Community Adult Literacy Benchmarks: Reading - Analyze

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Analyze	-match letters to sounds	-use a variety of strategies to figure out unfamiliar words in text and in isolation (e.g., word families, phonics, prediction)	-use appropriate strategies to figure out words with two or more syllables in text and in isolation (e.g., structural analysis)	-use appropriate strategies to figure out difficult words (e.g., word families, phonics, prediction, structural analysis)
	-recognize personal and social sight words in text and in isolation	-recognize high frequency sight words in text and in isolation	→	-recognize complex and technical words by sight
	-understand basic reading practices such as read from left to right and top to bottom	-describe the purpose of simple punctuation (e.g., capital letters, end punctuation)	-describe the purpose of the comma, colon, semicolon, apostrophes, brackets	-describe the purpose of various punctuation used in written English
	-locate specific information in predictable, functional, personally relevant, or repetitive text	-locate specific information in a single piece of text and/or document	-locate information in a book or a document, using appropriate strategies and graphic organizers (e.g., pictures, index, headings)	-locate and compare information in books, documents or on the internet
	-recall information in predictable text or retell a story	-use the organization of text to understand it (e.g., title, pictures, paragraphing)	-use the form and structure of poetry to understand it (e.g., rhymes, stanzas, haiku, limericks)	-use the form and structure of text to understand popular media (e.g., newspapers, magazines, online information)



Community Adult Literacy Benchmarks: Reading - Interpret

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Interpret	-use context cues (meaning and language) to figure out words in familiar text	-use context cues (meaning and language) to predict words and their meaning	-use context to determine meaning of difficult vocabulary	-use context to help determine the meaning of abstract words and figures of speech (e.g., metaphors, analogies)
	-use print or sound cues (phonics) to figure out unfamiliar words	→	-understand how a dictionary works	-use a dictionary to find meanings of unknown words
	-make a prediction and/or inference after listening to a fictional piece of text read by another person	-make inferences and predictions after reading a piece of fiction	-make inferences, predictions, and/or draw conclusions in a piece of text or document	-identify inferences and conclusions in text or document
	-identify the theme after listening to a fictional piece of text read by another person	-identify the theme after reading a piece of fiction	-identify and analyze features of themes conveyed through characters, actions and images	-identify universal themes in fiction (e.g., loss, sacrifice, heroism)
	-identify the main idea after listening to a non- fictional piece of text read by another person	-identify the main idea after reading a non-fictional piece of text	-state main idea, details, and sequence in a short, non-fictional piece of text	-summarize non-fictional text
	-relate text to prior knowledge after listening to a piece of text	-relate text to prior knowledge after reading a piece of text	→	→
	-identify the difference between fact and opinion after listening to a passage read by another person	-identify the difference between fact and opinion after reading a non- fictional piece of text	-form opinions after reading a piece of text or document	-identify propaganda in popular media



Community Adult Literacy Benchmarks: Reading - Monitor

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Monitor	-understand that print has meaning and some personal application	-make links to prior knowledge		
	-recognize when unable to understand text	-ask questions when unable to comprehend text and/or graphic material	-ask questions when unable to understand text or graphic material	→
	-recognize when unable to figure out words (decode)	- identify that reading difficulties may be because reading material is not at the right level -use appropriate strategies to assist comprehension and/or decoding difficulties (e.g., re-reading, context clues, looking at the title)	-Initiate strategies to assist comprehension and decoding (e.g., re-reading, context clues, looking at the title, memory association techniques)	→

Reader increases automaticity and fluency ———	\longrightarrow
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Text becomes increasingly difficult —	\rightarrow

