# NELSON LITERACY DIRECTIONS

The complete literacy series for years 3–6



# Nelson Literacy Directions & Nelson Literacy Directions Comprehension





**Nelson Literacy Directions** is a core literacy program for students in middle and upper primary.

The fine-grade levelling featured throughout the program provides scaffolded support for students at different stages of learning, enabling them to build on early literacy learning. Students are supported in learning how to use the English language fluently to make meaning and to confidently create their own texts in a range of modes.

With an emphasis on word, sentence, paragraph, whole text and visual comprehension, *Nelson Literacy Directions* encourages the use of the structural levels of text to make meaning.

The program provides a wide variety of printed and electronic texts for explicit instruction in written language, oral language, visual literacy and critical literacy.

Each year level comprises:

- ◆ Levelled fiction books
- ◆ Levelled non-fiction books
- Big Books with IWB software
- Exemplar Card Kits

- ◆ Comprehension Card Kits with Digital Texts + TRB CD-ROM
- ◆ Interactive Activities
- ◆ Audio-Visual Resources DVD
- ◆ Teacher's Resource Book with CD-ROM.



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#### Take a new direction in literacy learning...

#### ➤ Comprehension and Higher-Order Thinking Skills

Inferential comprehension is built into *Nelson Literacy Directions* books and Exemplar Cards. The Comprehension Cards focus on core comprehension skills and strategies, allowing for an integrated approach to teaching and the application of higher-order thinking skills.

#### → Text Types

The **Nelson Literacy Directions** cards feature exemplar persuasive, imaginative

and informative texts, covering the nine key text types. Presented in a magazine style, the texts are engaging and relevant to the personal interests of students.

#### ▶ Reading, Writing, Viewing, Speaking and Listening

**Nelson Literacy Directions** provides a variety of resources for shared, guided and independent reading. Multimodal texts, cards and activities relate to comprehension, writing, speaking and listening.

#### ⇒ Development Pathways

Flexible development pathways enable teachers to manage mixed-ability levels in their classrooms.

#### ➡ Fine-Grade Levelling

The fine-grade reading levels support students and teachers to meet national assessment benchmarks.

#### **▶** ICT

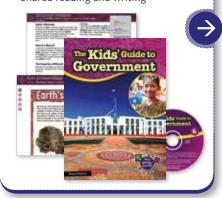
Information and communication technology is integrated throughout.

#### Suggested teaching pathways

#### MODELLED/SHARED

Big Books with IWB Software and Comprehension Exemplar Digital Texts Software

- · Whole-class instruction
- Modelled reading, writing and comprehension
- Shared reading and writing



#### GUIDED/INDEPENDENT

Levelled Fiction and Non-Fiction Books, Exemplar Cards and Comprehension Cards

- Small-group instruction
- Guided reading, writing and comprehension



#### INDEPENDENT

### Interactive Student Activities and BLMs

- Independent application
- Independent reading, writing and comprehension



#### MODELLED/SHARED/INDEPENDENT

### Audio-Visual Resources and Video Resources

 Multimodal texts for stimulating class discussion or individual writing



# Nelson Literacy Directions – Supporting the Australian Curriculum<sup>†</sup>





**Nelson Literacy Directions** provides a range of resources that assist teachers to develop students' understanding and use of English, in line with the three *Australian Curriculum*: *English* strands.

#### Language: knowing about the English language

"They discover the patterns and purposes of English usage, including spelling, grammar and punctuation at the levels of the word, sentence and extended text, and they study the connections between these levels."

**Nelson Literacy Directions** has a strong emphasis on comprehension, grammar and vocabulary to assist teachers to develop students' understanding of the English language.

### Literature: understanding, appreciating, responding to, analysing and creating literature

"Students interpret, appreciate, evaluate and create literary texts such as short stories, novels, poetry, prose, plays, film and multimodal texts, in spoken, print and digital/online forms." <sup>2</sup>

**Nelson Literacy Directions** exposes students to a wide variety of text forms and multimodal texts, which provide excellent models for students to create their own literature in both print and digital form.

#### Literacy: expanding the repertoire of English usage

"This means that print and digital contexts are included, and that listening, viewing, reading, speaking, writing and creating are all developed systematically and concurrently." <sup>3</sup>

**Nelson Literacy Directions** provides a variety of instructional approaches and resources – levelled fiction and non-fiction books, big books (print and digital), Text Type Exemplar Cards, Comprehension Cards, Digital Exemplar Texts, Interactive Student Activities and Audio-Visual Resources.

Source: Australian Curriculum Website

- <sup>1</sup> Australian F–10 Curriculum/English/Content Structure/Language.
- <sup>2</sup> Australian F–10 Curriculum/English/Content Structure/Literature.
- <sup>3</sup> Australian F–10 Curriculum/English/Content Structure/Literacy.

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\*Source: Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)

#### Links to other learning areas

**Nelson Literacy Directions** titles are organised by Arts, Humanities and Sciences. They support the content from the Australian Curriculum: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Science, Health and Physical Education and Technologies.













#### Cross - curricular priorities

Indigenous histories and culture, Asia and sustainability are integrated throughout all **Nelson Literacy Directions** components.

#### Text types and text knowledge

Australian Curriculum Text Type from Year Level Descriptions Foundation to 6*	Cengage Learning Text Type	Examples from Australian Curriculum Year Level Descriptions and Elaborations Foundation to 6*
IMAGINATIVE	Recount	Recounts (Literary), Literary and Imaginative retellings
	Description	Descriptions
	Narrative	Narratives, Poetry
	Explanation	Explanations (Literary)
INFORMATIVE	Recount	Recounts
	Description	Descriptions (Factual)
	Information Report	Reports
	Procedure	Procedures
	Explanation	Explanations
PERSUASIVE	Exposition	Expositions
	Discussion	Discussions
	Response	Reviews

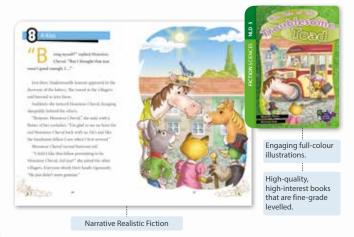
# Levelled Fiction & Non-Fiction Texts Interactive Activities





#### **Fiction Texts**

With humour, adventure and intriguing storylines, *Nelson Literacy Directions* fiction texts will engage middle-and upper-primary readers from the first page! The carefully levelled fiction titles expose young readers to a variety of text forms and genres, including science fiction, reader's theatre (plays), mystery, adventure, poetry and traditional and realistic fiction.



#### **Non-Fiction Texts**

**Nelson Literacy Directions** non-fiction texts are full of fascinating, high-interest information and feature a wide variety of visual elements including stunning illustrations and photography, captions, headings, labels, graphs, lists and fact boxes. Each text includes a chapter providing an exemplary model of one of the nine key text types – recount, description, information report, narrative, procedure, exposition, explanation, discussion and response.



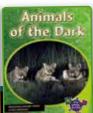
















#### Interactive Student Activities CD-ROM\*

There is an Interactive Student Activities CD-ROM for each *Nelson Literacy Directions* fiction and non-fiction book.

The CD-ROMs feature Interactive Student Activities for each of the levelled texts to provide independent practice in:

- comprehension
- spelling
- vocabulary
- writing skills.







# Big Books with IWB Software

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SUPPORT THE AUSTRALIAN
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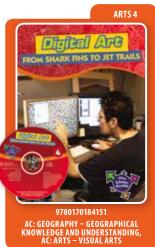


#### Non-Fiction Big Books with IWB Software

There are three non-fiction big books with IWB software for each **Nelson Literacy Directions** level. The stunning big books feature a range of explicit text-type exemplars and authentic 'real-world' texts for modelled and shared reading sessions.

The interactive whiteboard software allows students and teachers to work together to examine the texts in detail. Functionality includes text editing, colour coding, note-making and a magnifier tool. Text structure, language features and design features are highlighted in the exemplar texts.









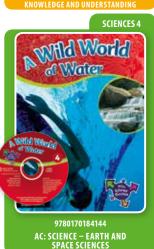


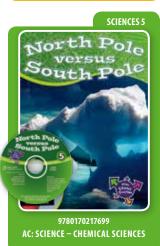














# Teacher Resources <a href="#">Audio-Visual Resources</a>



#### Audio-Visual Resources DVD\*

There is an Audio-Visual Resources DVD for each level of **Nelson Literacy Directions**.

The DVDs feature:

- multimodal texts linked thematically or by text type to the big books, levelled texts and Exemplar Cards
- engaging audio-visual clips to support speaking and listening activities
- content to stimulate class discussion and individual writing.





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#### Teacher's Resource Books with CD-ROM

There is a Teacher's Resource Book for each level of **Nelson Literacy Directions**.

The Teacher's Resource Books feature:

- lesson plans based on the big books, levelled texts and exemplar cards
- two BLMs for each levelled text to support grammar and writing activities.
   The printable BLMs are provided on the CD-ROM.

The Teacher's Resource Books have been designed to support guided reading, visual literacy, critical literacy and writing, speaking and listening activities.





Download demo software from: www.nelsonprimary.com.au/ nelsonliteracydirections

## **Exemplar Cards**

Explicitly teach text types and reinforce comprehension skills and strategies



# Comprehension Cards Digital Texts

Explicitly teach comprehension skills and strategies

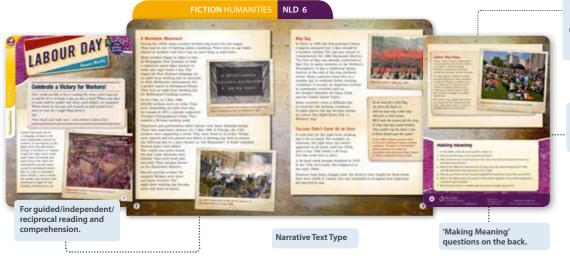






The Nelson Literacy Directions Exemplar Card Kits provide carefully levelled fiction and non-fiction texts for additional guided and independent reading practice across a range of text types and text forms. Each Nelson Literacy Directions Exemplar Card Kit comprises six copies of 27 different cards.

The cards come packaged in a handy storage box for easy access.



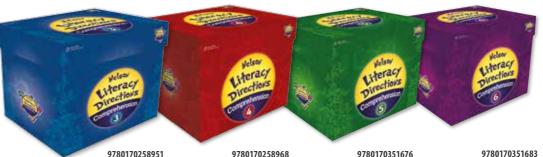
162 LEVELLED (6 COPIES OF 27 DIFFERENT CARD

The cards include the following key text types: recount, description, information report, rrative, procedure, exposition

Exemplar cards support the Australian Curriculum earning areas of Science, Humanities and Arts.

Nelson Literacy Directions Comprehension Cards

COMPREHENSION CARDS 3



COMPREHENSION CARDS 4

9780170351683 COMPREHENSION CARDS 6 COMPREHENSION CARDS 5

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Nelson Literacy Directions Comprehension explicitly teaches the core comprehension strategies and skills students need to make meaning from text. Comprising 162 levelled cards and 9 digital texts at each level, Nelson Literacy Directions Comprehension deconstructs the comprehension process, enabling students to focus on their reading comprehension and understanding.



A range of text types and text forms.

'Strategy to Skill' questions on the



#### **Core Comprehension Skills**

The core comprehension skills, or thinking processes, are used automatically by proficient readers.

- Making Connections
- Asking Questions
- Evaluating/Synthesising Information
- ◆ Determining Important Ideas
- Visualising
- Making Inferences.

#### **Core Comprehension Strategies**

The core comprehension strategies are the tools that readers use when making meaning from text.

- Cause and Effect
- Compare and Contrast
- Draw Conclusions
- ◆ Fact and Opinion
- Figurative Language
- Main Points and Bigger Idea
- ◆ Problem and Solution
- Summarise the Text
- ♦ Visual Elements.

COMPARE THE BOXES	Number of Exemplar Cards	Format	Purpose	Literal Comprehension	Inferential Comprehension	Visual Inferential Comprehension	Response Comprehension	Answers	Australian Curriculum Text Types	Text Types Examples	Text Forms	Blackline Master Activity Sheets	Lesson Plans	Exemplar Digital Texts
Nelson Literacy Directions Exemplar Cards	162 (6 copies of 27 titles)	4 Pages	Explicit teaching of exemplar text types. Practice, application and reinforcement of comprehension strategies and skills. Guided and Independent Reading		Four inferential questions at the word, sentence, paragraph and whole text	One inferential One responder visual question questi	in TRB (separate purchase)  One response question  Answers provide	Answers provided in TRB (separate purchase)	Res Imaginative Desc	Narrative, Recount, Response, Description, Exposition,	Blogs, Diaries, Letters, Graphic Fiction, Traditional Tales, Poetry,	2–3 activities per title in Teacher's Resource Book (separate purchase)	Detailed lesson plans provided in Teacher's Resource Books (separate purchase)	
Nelson Literacy Directions Comprehension Cards		6 Pages	Explicit instruction in comprehension strategies and skills. For modelling comprehension, reading and writing. Guided and Independent Reading	literal question	Four inferential questions applying the focus strategies and skills			Answers provided on CD packaged in the box	Persuasive	Exposition, Explanation, Information Report, Procedure, Discussion	Technical Reports, Debates, Reader's Theatre, Presentations	2 Blackline Master activities per title (provided as PDFs on CD packaged in the box)	Detailed lesson plans provided on CD packaged in the box	9 digital texts deconstructing comprehension strategies, text structure, language features and design features. 9 thematically linked video clips

## Comprehension Cards Digital Texts

Explicitly teach comprehension skills and strategies



#### Exemplar Digital Texts Software

The Nelson Literacy Directions Comprehension Exemplar Digital Texts software is designed for modelling the use of the core comprehension strategies and skills via whole-class explicit instruction. There is an Exemplar Digital Text for each of the nine key text types:

- Recount
- ◆ Information Report
- Procedure
- Explanation
- Discussion

#### PACKAGED WITH THE **COMPREHENSION BOX**

Response

- - Description
- Narrative
- Exposition

Functionality includes text editing, annotations and note-making.



Nelson Literacy Directions Comprehension 5, Eating Your Words. Text Type: Description.



#### Text presentation

Examine the complete text with all visual elements.



Highlight text clues relevant for various core comprehension strategies.



#### **Text structure**

Examine the structure that is characteristic of each key text type.



#### Language features

Examine the language features that are characteristic of each key text type.



#### **Design features**

Examine the visual elements that support the text and add information.



#### Video

Provides a short multimodal text for each Exemplar Digital Text. Clips are connected thematically to the Exemplar Digital Texts.





#### The Teacher's Resource CD-ROM

The Teacher's Resource CD-ROM features:

- Lesson plans for the Exemplar Digital Texts, designed for whole-class modelling of reading, writing and comprehension strategies and skills
- Lesson plans for the Levelled Comprehension Cards, designed for guided reading focusing on the core comprehension strategies and skills.

#### Lesson Plans

- Lesson plans for the 9 digital texts and 27 printed cards
- Notes on comprehension, visual literacy, vocabulary in context, grammatical patterns and critical literacy
- Answers to the 'Strategy to Skill' comprehension questions.

Each Lesson plan includes notes on the following areas:

- Comprehension
- Visual Literacy
- Vocabulary in Context
- **Grammatical Patterns**
- Critical Literacy

#### Printable Blackline Masters activities:

- Analysing the texts in relation to each of the core comprehension strategies and skills
- Analysing the texts in relation to grammatical patterns
- Independent writing activities to extend beyond the text.

# Literal, Inferential & Visual Comprehension



The series approaches comprehension in two ways; using higher–order thinking skills to solve problems and teaching students the strategies and skills they need to make meaning from text.

#### Making Meaning - Fiction and Non-fiction Books and Exemplar Cards

For each fiction and non-fiction book the Teacher Resource Books provide:

- ♦ 2 literal questions
- ♦ 8 inferential questions (at the word, sentence, paragraph and whole text level)
- ♦ 2 inferential questions that relate to visual comprehension
- 2 response questions
- Answers.

All Exemplar Cards feature 'Making Meaning' questions on the back:

- 1 literal question
- ♦ 4 inferential questions (at the word, sentence, paragraph and whole text level)
- ◆ 1 inferential question that relates to visual comprehension
- ◆ 1 response question.

Answers are provided in the Teacher's Resource Book.

Inferential comprehension question at the word level
Inferential comprehension question at the sentence level
Inferential comprehension question at the paragraph level
Inferential comprehension question at the text level
Inferential comprehension question at the text level
Inferential comprehension question at the text and visual level

**Making Meaning** 

- 1 Where had the boat at the wharf come from?
- 2 How are free emigrants different from convicts?
- 3 Why did the young boy offer to carry the bags for the gentleman?
- 4 Why did one of the boys say, Serves him right?
- 5 What is the moral of this story?
- 6 How can you tell which parts of the written text are being spoken?
- 7 Do you think the woman in the story did the right thing supporting the boys or was she interfering?

the boys.

#### Strategy to Skill - Comprehension Cards

The Comprehension Cards include 'Strategy to Skill' questions on the back:

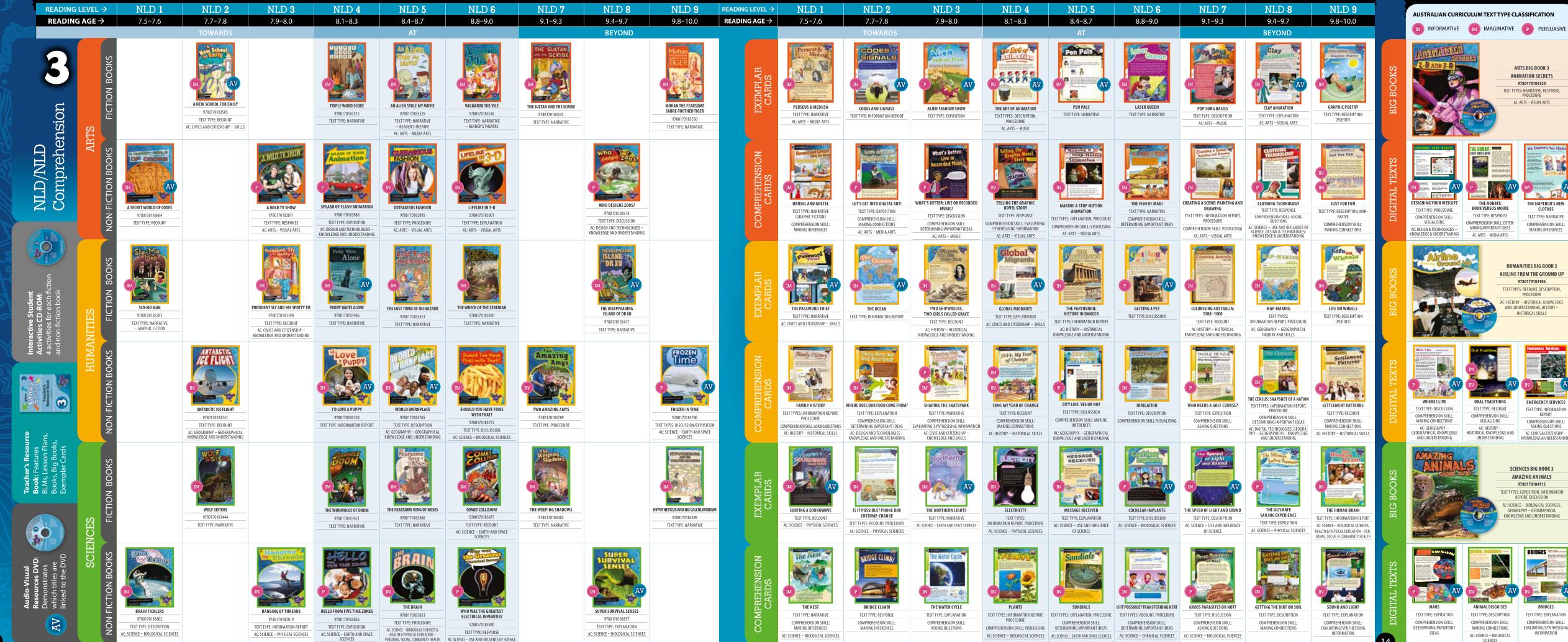
1 literal question

Response question

- ◆ 4 inferential questions focusing on a comprehension skill
- 1 inferential question that relates to visual comprehension
- 1 inferential question that relates to visual comprehension
- ◆ 1 response question

Answers are provided on the accompanying Teacher's Resource CD-ROM.

#### Strategy to Skill (Literal comprehension) What are graphic novels? Literal comprehension question (Determining important ideas - cause and effect) What would be some suitable locations for public art that would make it accessible to more people? Inferential comprehension questions that require readers to apply the card's focus comprehension (Determining important ideas – compare and contrast) How does the public art on page 2 make the area skill combined with relevant core comprehension more interesting? (Determining important ideas - compare and contrast) How can artists earn a living from their work? (Determining important ideas - summarise the text) What are the main arguments for and against public Inferential comprehension question that relates (Determining important ideas – visual elements) How does the sculpture of Little Bull compare with the to the visual elements of the card sculpture of Vault? -- 7 (Response) What is your opinion about public art? Do you love it or loathe it? Why? Response question



Fiction and Non-fiction Books

COMPREHENSION CARDS KIT 3 9780170258951

Grid Key

EXEMPLAR CARDS ARE ONLY AVAILALBE IN BOXED SETS\*

EXEMPLAR CARDS KIT 3 9780170184427

Exemplar and Comprehension Cards







#### NELSON LITERACY DIRECTIONS

#### **FICTION BOOKS**

18 fiction books for each year level featuring humorous, adventurous and engaging storylines.



YEAR 3

#### **NON-FICTION BOOKS**

18 non-fiction books for each year level. High-interest and fascinating content to support the Australian Curriculum Learning areas.



### STUDENT INTERACTIVE

Comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and writing activities for each fiction and non-fiction book.



**ACTIVITIES** 

**BIG BOOKS** Three big books for each year level. Featuring high-interest, fascinating content to support the Australian Curriculum learning areas. IWB software included with each book



#### **AUDIO-VISUAL RESOUCES**

Multimodal texts for each year level to support speaking and listening skills.



#### **TEACHER'S RESOURCE** BOOKS

**EXEMPLAR CARDS** 

comprehension.

YEAR 3

7.7-7.8

7.9-8.0

8.1-8.3

8.4-8.7

8.8-9.0

9.1-9.3 9.4-9.7

9.8-10.0

Lesson plans for each fiction and non-fiction text, big books and exemplar cards plus grammar and writing BLMs for the fiction and non-fiction texts.

162 text type exemplar cards (6 copies of 27 titles). High-interest text types, exemplars with a focus on inferential



#### **COMPREHENSION CARDS**

162 comprehension exemplar cards (6 copies of 27 titles), 9 digital texts, lesson plans and BLMs to explicitly teach comprehension skills and strategies.

NLD3

NLD4

NLD5

NLD6

NLD8

NLD9





#### YEAR 👍

NOMINAL Reading Age	NLD/NLDC Reading Level	
8.1-8.3	NLD4	
8.4-8.7	NLD5	Towards
8.8-9.0	NLD6	
9.1-9.3	NLD7	
9.4-9.7	NLD8	At
9.8-10.0	NLD9	
10.1-10.3	NLD10	
10.4-10.7	NLD11	Beyond
10.8-11.0	NLD12	

#### YEAR 4

















#### YEAR 5

	Reading Level	Reading Age
	NLD7	9.1-9.3
Towards	NLD8	9.4-9.7
	NLD9	9.8-10.0
	NLD10	10.1-10.3
At	NLD11	10.4-10.7
	NLD12	10.8-11.0
	NLD13	11.1-11.3
Beyond	NLD14	11.4-11.7
	NLD15	11.8-12.0

#### YEAR 5

















YEAR 6

















NOMINAL Reading Age	NLD/NLDC Reading Level	
10.1-10.3	NLD10	
10.4-10.7	NLD11	Towards
10.8-11.0	NLD12	
11.1-11.3	NLD13	
11.4-11.7	NLD14	At
11.8-12.0	NLD15	
12.1-12.5	NLD16	
12.6-13.0	NLD17	Beyond
13.1+	NLD18	

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Towards

Beyond