



Canadian Adult Reading Assessment (CARA)

Reading assessments are an integral part of the learning process. The Canadian Adult Reading Assessment (CARA) has a dual purpose: you can determine the student's instructional reading level *and* how a student processes print and text. This practical, hands-on workshop will guide you through the steps of administering and interpreting CARA.

Have you ever wondered *how* students figure out unfamiliar words on a page? Some students prefer to sound out each letter while others seem to rely on guesswork. You will learn how to perform miscue analysis, a diagnostic tool that determines how a student processes print. Through miscue analysis, you can identify a student's reading pattern, which enables you to choose effective teaching strategies. We will also explore the reading patterns associated with a student's comprehension. If you are familiar with CARA, this workshop will answer questions you have always wanted to ask! You will leave this workshop, confident in your skills and ability to administer and interpret CARA.

Dr. Pat Campbell has over 30 years of experience in the field of adult basic education. Pat has worked as a reading specialist, program coordinator, researcher, adjunct professor, curriculum developer, author, and editor. Recently, she developed a culturally-specific placement assessment for Nunavut Arctic College. Pat is the founder of Grass Roots Press, a publishing house that specializes in hi-lo resources for adults. She lives on Salt Spring Island with her husband.