

NAPLAN — Year 7 Literacy

Set 1 — Sample Reading test answers

About the sample Reading tests

These units provide experience of the reading test format. To prepare students for the real test, be sure they understand the task instructions and the response instructions (such as “shade two bubbles”). Tell students that, during the real test, the teacher can only read the instructions, not help.

Teachers could also use these units in class for assessment or, especially, for teaching reading skills. For example, they could be used to teach Question Answer Relationships (QARs), or text location strategies or simply to teach persistence and stamina.

Resources for QAR teaching ideas are in the reference list at the end of this document.

Answers

Digging for clues	1 C; 2 B; 3 C; 4 B; 5 B; 6 C; 7 B; 8 B; 9 A
Amazing penguins	10 C; 11 C; 12 B; 13 C; 14 D; 15 C; 16 B; 17 C; 18 D; 19 A; 20 B; 21 D
Journey to the river sea	22 D; 23 A; 24 D; 25 B; 26 B; 27 C; 28 B; 29 B; 30 A; 31 D; 32 C; 33 B; 34 D

References

Raphael, TE, Highfield, K & Au KH 2006, *QAR Now: Question and answer relationships*, Scholastic, New York.

Beck, IL, McKeown, MG & Kucan, L 2006, *Improving comprehension with questioning the author: A fresh and expanded view of a powerful approach*, Scholastic, New York.

Harvey, S & Goudvis A 2000 *Strategies that work: Teaching comprehension to enhance understanding*, Stenhouse, Portland.

Resources

Resources on the QSA website that may be useful include:

- *Poster: In the book or in your head* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1443.html
- *Teacher's notes: Locating information* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1443.html
- *Poster: Thinking about a story* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1443.html
- *Teaching reading and viewing: Guide for Years 4–7* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/yr7-english-resources.html
- *Teaching reading and viewing: Comprehension strategies* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/yr7-english-resources.html
- *Framework for Reading items* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1443.html

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