

Give your students the strategies they need to confidently read and understand informative texts

Making Connections

Monitoring and Clarifying

Predicting and Inferring

Questioning

Summarising

Visualising



Explorations
Strategies for Comprehension
for informative texts



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80% of what students read in the real world are non-fiction (informative) texts*

Explorations Strategies for Comprehension for informative texts is the new and flexible Australian resource that teaches the key comprehension strategies students need to become competent and motivated readers and comprehenders of text.

This resource provides scaffolded instruction in the primary years as students learn to meet the demands of various areas of the curriculum including science, technology, health and social studies.

Teach with authentic, complete, high-interest and age-appropriate short texts.

- 150 short informative texts across a range of topics
- The texts within each strategy are linked by a common concept, which encourages higher level thinking and discussion
- They all follow the structure of the relevant text type: report, recount, explanation, interview, discussion, argument
- All texts are complete texts, not excerpts
- They are real texts from the successful **AlphaWorld** and **AlphaExplore** series

Visualising
Ancient Egypt: what the pyramids reveal
In ancient times, Egypt was the richest and most powerful country in the world. The ancient Egyptian civilization lasted for about 3,500 years. Over time, experts have studied ancient Egyptian customs, everyday life, and the products and buildings that the ancient Egyptians used and made. From studying these things, experts have been able to suggest what people's lives could have been like in ancient Egypt over 4,000 years ago.

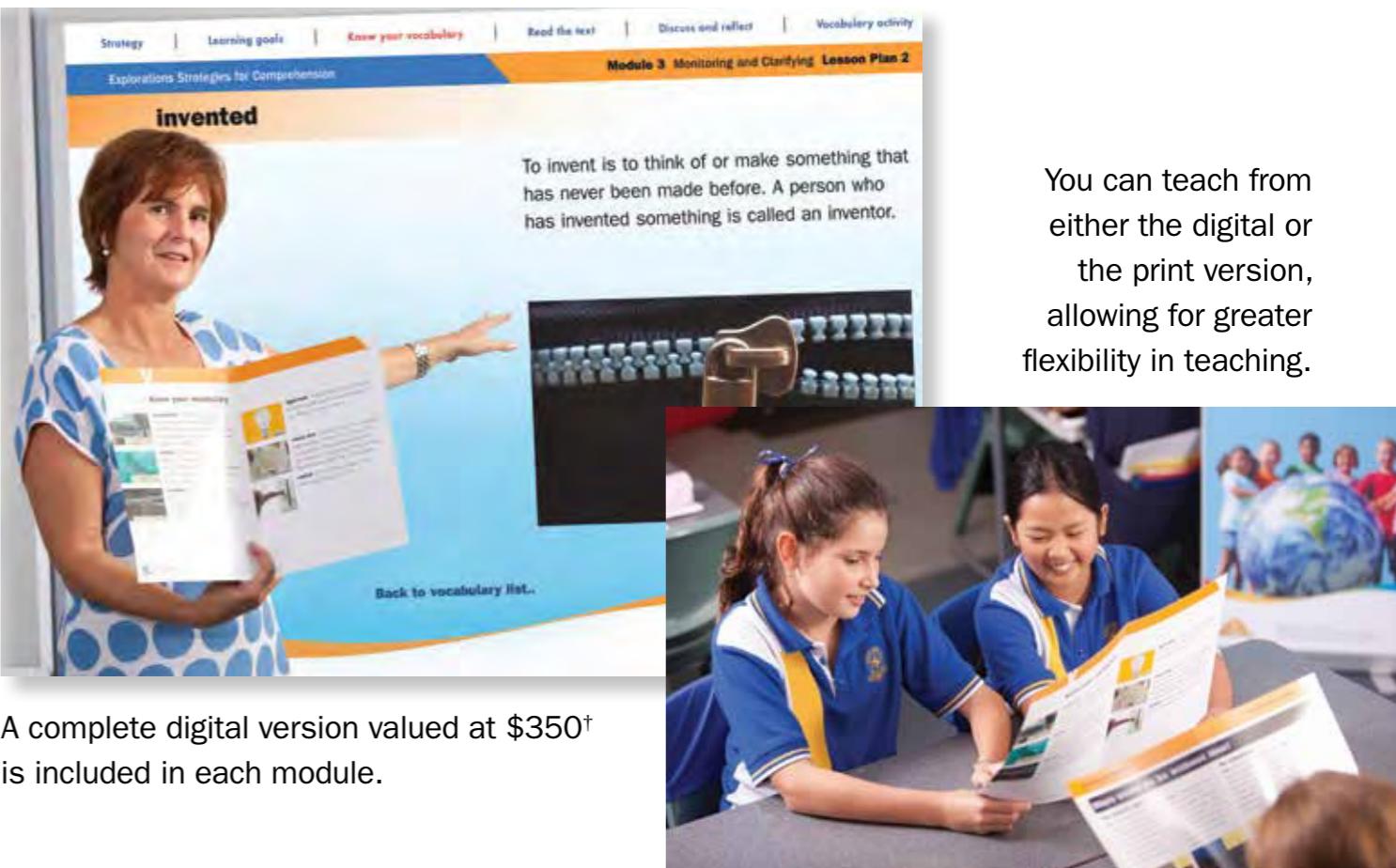
Protecting Antarctica
Antarctica is a fragile environment that must be protected. People in Antarctica produce over 2,000 tonnes of waste each year, which must be removed from Antarctica by ship. Ships are prohibited from putting noxious substances, untreated sewage and all other rubbish in the ocean. All workers and visitors are responsible for obeying the waste disposal rules.

Coral reefs: a special ecosystem
Coral reefs are amazing underwater structures found along the coast of over 100 countries. They are some of the most complex habitats on Earth. Coral reefs thrive in warm, clear water with lots of sunlight, so they generally only grow in the subtropics and tropics.

"We've found that this resource complements any reading program"

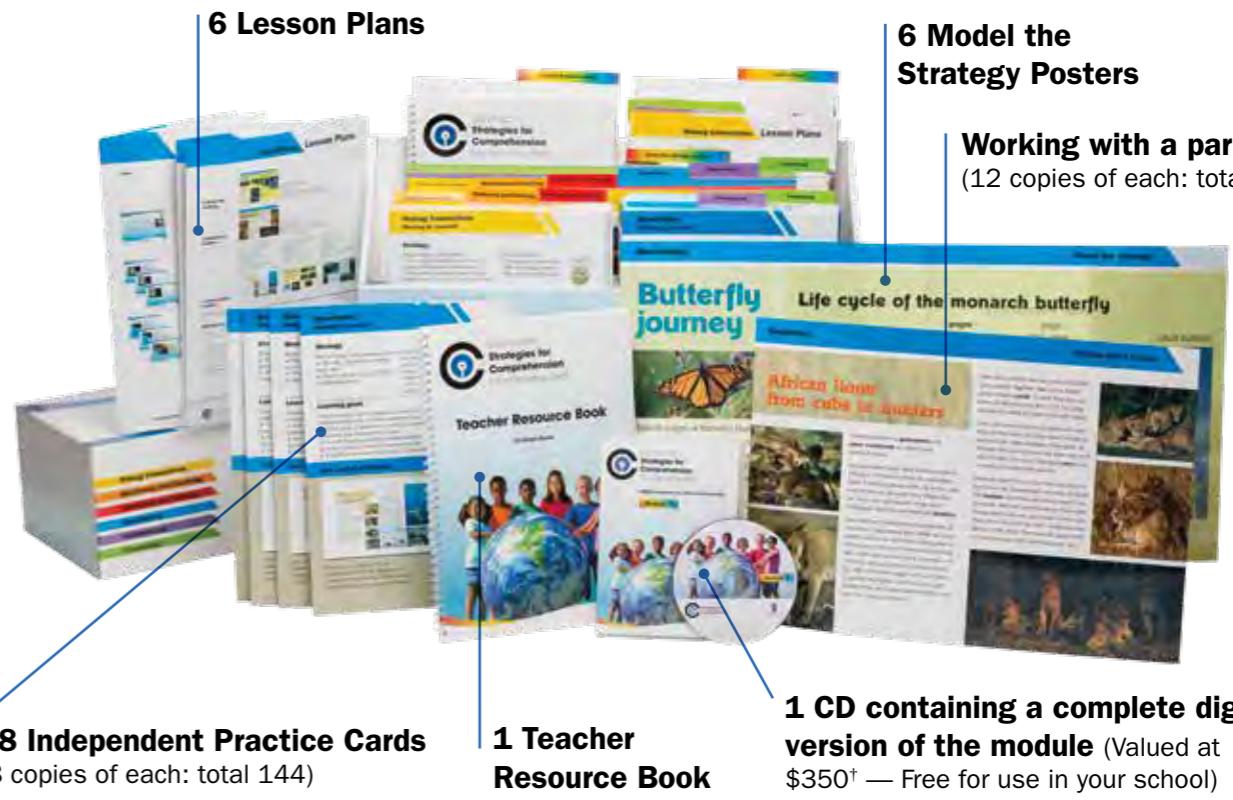
Dr Alison Davis

Texts are available in both digital and print formats



5 modules, one each for years 3–7+

Each module contains:



Use a model of effective instruction

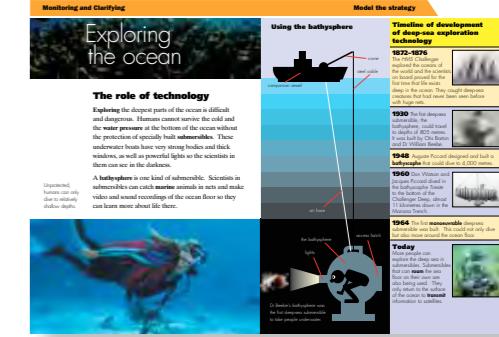
The Gradual Release of Responsibility



Introduce each strategy with a modelled lesson for a group or whole class. The teacher and students work from a digital version of the text on an interactive whiteboard. The teacher uses a shared-reading approach and “thinks aloud” to model and make explicit the process of using the strategy.



There are 6 large format **Model the Strategy** posters in each module — one for each strategy.



Moving on to the second sequence, the teacher starts the lesson by working from the interactive whiteboard, sharing the reading of the text and modelling aloud. The teacher then hands responsibility over to the students. The students work in pairs, using their large-format Working with a Partner cards.



There are 6 **Working with a Partner** cards that, like everything in the modules, are available in both print and electronic formats. They are in multiples of 12, for ease of use around the classroom.



When students have mastered the strategy, they work individually on one of the Independent Practice texts. This practice is differentiated for students, as identified by one, two or three stripes on the cards indicating degree of difficulty.



18 different **Independent Practice** texts are offered. There are 3 texts for each strategy — one below level, one at level and one above level. 8 copies of each (total 144).



There is an easy-to-use Lesson Plan for each strategy. It includes plans for the three sequences in the gradual release of responsibility.

How this unique resource supports your classroom needs



1 A clear model for teaching the 6 key comprehension strategies

- Making Connections
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- Summarising
- Visualising



2 Modules provide authentic, short, high-interest informative texts that are complete. The texts are not excerpts.

In each of the texts, the vocabulary specific to each text is explained in student-friendly language.

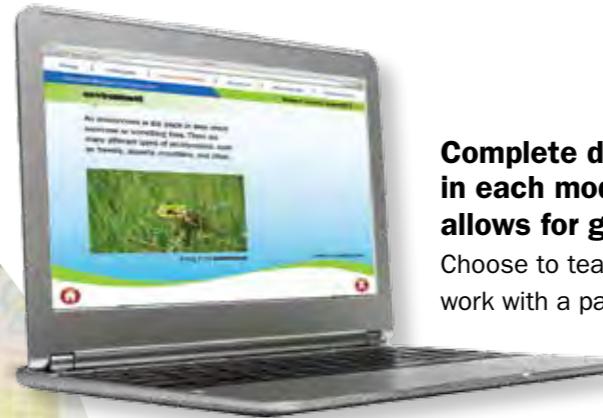
A screenshot of a digital module page titled 'Monitoring and Clarifying'. It shows a section titled 'Where would we be without these?' with text about candles and telephones. Below this are several small images with captions like 'Did you know?' and 'Working with a partner'.

3 Teacher-friendly Lesson Plans reflect the gradual release of responsibility process.



Complete digital version valued at \$350[†] included in each module. Along with the print format this allows for greater flexibility in teaching.

Choose to teach from a whiteboard or have the students work with a partner or independently.



4 Key words are explained and examples are supported by clearly captioned photographs.

Vocabulary knowledge is a critical aspect of reading comprehension.

A screenshot of a digital vocabulary page titled 'Know your vocabulary'. It includes definitions for words like 'graze', 'raise', 'reeds', and 'inland', each accompanied by a small image. At the bottom, there is a note: 'If something is personal, it only'.



5 The 5 modules (for Years 3–7+) are closely linked to:

- New Zealand Curriculum and Literacy Learning Progressions



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4 Year 6	10–11.5	978-1-74320-336-1	\$695†		
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