

Language Arts

# Reading Comprehension: What's Different

32K Disk / Ages 8 to Adult



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# Reading Comprehension: What's Different?

Guide

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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**Reading Comprehension: What's Different?** is a series of programs designed to build the analytical skills essential for good reading comprehension. Because these are reading programs, all displays and reinforcements involve the use of words rather than graphics and other visual displays.

The programs are designed for elementary school students and for older students who need to improve their reading skills. Each game uses words from standard, graded reading lists.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE COURSE**

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When we think of reading instruction, we normally think of decoding—sounding out words. Equally important is the ability to read for understanding. These programs, in game format, build reading comprehension and logic skills. The object of the game is to select the word that is different in a group of words. For example:

red blue clear green

“clear” is different because it is not a color. When the student makes the correct choice, the computer indicates that the answer is correct and explains how the word differs from the other words in the group.

### **ATARI® version**

Game 1: All words grade 2 or lower

Games 2 and 3: All words grade 3 or lower

Games 4 and 5: All words grade 4 or lower

Games 6 and 7: All words grade 5 or lower

Games 8, 9 and 10: All words grade 6 or lower

The cassette version has Games 1 to 5 on Side A of the cassette. Games 6 through 10 are on Side B.

### **APPLE™ version**

The programs have been condensed into five games but all the problems found in the ten-game version are included.

Game 1: All words grade 3 or lower

Game 2: All words grade 4 or lower

Game 3: All words grade 5 or lower

Game 4: All words grade 6 or lower

Game 5: All words grade 6 or lower

## **HOW TO USE THE PROGRAMS**

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Load and run the programs as you would any other **BASIC** programs.

Students should begin with the first program in the course, even if they think they know enough to skip ahead. They should repeat each lesson until they score 90% or more.

A student should be encouraged to explain his or her choices. A parent or teacher should monitor the student's first session, asking the student why he or she is planning to make a particular choice.

A student can stop at any time and obtain his or her score.

**Note to ATARI® users:** In order to protect the TV screen from "burn in," the ATARI® computer will, after a period of time, change the screen color or even blank it out. If this happens, simply press the space bar and continue with the program.

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

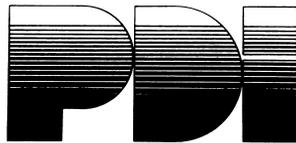
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Here are some additional activities that will improve a student's reading skills:

1. Keep a dictionary handy while playing **What's Different?** Look up words that you are unable to define. Write each word on an index card. On the reverse side of the card, write the word's definition(s). Use these flash cards to increase your vocabulary.
2. Make up your own word problems. Put them on index cards. On one side list four words, one of which does not belong in the group. On the reverse side, write the word that doesn't belong and explain how it differs from the other words in the group.
3. Play word games, such as Scrabble and Boggle. Do crossword puzzles. These activities can help you use words you have learned. And, more importantly, they can be a pleasant way to learn new words.

Other challenging  
language games from  
Program Design:

**Astro Quotes**  
**Code Breaker**  
**Minicrossword**  
**Memory Builder:**  
**Concentration**  
**Story Builder/**  
**Word Master**



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Select the one word in four that doesn't belong with the rest. Vocabulary increases in difficulty as you progress through the 10 programs.

This course builds comprehension and analytical skills that are the keys to understanding what you read.

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PDI's Language Art Series:  
designed to improve decoding, word  
attack and comprehension skills.

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