

Reading for Understanding

1. If this is your first time using Reading for Understanding, your reading instructor will give you a placement test that will measure your present reading ability. He or she will use this information to determine the number of the level in the RFU lesson cards at which you will start practicing. Write the number your teacher gives you (or the number of the level of the last card you completed) on the blank line that says "Card Number" on the top of the tan RFU answer sheet. Write the date on the line below.
2. Take a lesson card with that number from the RFU kit. The lesson cards are identified by number, color, a shape: circle, square, or triangle. It does not matter which shape you choose first, as long as the card is marked with the number that your instructor gave you (or the level at which you are currently working). Use your pen or pencil to color in the shape on the card you are using on your tan answer sheet below the date line.
3. Read the paragraphs on the lesson card and answer each question carefully, writing your answer in the appropriate numbered box on the tan answer sheet. Take your time, work carefully and think about each answer.
4. When you have finished the lesson card, take an answer key from the shelf. Check your answers. Place a check mark on the line after each correct answer. Circle each incorrect answer. Where you have an incorrect answer, write the correct answer beside it. Then read the paragraph on the lesson card again and try to understand why your answer was incorrect. You will usually be able to understand why your answer was wrong. If not, ask your reading instructor or an instructional assistant in the Communications Student Support Center to explain. If you understand why you were wrong, you will make fewer mistakes next time.
5. Count the number of correct answers. Write this number at the bottom of the answer sheet on the line that says "Total Right." If you got nine or ten answers correct, choose a new lesson card one level above the one you just completed. If you got seven or eight answers correct, take another lesson card at the same level as the card you just completed but this time try a different shape. If you got six or fewer answers correct, pick a lesson card one level below the one you just completed.