPLEMENTARY KIT

It is **not** a kit with additional stories, etc.

**PURPOSE**
When multiple copies of the (full) PROBE 2 Reading Comprehension Assessment kit are required and budgets are limited, the PROBE2 Supplementary (kit) provides an alternative.

**THE KIT HAS 2 BOOKS:**

![BOOK ONE: Guide & Answers](image1)

![BOOK TWO: Student Texts](image2)

**SO, WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?**
It has (almost) all the elements of PROBE 2 Reading Comprehension Assessment: same stories, questions & answers, **BUT** there are **NO COPYMASTERS**.
Copymasters are accessed from the manual in a full kit.

**THERE ARE CONDITIONS OF SALE**
- Supplementary kits are **ONLY SOLD TO SCHOOLS**.
- Each school campus must have purchased at least one full PROBE 2 kit.
- Proof of purchase may be required.
- Kits only for use by the institution that has purchased them (they cannot be shared).
- Not sold to private or specialist educators.

**SOME TIPS TO GETTING STARTED**

If you want to use this assessment as it was designed to be used, carefully read through the manual, the texts, answers & notes before you begin. Refer to them often from then on in.

**EXPERIMENT FIRST**
- Use a compliant child or adult you know - someone who has good self-esteem as a reader.
- Well before using PROBE itself, find a starting point (use prior knowledge or PROBE Determiner)
- Use only fiction or only non-fiction for this trial - not both as is normal.
- Familiarise yourself with the beginning text (as well as two or three above & two or three below).
- Familiarise yourself with the appropriate answers and notes.
- Just before starting the test it will help you if you refer to the ready reference pages:
  - p38 **Answers: Guide to Use**
  - p39 **Answers: Page Features**
  - p82 **Recording Sheet: Use**
- You'll need to proceed slowly, so explain to your trial reader it's **to do with you - not them**.
- Discuss your results with a colleague. Peer review should remain a regular occurrence.

The more you work at using the test correctly, the more confident you'll become. Your achievement of a state of relaxed alertness will positively affect your students. You'll be able to make better observations and your skills of evaluation will grow.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ONLINE PROBE COURSE - BEST PRACTICE

Designed for both the inexperienced and experienced user of PROBE, it provides an opportunity to learn, confirm or reconsider PROBE assessment practice. There are 18 modules in 3 sets with a total run time of 3.5 hours taking you beyond simply assessing for a numerical result.

Effective Use Of
PROBE
Reading Comprehension Assessment
comprehensive
flexible
cost effective

CONTACT TRIUNE DIRECT

- Contact Triune by email or phone, if you have any issues or need any further clarification
- The phone number and email addresses are on the website (go to Contact Us)

JOIN US AS A COMPREHENZ WEBSITE MEMBER

It will enable you to:

ACCESS THE NEW ONLINE PROBE STUDENTS’ GUIDE
- replaces the CD previously included in the [full] PROBE kit

READ [SHORT] ARTICLES
- PROBE Best Practice
- use of other Triune resources
- learning & behaviour

GET TO KNOW WHAT’S NEW - WHAT’S COMING
- new resources
- changes/additions to Triune resources
- offers of seminars/workshops.

ASK AN EXPERT
- request a free conversation with a writer.

RECEIVE THE OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER
- you will NOT be bombarded with emails. [It’s not our style]
USING THE PROBE STUDENTS’ GUIDE

PURPOSE
PROBE Reading Comprehension Assessment Students’ Guide™ is designed to share with students before they are assessed with PROBE Reading Comprehension Assessment. Students will learn about the assessment’s purpose and design.

Key features include advice on:
- staying relaxed but alert.
- how to read more effectively.
- how the questions are designed.
- how to answer the questions.

With a group presentation, time spent explaining the process to each student is significantly reduced, if not eliminated.

PROCEDURE
It is a slideshow. You move at the pace you think is best.

Familiarise yourself with this guide before sharing with your students.

Show this guide to all students before they are tested.

Read aloud the words on each slide.

Clarify wherever necessary.

Students will benefit by viewing all, or parts of this Guide more than once.

10 PARTS
PART 1: THE PURPOSE OF THE TEST
PART 3: PREPARING YOUR MIND
PART 5: THE WAYS PROBE IS USED
PART 7: ABOUT THE QUESTIONS
PART 9: MORE THAN ONE STORY

PART 2: WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU
PART 4: THE PRE-TEST
PART 6: HOW TO READ THE STORIES
PART 8: ANSWERING QUESTIONS
PART 10: SUMMARY

PRESENTATION METHOD
Present with a computer, data projector, or interactive whiteboard [but not a phone].

ACCESSING THE GUIDE
Sign up as a comprehenz.com website member. The confirmation email has the password for the members’ page.

On this page simply click on the IMAGE or the BUTTON

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