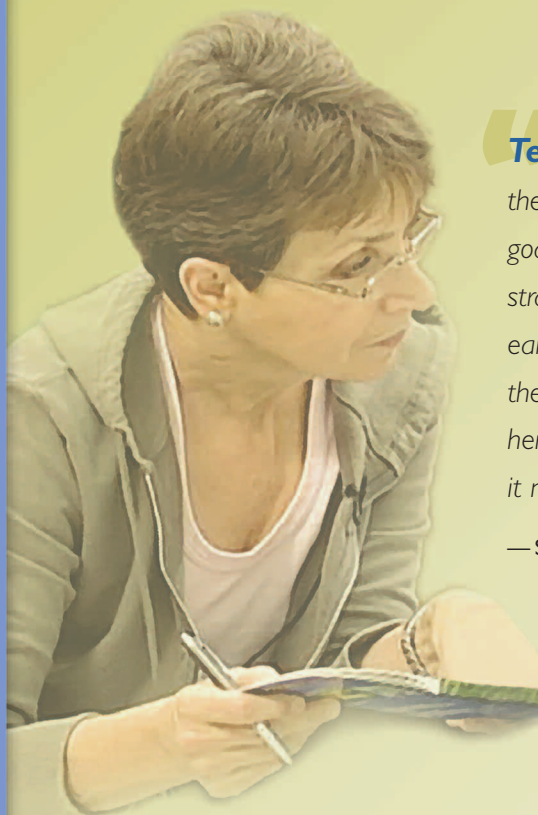


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“Teaching children to understand what they read and helping them write texts for others to comprehend should be our primary literacy goal. However, at the moment many school districts mistakenly equate strategy instruction with comprehension instruction. They focus too early and too much on the metacognitive strategies, often at the exclusion of other critical aspects of literacy. My goal here is to simplify the way we teach reading and make it more effective.”

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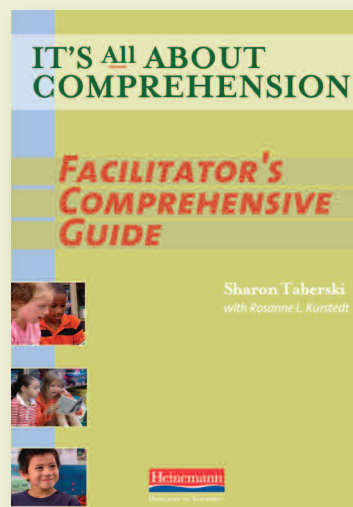
Comprehension instruction has become far too complicated, hasn't it?

In *It's All About Comprehension*, a professional development resource, Sharon Taberski simplifies comprehension instruction

She shows us that our first priority is to provide children with daily and abundant opportunities to read, write, and talk, and within that context demonstrate how accurate fluent reading, background knowledge, oral language and vocabulary, reading-writing connections, and a repertoire of strategies work together to scaffold comprehension. A teacher for 30 years, Taberski understands how overwhelming things can get in the classroom, especially in this current climate where teachers are being asked to do more without having anything taken away. Yet because of her clear vision, she's able to outline what's really important in helping children develop comprehension.

It's All About Comprehension is made up of succinct five- to ten-minute video clips of whole class, small group, and one-on-one instruction where Sharon Taberski clearly models effective ways to develop comprehension in real life classroom settings through exemplary teaching techniques.

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Taberski's hands-on approach centers on what she calls the "five key strands" of comprehension.

- **Accurate Fluent Reading**
When students recognize words at a glance and read fluently, their "brain space" is freed up for comprehension.
- **Background Knowledge**
Building background knowledge helps students acquire new information, which in turn helps them to infer meaning.
- **Oral Language & Vocabulary**
Providing students with opportunities to talk about texts with others allows them to understand a text's meaning. Vocabulary development enhances the depth of their understanding.
- **Reading-Writing Connections**
Readers who also write have a richer understanding of both processes.
- **Repertoire of Strategies**
Students need a repertoire of kid-friendly strategies to assist them. This repertoire includes: set a purpose for reading, ask questions and wonder, visualize, summarize, and more.

Each strand includes three sections of video:

- ❖ The **Overview** explains how the strand relates to teaching comprehension.
- ❖ The **Featured Conference** shows Taberski working one-on-one with a child.
- ❖ **Lessons in Action** presents footage of several strand lessons being taught to create a larger instructional framework.

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