

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**CLASSROOM MAGAZINES**

**Action® Reinforces Reading and Writing Skills**



**A**ction magazine teaches and reinforces essential reading and writing skills for middle and high school remedial and below-level readers (reading level: grades 3-5). *Action* is comprised of a variety of high-interest texts, including nonfiction articles, true teen features, celebrity interviews, dramatic plays, and life skills lessons which serve teenagers' academic and personal needs and interests. Through these leveled appropriate texts, students can practice their fundamental reading and writing skills in a motivating and enjoyable manner.

The following essential skills are addressed in *Action*:

**WRITING**

- Experience writing as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Practice note-taking skills.
- Write persuasive paragraphs or essays.
- Practice writing different genres, including:
  - Personal narratives
  - Nonfiction
  - Opinion pieces
  - Letters
  - Interviews
- Practice grammar skills, such as:
  - Sentence structure
  - Punctuation
  - Parts of speech
  - Spelling
- Practice answering written questions about the text.
- Use graphic organizers.
- Build writing stamina.

**READING COMPREHENSION**

- Use relevant and high interest texts to:
  - Experience reading as an enjoyable and practical activity
  - Practice basic reading skills
- Read a variety of genres within one issue:
  - Nonfiction
  - Dramatic plays
  - Opinion pieces/debates
  - Interviews
- Practice fluency through read-alouds.
- Practice comprehension strategies, such as:
  - Predicting
  - Finding the main idea
  - Fact and opinion
  - Cause and effect
  - Making inferences
  - Making connections to the text
- Answer questions based on the text.
- Practice reading and using a variety of nonfiction features, such as:
  - Diagrams
  - Headlines
  - Columns
  - Captions
  - Charts, graphs, and maps
- Read about topics across different curricular subjects, including:
  - Current events
  - Science and technology
  - Social studies and government



## Action Skills Development for Grades 6–12 (Reading Level 3–5)

### LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Read dramatic plays and articles aloud independently.
- Practice conversation skills through discussions of the text.
- Practice communication and public speaking skills through debates.
  - Present an opinion with supporting information
- Practice dictionary and pronunciation skills.
- Practice listening skills through read-alouds.

### VOCABULARY

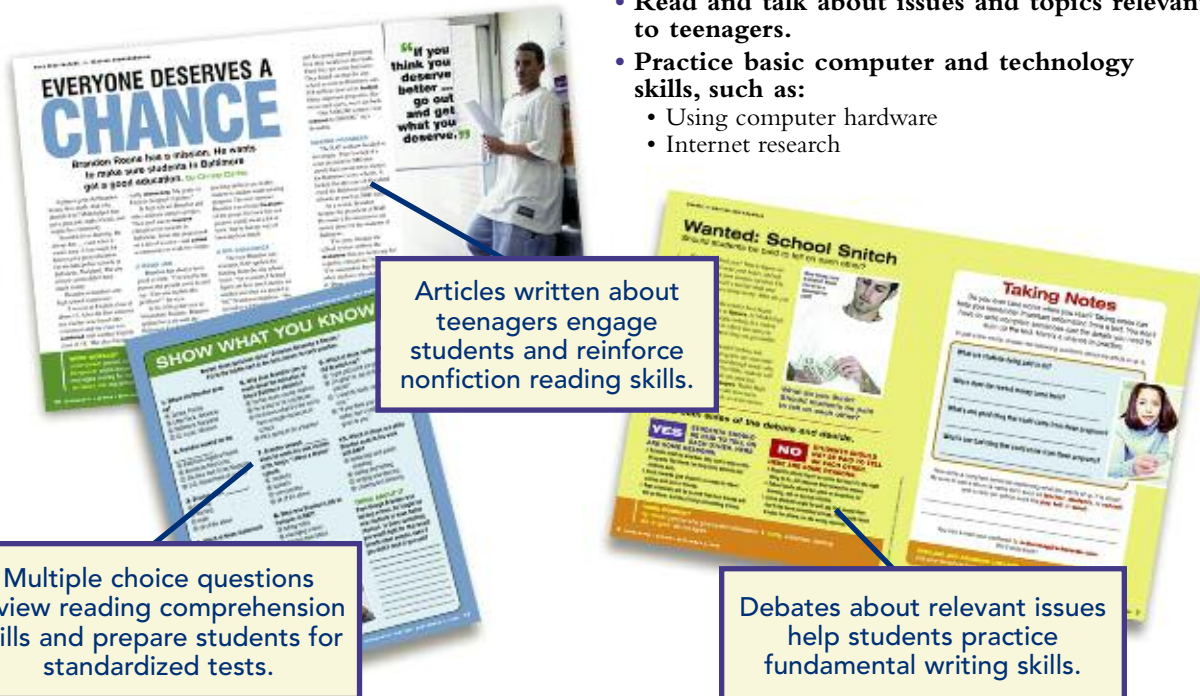
- Learn and use new vocabulary through:
  - New words in articles
  - Specific strategies to decipher words
  - Written vocabulary questions
- Learn words and word parts, such as:
  - Prefixes
  - Suffixes
  - Compound words
  - Contractions
  - Root/base words

### TEST PREPARATION

- Practice answering questions similar to those on standardized tests.
- Practice general test-taking skills.
- Build test-taking stamina through practice questions.
- Answer different types of questions in preparation for standardized tests:
  - Multiple choice
  - Short answer open-ended questions
  - Long answer open-ended questions
- Answer questions based on:
  - Vocabulary
  - Facts from the text
  - Cause and effect
  - Critical thinking
  - Charts, maps, and graphs
  - Character
  - Main ideas
  - Sequence
  - Inferences
  - Details

### FUNCTIONAL/LIFE SKILLS

- Learn skills practical and relevant to teenagers, such as:
  - Managing a schedule
  - Reading help-wanted ads
  - Personal organization skills
  - Reading graphs and charts
  - Reading and using maps
- Read and talk about issues and topics relevant to teenagers.
- Practice basic computer and technology skills, such as:
  - Using computer hardware
  - Internet research



Articles written about teenagers engage students and reinforce nonfiction reading skills.

Multiple choice questions review reading comprehension skills and prepare students for standardized tests.

Debates about relevant issues help students practice fundamental writing skills.

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