COCA
Scoring Guide

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Assigning a Score

**Step 1**
Read the Scoring Guide target response and sample responses to determine a score of 0, 1, or 2 for the student’s response.

*If the student’s answer is not easily categorized it may be necessary to:*
  a. Reread the rationales for each of the score designations 0, 1, and 2.
  b. Use the rationale to assign a score for student’s response.
  c. Add the student’s response to the scoring guide for future reference.

**Step 2**
If the prompt was reread (this is indicated by a check in the ReRd/Fol-up column on the student score sheet) subtract one from the score unless otherwise directed in the Scoring Guide. (**See note below.**)

**Step 3**
Record the final score in the un-shaded box in the row for the item.

**Step 4**
Repeat Steps 1-3 for each item.

**Reducing the student’s score because an item is reread is not meant to imply that rereading is not a good strategy; in fact, we endorse rereading as a strategy. However, for the purposes of this assessment it is important to make a distinction between students who give the correct answer immediately and those who require rereading to get the correct answer.**

Tallying Scores

**Step 1**
Tally the scores for each column. These scores represent the student’s performance in each of the four dimensions.

- **V:** Vocabulary Knowledge & Vocabulary Strategies
- **CS:** Comprehension Strategies
- **TF:** Text Features
- **GCT:** Graphics in the Context of Text

**Step 2**
Combine the scores for each dimension to determine an overall score for the assessment.

Scoring Guidelines and Suggestions

It is important to score consistently. Therefore it is important to document any scoring decisions for student answers that are not listed or clearly related to the sample responses for future reference.

Each item on the scoring guide is labeled indicating what dimension is being assessed. Knowing the dimension should help in thinking about student responses that are not represented in the guide.

Scoring all of the assessed students’ responses for one item at a time may improve scoring consistency.

**NOTE:** In the scoring guide the vocabulary items are designated V-K for vocabulary knowledge and V-S for vocabulary strategies. All fall under the Vocabulary dimension.
Dragonflies

Scoring Guide
### Target Response/Rationale

**Note:** This item includes a mandatory follow-up prompt based on the student’s first response. Use the score guides to assign a score of 0, 1, or 2 to the student’s answer. Do NOT deduct one point if the prompt is used.

- Student explains that this book is a non-fiction or information book.
- Student labels the book with an appropriate category or connects the book to science or learning.
- Student response is too vague.
- Student provides no answer.
- Student explains that the book tells about a dragonfly’s life or life cycle or responds with multiple stages of the lifecycle.
- Student response reports one characteristic or action or movement of dragonflies.
- Student response is too vague.
- Student provides no answer.

### Scoring Rubrics/Examples of Acceptable Responses

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| Page 3 | 3 (TF) | Student explains that a Table of Contents helps a reader locate specific information because it provides page numbers for specific content. **Content and page must be included in the answer.**

**OR**
Student gives appropriate examples of locating specific content on specific pages.

| 2 | • To look at ‘what you want to learn’ go across and find the page number and go to that page.
• You can read about eggs on page 4, etc.
• Tells what pages the chapters(*content*) are on
• To find stuff on a page so you know where it is
• To help you find the page you want |

| 1 | • To see what to learn about
• To show where all the pages are
• Gives ideas of what the book is about
• The numbers tell you the pages.
• What chapters there are
• To find what section it is
• Like an index, it tells you what it’s going to tell you about so you can know where to go. |

| 0 | • To find stuff
• Parts of a book |

| Page 4 | 4 (TF) | Student integrates information from the picture and the text and explains that this is a picture of an egg on a pond plant.

| 2 | • An egg on a pond plant
• A dragonfly egg on a pond plant
• Eggs on a plant |

| 1 | • A leaf, water
• Weeds and plants
• An egg
• Where the eggs are
• Leaf
• Where dragonflies lay eggs *(only includes eggs and does not specifically identify the location)*
• Flower |

**AFTER the FOLLOW-UP PROMPT**
• Correctly points to the egg on the pond plant |

<p>| 0 | <strong>OR</strong> Student provides an explanation that does not relate to the picture or text. |</p>
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|       |         | Student points to the word **nymph** or tries to pronounce or sound the word out. | 1 | • Student points to the word nymph.  
|       |         | • Student tries to sound out the word nymph. |
|       |         | Student responds with a word other than **nymph**.  
|       |         | OR  
|       |         | Student provides no answer. | 0 | • Baby dragonfly |
| Page 6 | 6 (GCT) | Student identifies the picture that matches the text (UPPER right-hand picture). | 2 | Student points to the UPPER right-hand picture. |
|       |         | Student points to the LOWER right-hand picture.  
|       |         | OR  
|       |         | Student points to the UPPER left-hand picture. |
|       |         | Student points to the incorrect picture.  
|       |         | OR  
|       |         | Student provides no answer. | 0 | Student points to the LOWER left-hand picture. |
| Page 7 | 7 (V-S) | Student provides the correct word, **molting**, and the correct definition of molting. The answer must mention getting rid of old skin. | 2 | • Molting, and it means shedding its old skin and showing new skin  
|       |         | • Molting and the skin peels (falls) off  
|       |         | • Molting; gets out of old skin |
|       |         | Student provides the correct word, molting OR a correct definition of molting.  
|       |         | OR  
|       |         | AFTER the FOLLOW-UP PROMPT  
|       |         | Student provides the correct definition of molting. | 1 | • It changes skin  
|       |         | • Peeling its skin off  
|       |         | • Molting *(student does not provide definition)*  
|       |         | • Molting, and it means it is growing and has new skin  
|       |         | • It means they shed and get bigger  
|       |         | • Molting- they’re shedding *(doesn’t mention skin)*  
|       |         | OR  
|       |         | AFTER the FOLLOW-UP PROMPT  
|       |         | • It means shedding its old skin and showing new skin |
|       |         | Student responds with a word other than **molting** and an incorrect definition of molting.  
|       |         | OR  
|       |         | Student provides no answer. | 0 | • Getting out of shells |
| Page 9  | 8 (CS) | Student explains the process for how the wings get larger using words from the text or synonyms that come close to the words in the text. | 2 | • The abdomen becomes smaller because fluid goes into the wings and the wings get bigger.  
• Blood is squeezed into the wings and they get bigger and the abdomen gets smaller.  
• Tells about how the abdomen gets smaller and the wings get bigger  
• The abdomen is getting bigger first, then the fluid pumps to the wings. |

|  |  | Student describes part of the process or describes what has happened without explaining how or why it has happened. | 1 | • The dragonfly wings are getting bigger.  
• The abdomen is big and then it gets smaller.  
• How a nymph turns into a dragonfly  
• The wings and the abdomen  
• How the abdomen gets smaller |

|  |  | Student provides an incorrect explanation.  
OR Student provides no answer. | 0 | • A dragonfly is popping out of an abdomen.  
• Wings  
• Abdomen  
• Metamorphosis  
• What it looks like as soon as it comes out and what it looks like after a little while |

| Page 10 | 9 (V-K) | Student provides the correct signal word: **then** or **next** | 2 | Then  
Next |

|  |  | Student provides a word that is grammatically correct and makes sense but is not the signal word **then** or **next.** | 1 | • And  
• Now  
• Suddenly  
• Soon |

|  |  | Student provides an incorrect word or a word that doesn’t fit grammatically.  
OR Student provides no answer. | 0 | • Slowly (*Slowly is already part of this sentence.*)  
• First  
• finally |
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<td>• Spiracles- where they breathe <em>(This identifies the word and breathing but does not include that spiracles are holes.)</em></td>
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<td>• They see with their eyes from many directions and they fly away.</td>
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<td>• From their big eyes</td>
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<td>• They get away real quick and danger can’t catch them.</td>
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<td>• Types</td>
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<td>• Species (<em>a technical word that is used to identify groups</em>)</td>
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| Pages | 15 (GCT) | Student uses the text and diagrams on these two pages to provide **two or three** examples of how a dragonfly and a damselfly are different. See the complete list below.  
- Eyes on top of head/eyes on side of head  
- Wings open while resting/ wings folded while resting  
- Short thick abdomen/ long thing abdomen  
- Wings wide at the base/wings narrow at the base  
- Gills in abdomen/gills in feather tail | 2 | - 1. Eyes on top of head/eyes on side of head  
- 2. Wings open while resting/ wings folded while resting  
- 3. Short thick abdomen/ long thing abdomen  

| | | Student provides one difference between a dragonfly and a damselfly from the list provided above. **OR**  
Student only describes characteristics of a dragonfly or only describes a damselfly. **OR**  
Student mentions abdomen, eyes, and wings, but does not explain what/how these characteristics are different in dragonflies and damselflies. | 1 | - Their eyes and wings are different.  
- The eyes, the wings and the tail part  

| | | Student provides incorrect examples of differences. **OR**  
Student provides no answer. | 0 | - They have dots on the top of their head.  
- Dragonflies have more colors than damselflies.  

| Pages | 16 (GCT) | Student explains that the labels and pictures for forests and deserts do not match. **The student’s answer must convey that the pictures or labels are switched.** | 2 | - The pictures for forest should go with this word and the picture for deserts should go here.  
- The pictures don’t match the words.  
- Pictures are switched on left and right  

| | | Student explains that **ONE** label and picture (forests **OR** deserts) do not match. | 1 | - A forest doesn’t look like this; it looks like that (student points to the picture above the word desert).  
- Deserts don’t have trees. The forest looks like a desert.  

| | | Student provides an incorrect explanation of what is strange on this page. **OR**  
Student provides no answer. | 0 | - There are dragonflies in every picture.  

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| Page | 17 | Note: This item includes a modified follow-up prompt based on the student’s first response. Use the score guides to assign a score of 0, 1, or 2 to the student’s answer. Do NOT deduct one point if the prompt is used.  
Student provides the title of an informational text.  
**OR**  
Student provides details of experiences that would help make sense of this text. These experiences should be rich. That is they are more than just seeing dragonflies in the wild or a casual sighting at a museum. |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | Text references:  
- A dragonfly book (*This is too generic and provides no description of content.*)  
- Put Me in the Zoo (*fiction book not related to dragonflies*)  
**Experiences with dragonflies:**  
- I saw a dragonfly once. (*This is not a rich explanation or interaction with a dragonfly that might support comprehension of this text*) |
| 1 | Text references:  
- a book that shows you what a body looks like on the inside  
- a bird book for people who watch birds and how they fly  
- student provides examples of other texts used for the COCA  
- The Dragonfly Door (an exact title of a fiction book that is about dragonflies)  
- Video text (*For example, a National Geographic nature video*)  
**Experience with dragonflies:**  
- I saw a dragonfly when we were camping (*The explanation provides a context for the event but the child did not interact with the dragonfly over time.*) |
| 2 | Titles of informational books—for example:  
- All About Dragonflies  
**Rich relevant first hand experience with dragonflies:**  
- I went to Bug Camp and we learned about dragonflies.  
- Our class did a report about insects |
| 19 (CS) |  | Student provides examples of content in an informational text.  
**OR**  
Student provides an *exact title* of a fiction book about dragonflies.  
**OR**  
Student mentions seeing or hearing about dragonflies but the experience does not indicate a rich interaction around dragonflies. |
|  |  | Student response does not include references to informational text titles or rich experiences with dragonflies.  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer. |
### Glossary

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Student can provide a definition of glossary or give an appropriate example from the glossary to explain that it is a source for words and the meanings of words.

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| 2     | - It tells the meaning of words.  
- If you see a boldfaced word in the text you can come here and find out what the word means.  
- To learn what things mean  
- To look up words you might not know  
- You use it if you don’t know what a word means.  
- To help you understand the hard words |
| 1     | - It tells you stuff you didn’t know about dragonflies.  
- If you want to learn about dragonflies.  
- It helps you spell words.  
- Tells about a word  
- To find out what nymph is |
| 0     | - Like a table of contents  
- Parts of story  
- It is for words.  
- It tells things in a book.  
- It tells things about it.  
- It tells more information.  
**AFTER the FOLLOW-UP PROMPT**  
- Read the book. |

OR

Student explains that a glossary provides additional information about the content of the book. Student has beginning understanding of the use of glossary.

**OR**

**AFTER the FOLLOW-UP PROMPT**

Student explains how to use the book to find out what words should be written next to the word *molting.*

OR

Student provides an incorrect explanation.

**OR**

Student provides no answer.

**AFTER the FOLLOW-UP PROMPT**

- You can go to the page that tells about molting. *(page 7)*  
- The student demonstrates going back to page 7 and explains that this page in the book would help you know what to write next to molting.
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| 21 (TF) | | Student explains that an index is a text feature that helps locate information in the text. Explanation includes reference to content and page.  
**OR**  
Student gives appropriate examples of how to use the index to locate information. |
| | | • If you want to read about eggs you go to page 4.  
• An index is so you don’t have to read the whole book to find out what you want to know about. You just find the word and it tells you what page to go to.  
• It helps you find what you want to know about—it is kind of like a table of contents but it is in ABC order.  
• You usually use it for looking up facts and what pages things are on.  
• Chapters and words on side and the pages they’re on |
| | | Student demonstrates a beginning understanding of how an index is used but the explanation lacks detail. Explanation only includes reference to content OR page. |
| | | • It tells where the pages are so you can find the page you want.  
• It is kind of like a table of contents but it is in ABC order.  
• Where the different pages are  
• Pages  
• Page numbers |
| | | Student provides an inaccurate explanation.  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer. |
| | | • Tells you about what you just saw  
• To look up the number  
• You know how many times in book the author writes the words. |
Salmon

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| 3    | 1 (CS) | Note: This item includes a mandatory follow-up prompt based on the student’s first response. Use the score guides to assign a score of 0, 1, or 2 to the student’s answer. Do NOT deduct one point if the prompt is used. | 2  
Student explains that the book tells about a salmon’s life or life cycle or responds with multiple stages of the lifecycle. |
|      |      |                           |      |
|      |      |                           |      |
| 3    | 2 (GCT) | Student identifies the picture that matches the text (the picture on the left). | 2  
Student points to the correct picture.  
- Picture on the left |
|      |      |                           |      |
|      |      |                           |      |
|      |      |                           |      |
| 3    | 3 (GCT) | Student identifies the picture that matches the text (the picture on the left). | 1  
(A score of one is only possible when the text is reread and the student chooses the correct picture.) |
|      |      |                           |      |
| 4    | 2 (GCT) | Student identifies the picture that matches the text (the picture on the left). | 2  
Student points to the correct picture.  
- Picture on the left |
|      |      |                           |      |
| 4    | 3 (GCT) | Student identifies the picture that matches the text (the picture on the left). | 1  
(A score of one is only possible when the text is reread and the student chooses the correct picture.) |
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|      |      |                           |      |
|      |      |                           |      |

Student points to the incorrect picture.  
OR  
Student provides no answer.
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| 6    | 3 (TF) | Student identifies or recognizes a pronunciation guide as a tool for pronouncing or sounding out a word. | 2     | - Student points to the pronunciation guide for the word amphibians.  
- Student demonstrates how to use a pronunciation guide (student reads the chunks)  
- Student explains how the pronunciation guide works: *It shows you how to say it little bit by little bit.*  
- Student explains: *It shows the chunks.*  
- Student gives location: *It is the sounds under the word.*  

Student provides another strategy for pronouncing an unknown word.  
**OR**  
Student points to a label  

**OR**  
Student provides an irrelevant answer.  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer.  

1     | - You can break it into little pieces (*Scored as a 1 because student does not connect it to the guide on the page.*)  
- You can sound it out  
- Student points to a label on this page instead of the pronunciation guide.  
- Points to word, but not the pronunciation guide  

0     | - The printing on the page  
- Read the words  
- The captions  

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| 7    |        | Student provides the correct word: zooplankton. | 2     | Zooplankton  

Student points to the word *zooplankton or tries to pronounce or sound the word out.*  

1     | - Student points to *zooplankton*  
- plankton  

Student responds with a word other than *zooplankton*  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer.  

0     | - Food  

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| Student **tries to pronounce the word minnows**  
  OR  
  Student gives a synonym or definition for minnows. | 1  
  - Small fish  
  - Other fish |
| Student responds with a word other than **minnows**.  
  OR  
  Student provides no answer. | 0  
  - Salmon |
| **Pages 9/10**  
  **Student provides 3 ways that salmon change as explained in the text.**  
  - Bodies become larger  
  - Dark spots disappear  
  - Scales on their bodies turn silver | **2**  
  - Dark spots turn silver and they look yellow/blue and silver and they get bigger  
  - Spots disappear, they grow, turn silver |
| **Student provides 1 or 2 ways that salmon change as explained in the text.** | **1**  
  - They get bigger, gray, smaller gills (*gills are not included in the text*)  
  - Spots go away, gills grow smaller, and body turns silver  
  - They have black dots on this page and they get shinier on this page  
  - Dark spots on their bodies disappear  
  - They turn silver and it goes to the sea  
  - Spots go away and scales turn gold |
| **Student response is incomplete, does not provide enough detail, or mentions information that is NOT included in the text.**  
  OR  
  **Student provides no answer.** | **0**  
  - This one is brown and this one is yellow  
  - It turns light browning stuff, fins, scales |
| Page 12 (V-S) | 7 | Student provides the correct word: **carnivores**.  
Student tries to pronounce **carnivores**  
**OR**  
After the prompt the student provides a **definition of carnivores**.  
Student responds with a word other than **carnivores**.  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer.  
| 2 | Carnivores |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | 1 | AFTER the PROMPT  
• Animals that only eat other animals |
| Page 13 (V-K) | 8 | Student provides the correct word: **years**.  
Student does not provide the word **years**, but does provide a word that indicates units of time.  
Student responds with a word other than **years** or a word that does not indicate units of time.  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer.  
| 2 | Years |
|  |  | 1 |  
• months  
• days  
• weeks |
| Page 14 (GCT) | 9 | Student explains that the arrows and the text do not match on this page. The arrows are pointing in the wrong direction.  
Student explains that something is wrong with the arrows but the reasoning is incorrect or missing.  
Student provides an explanation that does not include the arrows.  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer.  
| 2 |  
• The salmon start here and then go to the rivers and the arrows point here to where they start.  
• The arrows are going in the opposite route  
• Salmon are going back where they were babies, NOT staying in the ocean.  
• The arrows are pointing up here.  
• The arrows that tell where the salmon are going.  
• The arrows  
• The arrows are pointing to the pacific ocean  
• They go to the rivers to lay their eggs  
• They are first going to the ocean; now they’re going to the streams  
• States are in different places |
| Page 15 | 10 (GCT) | Student provides the words that label the picture: **bears** and **eagles** | 2 | • Bears and eagles  
• Bears and birds  
• Bears and hawks (or another bird of prey) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | | Student provides one correct word: **bears** or **eagles**. | 1 | • Bears  
• Birds  
• Eagles  
• Bear and robins (*or other bird that is not a bird of prey*) |
| | | Student provides incorrect words.  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer. | 0 | • Dogs and parrots |
| Page 16 | 11 (CS) | Student provides a word that describes a salmon that has not eaten for a long time. | 2 | • hungry  
• skinny  
• thin  
• weak  
• fragile |
| | | Student provides a word that is grammatically correct and makes sense but does not relate to not eating. | 1 | • red  
• different colors  
• pink  
• colorful |
| | | Student provides an irrelevant word or a word that doesn’t fit grammatically.  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer. | 0 | • healthy  
• big  
• full  
• dark |
| Page  | 12 (GCT) | Student explains that the arrows and pictures do not work together to portray the correct sequence for growing salmon. **The student’s answer must convey that the pictures or arrows must be changed or are backwards.** | 2 | • The arrows go the wrong way  
• The arrows are backwards  
• It’s supposed to go the other way; the arrows are supposed to go clockwise.  
• The arrows are supposed to go this way (*points to show the way arrows should go)*  
Student explains that something is wrong with the arrows **or** with the order of the pictures but the reasoning is incorrect or missing. | 1 | • Eggs—they say that they go right from eggs to adults but they don’t.  
• They are going in the wrong order (*doesn’t explain what is in the wrong order and does not include arrows.*)  
Student provides an explanation that does not include the arrows.  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer. | 0 | • They look different on every square  
• It keeps going and going and going |
| Page  | 20 (V-K) | Student provides a technical (Tier II) word that is grammatically correct and that correctly identifies the work that a herpetologist might be doing in this picture. | 2 | • studying  
• investigating  
• researching  
Student provides a grammatically correct word that makes sense but is not a technical (Tier II) word. | 1 | • watching  
• looking at  
• discovering  
• finding  
• testing  
Student provides a word that is not grammatically correct and does not make sense.  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer. | 0 | • learning  
• making  
• thinking |
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|         |         | Student provides a word that is grammatically correct and makes sense. | 1 | • part  
|         |         |                                                   |   | • warmth  
|         |         |                                                   |   | • heat    |
|         |         | Student provides an incorrect word or a word that doesn’t fit grammatically. **OR**  
|         |         | Student provides no answer.                      | 0 | • cold  
|         |         |                                                   |   | • inside body  
|         |         |                                                   |   | • hot  
|         |         |                                                   |   | • blood |

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|         |         | Student provides a word that is grammatically correct and makes sense. | 1 | • things  
|         |         |                                                   |   | • pieces  
|         |         |                                                   |   | • parts of body (*because body comes right before the blank*)  
|         |         |                                                   |   | • bones |
|         |         | Student provides an irrelevant word or a word that doesn’t fit grammatically. **OR**  
|         |         | Student provides no answer.                      | 0 | • sizes  
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|   |   | **Student provides titles of informational texts that they have read.**  
**OR**  
Student provides details of experiences that would help make sense of this text. These experiences should be rich. That is they are more than just seeing salmon in the wild or a casual sighting at a museum. |
|   |   | **2 Titles of informational books**—for example:  
- The Life Cycle of the Salmon  
- Salmon Stream |
|   |   | **Rich relevant first hand experience with salmon:**  
- We went fishing in Lake Michigan with my uncle and we caught lots of big fish. |
|   |   | **Student provides examples of content in an informational text.**  
**OR**  
Student provides an exact title of a fiction book about salmon.  
**OR**  
Student mentions seeing or hearing about salmon but the experience does not indicate a rich interaction around salmon. |
|   |   | **1 Text references:**  
- A Salmon for Simon, a story about a boy who catches a fish  
- A book about all different kinds of fish  
- Student provides examples of other texts used for the COCA  
- Video text  
- Our science book  
**Experience with fish:**  
- I saw a fish when we went in a boat. *(The explanation provides a context for the event but the child did not interact with the salmon over time.)* |
|   |   | **Student response does not include references to informational text titles or rich experiences with salmon.**  
**OR**  
Student provides no answer. |
|   |   | **0 Text references:**  
- a salmon book *(too generic and no description of content)*  
- Put Me in the Zoo *(fiction book not related to salmon)*  
**Experiences with salmon**  
- I saw a salmon once. *(not a rich explanation or interaction with a salmon that supports comprehension of this text)*  
- I like to eat salmon. |
| Page 24 | 17 (V-S) | Student can provide a definition of glossary or give an appropriate example from the glossary to explain that it is a source for words and the meanings of words. | 2 | - It tells the meaning of words.  
- If you see a boldfaced word in the text you can come here and find out what the word means.  
- To learn what things mean  
- Look up words you might not know  
- You use it if you don’t know what a word means.  
- To help you understand the hard words |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | | Student explains that a glossary provides additional information about the content of the book. | 1 | - It tells you stuff that you didn’t know about salmon.  
- It tells information about salmon.  
- If you want to learn about something.  
- Spelling  
- Tells about a word |
| | | Student provides an incorrect explanation. OR Student provides no answer. | 0 | - Like a table of contents  
- Parts of story  
- For words  
- Things in a book  
- Tells more things about it  
- Tells you what it’s talking about |
| Page 24 | 18 (V-S) | Note: This item includes a modified follow-up prompt based on the student’s first response. Use the score guides to assign a score of 0, 1, or 2 to the student’s answer. Do NOT deduct one point if the prompt is used. | 2 | - Baby salmon  
- Salmon that’s born  
- Newborn salmon |
| | | Student provides an accurate definition of the word **alevins**: baby salmon | | |
| | | Student’s explanation is not as explicit but includes an indication that an **alevin** has something to do with salmon OR **AFTER the PROMPT**: Student explains how to use the book to find out what words should be written next to the word **alevin**. (Page 6). | 1 | - Part of a salmon  
- Small fish  
**AFTER the PROMPT**  
- You can go to the page that tells about alevins. (page 6)  
- The student demonstrates going back to page 6 and explains that this page in the book would help you know what to write next to alevins. |

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**Student provides an inaccurate definition.**

**OR**

**Student provides no answer.**

0  
- Like salmon
- Fish

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**Page 25**

**Note: This item includes a modified follow-up prompt based on the student’s first response. Use the score guides to assign a score of 0, 1, or 2 to the student’s answer. Do NOT deduct one point if the prompt is used.**

Student explains that an index is a text feature that helps locate information in the text. Can give an example.

2  
- If you want to read about eggs you go to page 1 or 2.
- An index is so you don’t have to read the whole book to find out what you want to know about. You just find the word and it tells you what page to go to.
- It helps you find what you want to know about—it is kind of like a table of contents but it is in ABC order.
- You usually use it for looking up facts and what pages things on.
- Chapters, words on side and pages they’re on

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Student demonstrates a beginning understanding of how an index is used but the explanation lacks detail.

**OR**

**AFTER the PROMPT**

Student explains how to use the book to find out what number should be written next to the word enemies.

1  
- It tells where the pages are so you can find the page you want.
- It is kind of like a table of contents but it is in ABC order.
- Where the different pages are
- Pages
- Find pages
- To see what pages stuff is on

**OR**

**AFTER the PROMPT**

- You can go to the page that tells about enemies. *(page 15)*
- The student demonstrates going back to page 15 and explains that this page in the book would help you know what number to put next to enemies.

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Student provides an inaccurate explanation.

**OR**

**Student provides no answer.**

0  
- Tells you about what you just saw.
- To look up the number
- Tells you all the things that were on the table of contents. *(Does not mention pages or content.)*