



# Program Components

## Introduction

This guide looks at the program components of the Developmental Reading Assessment®, Second Edition, K–3 and 4–8.

First, it examines the contents of the DRA2 assessment kits. These kits contain all the materials needed to analyze student performance and conduct assessments. Next, it discusses some of the additional assessment tools used in conjunction with DRA2. Finally, it looks at technology resources that make the collection and management of student data easier.

## DRA2 Organizer

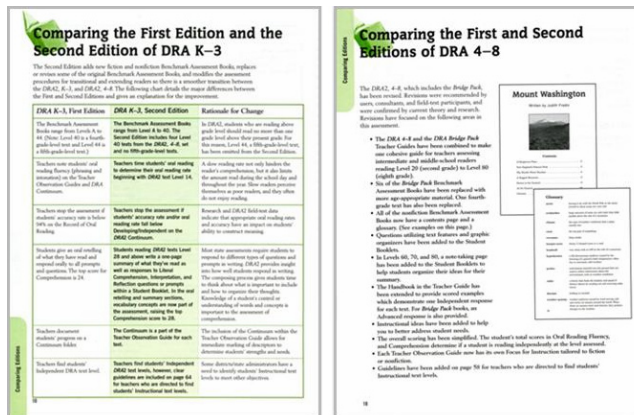
Each DRA2 kit includes a storage box with tabbed file folders organized by reading level and individual titles. It also includes

- a Teacher Guide;
- a collection of Benchmark Assessment Books;
- a Blackline Masters book and CD;
- the Student Reading Survey and Student Booklets for higher reading levels;
- student assessment folders for storing individual results;
- a laminated Assessment Procedures Overview Card for quick reference; and
- a clipboard with built-in timer and calculator.

## Teacher Guides

The Teacher Guides for DRA2 provide an overview of the development of the program. They explain the various components, administration guidelines, and reporting procedures. They also include helpful descriptions and examples of how to effectively score the assessments.

Teachers who are transitioning from the first to the second edition of DRA need to be aware of the changes and enhancements to the program. The new features are described in the front portion of the Teacher Guide labeled with a tab entitled *Comparing Editions*.



<b>Benchmark Assessment Books</b>	The Benchmark Assessment Books were developed to ensure grade-level appropriateness for the assessment. They range in text difficulty and include both fiction and nonfiction.
<b>Blackline Masters</b>	The Blackline Master Books and CDs include all of the DRA2 master forms for assessing student reading and recording progress over time. Photocopy these to use in the classroom use or print them directly from the CD.
<b>Teacher Observation Guides</b>	A Teacher Observation Guide has been developed for each Benchmark Assessment Book that directs you through each assessment. Each Teacher Observation Guide can be copied directly from the Blackline Masters CD. These guides provide detailed directions, questions, and prompts to use during the student-teacher conferences.
<b>DRA2 Continuum</b>	The DRA2 Continuum is part of the Teacher Observation Guide. It helps analyze students' level of performance in Reading Engagement, Oral Reading Fluency, and Comprehension. The descriptors in the Continuum indicate students' level of performance and suggest a level of support. There are continuums for both fiction and nonfiction Benchmark Assessment Books.
<b>Focus for Instruction</b>	Use the Focus for Instruction form, found on the last page of the Teacher Observation Guide, to determine what students need to learn next. This form has a checklist of learning activities and experiences based on the same categories used in the Continuum. These categories are Reading Engagement, Oral Reading Fluency, and Comprehension.
<b>Student Booklets</b>	Student Booklets give students an opportunity to organize and write their thoughts about what they read. This part of the assessment allows them to express their ideas in written form. Student Booklets accompany the Benchmark Assessment Books in levels 28–40 in Grades K–3 and in all levels for Grades 4–8.
<b>Student Reading Survey</b>	Student Reading Surveys allow assessment of the students' degree of reading engagement. Students respond to questions on this survey in the areas of Wide Reading and Self-Assessment or Goal Setting. There are three versions of the Student Reading Survey. They include one for levels 28–40 in K–3, one for Grades 4–5, and one for Grades 6–8.
<b>Student Book Graph</b>	The Student Book Graph helps monitor students' progress on their independent reading level. Compare this progress to benchmarks from previous years. The shaded area represents below grade-level performance. This form is found in both the Blackline Masters book and also on the back of each Student Assessment Folder.
<b>Class Reporting Forms</b>	The Class Reporting Forms provide the school or district with accountability and tracking of student scores. These forms are found in the Blackline Masters Book.
<b>Student Assessment Form/Folder</b>	The Student Assessment Forms, printed on the Student Assessment Folders, provide a way to track the assessment date, grade, DRA2 text level, fiction or nonfiction text, and grade-level performance. Record

this information over time. There is also a copy of the same form in the Blackline Master Book and CD.

**Focus for Instruction Class Profile**

The Focus for Instruction Class Profile form assists with grouping students based on specific abilities and needs. It is also useful for providing a classroom overview of targeted growth and differentiated instruction.

**Bridge Pack**

The Bridge Pack is now integrated in Grades 4–8. It consists of eight Benchmark Assessment Books, corresponding Teacher Observation Guides, and other assessment forms for DRA Levels 20–38. These Observation Guides are in the Teacher Guide. These materials allow teachers to accurately assess intermediate and middle school students who are reading below grade level. Based on that information, teachers can plan an appropriate reading program for them.

**Other DRA2 Assessments**

There are a few additional assessments that can be used in conjunction with DRA2.

**EDL2**

EDL<sup>®</sup>2 is the Spanish edition of DRA2 and is available for Grades K–6. This program can be used with Spanish-speaking students in dual language, bilingual, or immersion classrooms.

**Word Analysis**

Word Analysis is a diagnostic tool that is used to systematically observe how struggling and emerging readers recognize and work with the components of spoken and written words. This assessment tool helps identify students’ areas of weakness and tailor instruction accordingly. It is available only with Grades K–3. It comes with a Teacher Guide, a Student Assessment Book, and a Training CD.

**Technology Resources**

Additional technology resources include the Online Management System, the DRA2 Handheld, and the Online Writer.

**DRA2 Online Management System**

The DRA2 Online Management System is a powerful tool designed to help teachers and school districts efficiently and effectively analyze, report, and archive DRA2 assessment data. For more detail on the use of DRA2 Online, look for the appropriate tutorial on this Web site.

The screenshot shows the 'Teacher Home' interface for DRA2 ONLINE. It features a 'Class Overview' table for the 'Spring 2006 Assessment Period'. The table lists student names, grades, DRA2 Reading Levels, DRA2 Reading Ranges, Assessment Status, Last Assessment, Student Assessment, and Student Reports. The data is as follows:

Student Name	Grade	DRA2 Reading Level	DRA2 Reading Range	Assessment Status	Last Assessment	Student Assessment	Student Reports
Becker, Guy	3rd Grade	28	Extending	In Progress	06-22-2006	[Icon]	[Icon]
Cano, Mike A.	--	--	--	Not Started	--	[Icon]	[Icon]
DeGis, Leanne	--	--	--	Not Started	--	[Icon]	[Icon]
Dwarris, Andy	--	--	--	Not Started	--	[Icon]	[Icon]
Parks, Anthony	--	--	--	Not Started	--	[Icon]	[Icon]
Smith, Amy	5th Grade	30	Extending	Complete	06-20-2006	[Icon]	[Icon]
Ulton, Miguel A.	Kindergarten	2	Emergent	In Progress	06-22-2006	[Icon]	[Icon]

**DRA2 Handheld**

The DRA2 Handheld is available from Tango Software™ Edition on select Palm OS devices. DRA2 Handheld archives, manages, and reports DRA2 data. The Handheld helps eliminate paperwork, save time, provide immediate feedback, and ensure consistent administration of assessments.

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**Online Writer**

With the DRA2 Online Management System, there is an option to use the Online Writer digital pen solution powered by Anoto®. The pen records writing on specially printed Teacher Observation Guides. When an assessment is completed, return the pen to its holder and the data is automatically uploaded to the DRA2 Online Management System.

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**Review**

This guide discussed the components of DRA2, such as the Teacher Guides and the Benchmark Assessment Books. Next, it looked at the additional assessments available to use with DRA2. Finally, it explained examples of DRA2 technology resources that can be used to enhance the program's effectiveness in the classroom.