

How to use this Book

Picture Book Learning Skill Sheets are intended to be simple to understand, easy to use, and they can be used with almost any children's book. Each Skill Sheet has recommendations for use as described below:

- Skills** ☆ Each lesson lists the primary skill(s) included in the activity.
- Preparation** 📖 Some lessons require preparation such as writing on the Skill Sheet before copying it for students' use.
- Activity** ✏️ Each Skill Sheet comes with a recommended lesson that can be easily altered to meet students' needs.
- Example** 📄 Examples are provided to show how some Skill Sheets should be completed.
- Extension** 🗨️ Several lessons include ideas on how to enhance the skills taught within the activity.
- Notes & Ideas** Space is provided to record any custom ideas and specific books that work best with the activity.

For a teacher introducing Picture Book Learning Skill Sheets to a class, it may be helpful to complete an activity together a few times. Reading a picture book aloud and completing the Skill Sheet as a class allows students to understand what is expected while having guidance along the way. For younger students it may also be helpful to complete the Skill Sheet on an overhead projector with student input.

After students are comfortable with a Skill Sheet they can be grouped according to their reading level to complete the activity. More advanced readers can complete the Skill Sheet individually, average readers can work in small groups, and struggling readers can work more closely with the teacher.

The beauty of the Skill Sheets is that they can be reused with multiple books, so lessons can be reinforced without being repetitive. Another benefit is that a teacher can assign a Skill Sheet to the whole class and children can choose different books based on their interest and reading level.

Keep in mind that this book recommends many ways to use these Skill Sheets, but the lessons and activities can be adapted to fit the needs of any child.