



<u>APPENDIX B</u>:

Measuring Teachers' Pedagogical Content Knowledge in Surveys: Detailed Results for the Domain of Reading/Language Arts*

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Appendix B: Measuring Teachers' Pedagogical Content Knowledge in Surveys: Detailed Results for the Curricular Domain of Reading/Language Arts

This appendix presents a detailed analysis of the measures of pedagogical content knowledge developed in the area of reading/language arts.

<u>Item Pool</u>

As Table 1 shows, we began work in the curricular domain of reading/language arts with 22 different scenarios. Six of these scenarios were designed to measure the facet of pedagogical content knowledge that we called "content knowledge," and within these 6 scenarios, we had available a total of 26 separate items. For the facet labeled "knowledge of students' thinking," we developed 16 different scenarios, with a total of 38 items. As the table shows, the distribution of scenarios and items makes it impossible for us to measure both facets of pedagogical content knowledge across all "fine-grained" curricular domains selected for study.

	Table 2: Number of Items Assessing Teachers' Pedagogical						
	Content Knowledge in Reading/Language Arts						
	Facet of Pedagogical Content Knowledge						
		<u>Content Knowledge</u>	<u>Knowledge of Students' Thinking</u>				
Word	<u>l Analysis</u>						
•	Letter-sound relationships	13 items (3 scenarios)					
•	Phonemes	8 items (1 scenario)					
•	Word recognition/sight words		12 items (4 scenarios)				
•	Phonetic cues		6 items (4 scenarios)				
•	Context/Picture/Syntactical Cues		16 items (4 scenarios)				
Read	ling Comprehension						
•	Monitoring for meaning		4 items (4 scenarios)				
<u>Writi</u>	ng Editing process	5 items (2 scenarios)					
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Results

In the following pages, we begin our discussion with scales constructed at the most fine-grained level of analysis, where we are measuring a single facet of teachers' pedagogical content knowledge in a single, "fine-grained" area of the mathematics curriculum. We then present scales at larger grain sizes, which in the larger domain of reading/language arts, involved developing scales to measure a *single* facet of teachers' pedagogical content knowledge across all of the fine-grained curricular areas where items measuring that facet were developed.

Given the format of the questionnaire items used in the study, it is not possible to show the scenarios and items used to form particular scales within the body of the tables. Instead, in each table, we simply list a number for each item (e.g., B22a) and provide a very brief description of item content (in both the text and the table). Please note that the item numbers listed in the tables refer to the questionnaire form (A or B), as well as the scenario/items from which the scale was built. Thus, the referent "B22a" refers to scenario 22, item a, from form B. Readers interested in examining the exact wording and format of the items included in scales are referred to the questionnaires attached to this report.

The relevant results for reading/language arts are presented in Tables 2 – 11. Each of the tables shows all of the items considered for inclusion into a scale, and each table sorts these items according to whether they were kept in or deleted from the scale. Items kept in a scale are listed in order of difficulty (as estimated by the Rasch model), with the hardest items at the top and easier items listed in descending order of difficulty. The reader will note that these estimated difficulties do not necessarily correspond to actual p-values, which are the percentage of respondents in the sample answering that item correctly. Also note that the tables include information on items that we deleted from the final scales. These items are listed in reverse order of deletion, with those deleted at later points in the analysis listed before those deleted at earlier points. Each table also shows the item-to-scale biserial correlations for all items. For deleted items, the biserial correlation listed is the one estimated for the final scale.

<u>Content Knowledge Scales</u>

<u>Letter/Sound Relationships</u>

We begin with a discussion of the fine-grained curricular areas where we attempted to build measures of teachers' content knowledge. The first of these domains is letter/sound relationships. As Table 2 (next page) shows, most of the items in the Letter/Sound Relationships scale come from a single scenario (A2), where we presented teachers with a list of 11 letter or letter sound combinations and asked them whether they could think of a word making the long sound of "A" containing those letter sound combinations. Two additional items that appear in Table 2 come from different scenarios, but include only a single item from these scenarios. Scenario B3 asked teachers whether they could identify the "A" sound in alkaloid, scenario A3 asked teachers to identify the "X" sound in Xanax. The final scale consisted of 8 items with biserial correlation's ranging from 0.162 to 0.816. Three of the deleted items had high p-values (A2E, A2F, A3), which indicates they were "too easy" to provide separation in the fit statistics. The other two deleted items (A2A and A2G) are items where it is difficult to generate examples of words where "ae" and "ea" have the long A sound. The reliability of the final scale was 0.697.

Table 2: Letter Sound Relationships – Teachers' Content Knowledge									
	<i>Reliability = 0.697</i>								
<u>Items</u>	% Correct	Item-to-Scale Biserial		Item Content					
Kept									
B3	0.964	0.162	•	"a" sound in alkaloid					
A2B	0.889	0.362	•	long "A" sound: ai					
A2C	0.542	0.559	•	long "A" sound: ao					
A2D	0.767	0.816	•	long "A" sound: au					
A2H	0.571	0.488	•	long "A" sound: ei					
A2I	0.852	0.787	•	long "A" sound: ia					
A2J	0.919	0.594	•	long "A" sound: oa					
A2K	0.918	0.776	•	long "A" sound: ua					
Deleted									
A2A	0.548	-0.204	•	long "A" sound: ae					
A2E	0.985	0.061	•	long "A" sound: ay					
A2F	0.859	0.030	•	long "A" sound: a					
A2G	0.317	0.041	•	long "A" sound: ea					
A3	0.910	0.107	•	beginning sound in Xanax					

<u>Phonemes</u>

We also attempted to measure teachers' content knowledge in the area of phonemes. As Table 3 shows, all of the items in the Phonemes scale come from a single scenario (B4), which instructed respondents to provide the number of phonemes for each word presented in the scenario, where the words were chosen from a primary grade vocabulary list. The final scale consists of seven (of the eight) items from this scenario and had high internal consistency, with biserial correlation's for kept items ranging from 0.911 to 0.999. The

Table 3: Phonemes – Teachers' Content Knowledge							
		Reliability =	0.9	999			
<u>Items</u>	% Correct	Item-to-Scale		Item Content			
		Biserial					
Kept							
B4A	0.725	0.999	•	phoneme: after			
B4B	0.642	0.944	•	phoneme: battle			
B4C	0.755	0.999	•	phoneme: chime			
B4D	0.808	0.999	•	phoneme: die			
B4F	0.755	0.999	•	phoneme: ship			
B4G	0.755	0.999	•	phoneme: shoe			
B4F	0.712	0.911	•	phoneme: terse			
Deleted							
B4E	0.423	0.533	•	phoneme: exit			

only item deleted from the B4 scenario in this scale was item was B4E, which asks about the word "exit." The word "exit" consists of four letters, but the letter "x" is composed of two letter sounds making the total number of phonemes in the word five. If the correct answer for B4E was changed to 4 phonemes, then B4E would have a positive biserial correlation of 0.533 and the reliability for the final scale would be 0.999.

Word Attack

Table 4 presents a scale that combines items from the Letter/Sound Relationships scale and the Phonemes scale into a single scale that can be viewed as measuring teachers' broader knowledge in the domain of word attack skills. As Table 2 shows, to form such a measure, we simply joined items from the previous two scales into the scale that is presented in Table 4. The 21 items put into this scaling analysis yielded a final 12-item scale with a reliability of 0.911. The biserial correlations are quite high ranging from 0.596 to 0.999. The measure order breaks, however, along subscale lines with the phonemes items at

Table 4: Word Attack – Teachers' Content Knowledge									
	Reliability = 0.911								
<u>Items</u>	% Correct	Item-to-Scale		Item Content					
Kept		Disenai							
B4A	0.725	0.999	•	phoneme: after					
B4B	0.642	0.938	•	phoneme: battle					
B4C	0.755	0.999	•	phoneme: chime					
B4D	0.808	0.999	•	phoneme: die					
B4F	0.755	0.999	•	phoneme: ship					
B4G	0.755	0.999	•	phoneme: shoe					
B4H	0.712	0.905	•	phoneme: terse					
A2C	0.542	0.596	•	long "A" sound: ao					
A2D	0.767	0.609	•	long "A" sound: au					
A2I	0.852	0.910	•	long "A" sound: ia					
A2J	0.919	0.715	•	long "A" sound: oa					
A2K	0.918	0.811	•	long "A" sound: ua					
Deleted									
B3	0.964	0.427	•	"a" sound in alkaloid					
B4E	0.423	0.522	•	phoneme: exit					
A2A	0.548	-0.278	•	long "A" sound: ae					
A2B	0.889	0.212	•	long "A" sound: ai					
A2E	0.985	-0.067	•	long "A" sound: ay					
A2F	0.859	0.129	•	long "A" sound: a					
A2G	0.317	-0.067	•	long "A" sound: ea					
A2H	0.571	0.346	•	long "A" sound: ei					
A3	0.910	0.177	•	beginning sound in Xanax					

the top of the range and letter/sound relationship items grouped at the end of the order. The seven items from the final Phonemes scale (see Table 3) are kept in this scale, while five of the eight items from the final Letter/Sound Relationships scale (see Table 2) are kept in this combined measure (items A2B, A2H, and B3 are deleted).

<u>Editing</u>

To this point, we have been measuring teachers' content knowledge in the curricular domains of word analysis. However, we also developed one measure of teachers' content knowledge in the area of writing. This measure focused on teachers' knowledge of editing. Here, we presented respondents with 5 items in 2 scenarios that asked them to choose the best sentence from a selection four to five sentences, of which only one or two were grammatically acceptable. The results shown in Table 5 (below) show that the scale had a very low reliability, largely because the items were very easy for teachers to answer correctly. The percent correct for each item ranges from 0.712 to 0.985, for example. Given these high p-values, it appears that the items we developed were not particularly challenging for teachers, resulting in a scale with very little item separation. As Table 5 shows, the Editing scale ended up having a reliability of only 0.106.

Table 5: Editing – Teachers' Content Knowledge							
	<i>Reliability = 0.106</i>						
<u>Items</u>	% Correct	Item-to-Scale	Item Content				
		Biserial					
Kept							
B5A	0.966	-0.081	sentence editing				
B5B	0.724	0.227	sentence editing				
B5C	0.914	0.009	sentence editing				
A5A	0.985	-0.260	sentence editing				
A5B	0.712	-0.030	sentence editing				

Reading/Language Arts - Overall Measure of Content Knowledge

The final content knowledge measure in reading/language arts combines items from all of the previous scales, that is, the Phonemes, Letter/Sound Relationships, and Sentence Editing scales, augmented by other items for which there were not sufficient items within the curricular topic to create subscales. These additional items include teaching scenarios in which teachers divided the words "aphasia" and "syllabication" into syllables (A4, B2) and items in which teachers' were asked to identify the steps for both the SQ3R and KWL reading strategies. The results are reported in Table 6 (next page). We started the analysis with 30 items that produced a final scale with 21 items and a reliability of 0.870. The biserial correlation's ranged from 0.204 to 0.999. Once again, the measure order shows that the items from the Phonemes and Letter/Sound Relationships subscales (see Tables 18 & 19)

are kept and essentially remain nested within their respective subscale groupings. However, two sentence editing items (A5A, B5C), the two reading strategy items (SQ3R, K), and one syllable division item (A4) also appear in the final scale.

Table 6: Teachers' Content Knowledge – All Items								
Reliability = 0.870								
<u>Items</u>	% Correct	Item-to-Scale Biserial		Item Content				
Kept								
B 3	0.966	0.424	•	"a" sound in alkaloid				
B4A	0.725	0.999	•	phoneme: after				
B4B	0.642	0.989	•	phoneme: battle				
B4C	0.755	0.935	•	phoneme: chime				
B4D	0.808	0.999	•	phoneme: die				
B4E	0.423	0.531	•	phoneme: exit				
B4F	0.755	0.999	•	phoneme: ship				
B4G	0.755	0.999	•	phoneme: shoe				
B4H	0.712	0.815	•	phoneme: terse				
B5C	0.914	0.352	•	sentence editing				
A2B	0.889	0.204	•	long "A" sound: ai				
A2C	0.542	0.639	•	long "A" sound: ao				
A2D	0.767	0.768	•	long "A" sound: au				
A2H	0.571	0.487	•	long "A" sound: ei				
A2I	0.852	0.752	•	long "A" sound: ia				
A2J	0.919	0.596	•	long "A" sound: oa				
A2K	0.918	0.615	•	long "A" sound: ua				
A4	0.627	0.240	•	divide "aphasia" into syllables				
A5A	0.985	0.580	•	sentence editing				
SQ3R	0.629	0.343	•	identify SQ3R steps				
KWL	0.780	0.288	•	identify KWL steps				
Deleted								
B2	0.224	0.062	•	divide "syllabication" into syllables				
B5A	0.966	0.021	•	sentence editing				
B5B	0.724	0.134	•	sentence editing				
A2A	0.548	-0.357	•	long "A" sound: ae				
A2E	0.985	0.056	•	long "A" sound: ay				
A2F	0.859	0.184	•	long "A" sound: a				
A2G	0.317	0.043	•	long "A" sound: ea				
A3	0.910	0.179	•	beginning sound in Xanax				
A5B	0.712	0.136	•	sentence editing				

Knowledge of Students' Thinking Scales

In this section, we turn to scales designed to measure teachers' *knowledge of students' thinking* in various fine-grained areas of the reading/language arts curriculum. As Table 1 shows, scales were constructed in the areas of word recognition/sight words, use of phonetic cues, use of context, picture, and syntactical cues, and monitors for meaning. In addition, we created an overall measure of teachers' knowledge of students' thinking from items in all of these domains.

Word Recognition/Sight Words

Table 7 shows the scale for measuring teachers' knowledge of students' thinking in the domain of word recognition/sight words. This scale was constructed from 12 different items appearing in 4 different scenarios. The scenarios presented teachers with cases of students reading passages from a grade-appropriate text and then asked teachers to determine if the depicted student: a) was exchanging visually similar sight words, b) was reading only words in his/her sight vocabulary, or c) was showing mastery of common sight words. Of the twelve items available for analysis, half were kept in the final scale (Table 7). The biserial correlation's range from 0.148 to 0.402, and the reliability for the scale is 0.486.

Table 7: Word Recognition/Sight Words – Knowledge of Students' Thinking									
	<i>Reliability = 0.486</i>								
<u>Items</u>	% Correct	Item-to-Scale Biserial		Item Content					
Kept									
A7F	0.231	0.205	•	diagnostic: exchanges visually- similar sight words					
A8F	0.200	0.402	•	diagnostic: exchanges visually- similar sight words					
A8I	0.515	0.148	•	diagnostic: only reads words in sight vocabulary					
B7I	0.439	0.323	•	diagnostic: only reads words in sight vocabulary					
B8B	0.754	0.317	•	diagnostic: mastery of common sight words					
B8I	0.456	0.327	•	diagnostic: only reads words in sight vocabulary					
Deleted									
A7B	0.545	0.055	•	diagnostic: mastery of common sight words					
A7I	0.585	-0.277	•	diagnostic: only reads words in sight vocabulary					
A8B	0.561	-0.489	•	diagnostic: mastery of common sight words					
B7B	0.464	0.105	•	diagnostic: mastery of common sight words					
B7F	0.246	-0.150	•	diagnostic: exchanges visually- similar sight words					
B8F	0.596	-0.284	•	diagnostic: exchanges visually- similar sight words					

Use of Phonetic Cues

A scale measuring teachers' knowledge of student thinking in the domain of students' use of phonetic cues was constructed from an additional 6 items from the same four scenarios just mentioned. In response to the passages, teachers were asked if students were: (a) proficient with consonant blends and/or b) relied too heavily on phonetic details. Table 8 shows that only three items were kept in this scale, and that the overall reliability for the scale was 0.374. This low reliability results in part from too few items in the scale, but it is also the case that the biserial correlation's for all six items in the analysis were low was well (ranging from -0.047 to 0.433). Looking at the p-values for these items, it appears that were better able to determine whether a student relies too heavily on phonetic details in comparison to determining whether a student was proficient with consonant blends.

Table 8: Use of Phonetic Cues – Knowledge of Students' Thinking						
		Reliability =	- 0.3	374		
<u>Items</u>	% Correct	Item-to-Scale Biserial		Item Content		
Kept						
B7A	0.246	0.373	•	diagnostic: proficient with consonant blends		
B7G	0.105	0.433	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on phonetic details		
B8G	0.789	0.121	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on phonetic details		
Deleted						
A7A	0.104	0.412	•	diagnostic: proficient with consonant blends		
A7G	0.789	-0.047	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on phonetic details		
A8G	0.697	-0.156	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on phonetic details		

Use of Context, Picture, and Syntactical Cues

We now move our analysis to teachers' knowledge of reading comprehension skills. In this area, the first fine-grained domain considered is teachers' knowledge of students' use of context, picture, and syntactical cues. Here, teachers were asked to determine whether the script of a student's attempt at reading various passages suggested that the student: a) uses knowledge of syntax, b) monitors for meaning, c) recognizes important content words, and/or d) relies too heavily on pictures and other context clues. The final scale is presented in Table 9 (next page). Of the original 16 items, 11 are retained, resulting in a scale with a reliability of 0.724. The biserial correlation's ranged from 0.358 to 0.615. All four items about the student "monitoring for meaning" and the four items regarding whether the student "uses knowledge of syntax" were kept in the final scale. Only two of the four items in the area of "recognizes important content words" are kept and only one "relies too heavily on pictures and other context set.

Table 9: Use of C	Table 9: Use of Context, Picture, and Syntactical Cues – Knowledge of Students' Thinking							
	<i>Reliability = 0.724</i>							
<u>Items</u>	% Correct	Item-to-Scale Biserial		Item Content				
Kept								
A7C	0.754	0.453	•	diagnostic: knowledge of syntax				
A7D	0.672	0.385	•	diagnostic: monitors for meaning				
A8C	0.547	0.407	•	diagnostic: knowledge of syntax				
A8D	0.788	0.615	•	diagnostic: monitors for meaning				
A8E	0.892	0.588	•	diagnostic: recognizes important content words				
A8H	0.667	0.473	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on pictures and other context clues				
B7C	0.807	0.505	•	diagnostic: knowledge of syntax				
B7D	0.702	0.415	•	diagnostic: monitors for meaning				
B8C	0.589	0.358	•	diagnostic: knowledge of syntax				
B8D	0.789	0.555	•	diagnostic: monitors for meaning				
B8E	0.839	0.637	•	diagnostic: recognizes important content words				
Deleted								
A7E	0.697	-0.108	•	diagnostic: recognizes important content words				
A7H	0.646	0.176	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on pictures and other context clues				
B7E	0.891	-0.053	•	diagnostic: recognizes important content words				
B7H	0.684	0.154	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on pictures and other context clues				
B8H	0.75	0.043	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on pictures and other context clues				

Monitors for Meaning

Table 10 presents results for a scale designed to measure teachers' knowledge of students' ability to monitor for meaning during reading. Here, four items were used. Table 10 shows that the scale reliability is 0.433. The biserial correlations range from 0.193 to 0.433.

Table 10: Monitors for Meaning – Knowledge of Students' Thinking							
		Reliability =	0.433				
<u>Items</u>	% Correct	Item-to-Scale	Item Content				
		Biserial					
Kept							
A7D	0.672	0.333	diagnostic: monitors for meaning				
A8D	0.781	0.433	diagnostic: monitors for meaning				
B7D	0.702	0.193	diagnostic: monitors for meaning				
B8D	0.789	0.158	diagnostic: monitors for meaning				

Overall Measure of Teachers' Knowledge of Students' Thinking

Our final scale combines items from the A7, A8, B7, and B8 series discussed above, along with additional items that could not be used in separate scales due to an insufficient number of items representing a specific curricular topic. These additional items include three items (AB6A, AB6B, AB6C) asking teachers to identify which sets of skills are more difficult for elementary students: a) identifying the vowel sound in "came" or ending consonant in "came", b) identifying story details or identifying the main idea, and c) identifying each phoneme in "bat" or identifying the syllables in "umbrella." It also includes items from the A14 and B15 series posing scenarios in which teachers are asked to recommend possible remediation strategies for students struggling with specific comprehension difficulties. Yet another teaching situation appears in the A11 series, where teachers are asked to assess the reading comprehension abilities of a particular student.

Table 11 (next page) shows that of the 47 items input for this analysis, 28 items were kept in the final scale (with 19 items deleted). Mostly due to the sheer number of items the reliability for this scale is 0.798. The biserial correlations range from 0.184 to 0.915. The four "monitoring for meaning" items and the four "uses knowledge of syntax" items from the A7, A8, B7, and B8 series remain in the scale. However, all of the other items from these series were deleted. Also, Table 11 shows that the final scale contains items AB6A, AB6C, A11B, A11D, and A11E.

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		Reliability =	= <i>0.1</i>	798
<u>Items</u>	% Correct	Item-to-Scale Biserial		Item Content
Kept				
AB6A	0.677	0.188	•	task difficulty: vowel sound/ending consonant
AB6C	0.781	0.406	•	task difficulty: identify phonemes/ identify syllables
A14A	0.968	0.588	•	diagnostic: comprehension skills
A7C	0.754	0.184	•	diagnostic: knowledge of syntax
A7D	0.672	0.262	•	diagnostic: monitors for meaning
A7G	0.844	0.224	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on phonetic details
A7H	0.646	0.342	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on pictures and other context clues
A8C	0.547	0.508	•	diagnostic: knowledge of syntax
A8D	0.788	0.636	•	diagnostic: monitors for meaning
A8E	0.892	0.915	•	diagnostic: recognizes important content words
A8F	0.200	0.338	•	diagnostic: exchanges visually-similar sight words
A8G	0.833	0.339	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on phonetic details
A8 H	0.667	0.254	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on pictures and other context clues
A8I	0.515	0.351	•	diagnostic: only reads words in sight vocabulary
B7A	0.246	0.453	•	diagnostic: proficient with consonant blends
B7C	0.807	0.366	•	diagnostic: uses knowledge of syntax
B7G	0.105	0.317	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on phonetic details
B7H	0.684	0.323	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on pictures and other context cues
B7I	0.439	0.383	•	diagnostic: only reads words in sight vocabulary
B8B	0.754	0.424	•	diagnostic: mastery of common sight words
B8C	0.589	0.540	•	diagnostic: uses knowledge of syntax
B8D	0.789	0.779	•	diagnostic: monitors for meaning
B8 E	0.839	0.842	•	diagnostic: recognizes important content words
B8G	0.789	0.496	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on phonetic details
B8I	0.456	0.605	•	diagnostic: only reads words in sight vocabulary
A11B	0.844	0.560	•	student has trouble moving beyond her background experience
A11D	0.583	0.301	•	student ignores critical facts
A11E	0.674	0.264	•	student misses overall noint of the text

Table 11 (cont.): All Items - Knowledge of Students' Thinking							
Deleted							
AB6B	0.677	-0.085	•	task difficulty: story details/ identify main idea			
A14B	0.956	-0.218	•	diagnostic: comprehension skills			
A15A	0.948	0.052	•	diagnostic: comprehension skills			
A15B	0.776	0.141	•	diagnostic: comprehension skills			
A7A	0.697	0.148	•	diagnostic: proficient with consonant blends			
A7B	0.545	-0.001	•	diagnostic: mastery of common sight words			
A7E	0.697	-0.117	•	diagnostic: recognizes important content words			
A7F	0.231	-0.314	•	diagnostic: exchanges visually-similar sight words			
A7I	0.585	0.136	•	diagnostic: only reads words in sight vocabulary			
A8B	0.561	-0.044	•	diagnostic: mastery of common sight words			
B7B	0.464	0.012	•	diagnostic: mastery of common sight words			
B7D	0.702	0.170	•	diagnostic: monitors for meaning			
B7E	0.891	-0.019	•	diagnostic: recognizes important content words			
B7F	0.246	-0.143	•	diagnostic: exchanges visually- similar sight words			
B8F	0.596	-0.306	•	diagnostic: exchanges visually- similar sight words			
B8H	0.750	-0.011	•	diagnostic: relies heavily on pictures and other context cues			
A11A	0.702	0.049	•	student gets lost in details			
A11C	0.646	-0.012	•	student did not understand question			
A11F	0.750	0.138	•	student did not read the text			