

Set 1

Carousel of IDEAS
Quick Start Guide

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► Welcome to *Carousel of IDEAS*

Carousel of IDEAS was created to teach language. It is a comprehensive, research-based language development program designed for K-5 English learners at all levels of language proficiency. The program integrates listening, speaking, reading, and writing with major content areas to prepare students for success in academic classes.

Set 1 is for Beginning to Early Intermediate Language Learners

► Here is what you will find in Set 1:

Structural Overview

There are two units for the Beginning Level and two units for the Early Intermediate Level. Each unit has 5-7 chapters, and each chapter has 5-6 lessons.

- The estimated time to complete a unit is half a year. Thus, the two units that comprise the Beginning Level will take approximately one year to complete.
- *Carousel of IDEAS* Set 1 provides approximately two years of instruction.

① Teacher's Guide

The Teacher's Guide contains thorough lesson plans with both linguistic and academic learning objectives. At the beginning of each chapter, target vocabulary words and phrases are presented. The Teacher's Guide also includes instructions for placing students in the program.

All lessons follow this format:

Presentation, Practice, Apply & Extend, Involving Family, Observing Student Progress. At the end of each chapter, there is an **Evaluation**.

② Language Progress Card

The Language Progress Card enables teachers to view the scope and sequence of the *Carousel* program and track individual student progress.

③ Go English₂! Forms and Functions Charts

These charts clearly and succinctly provide explicit information to teachers that guide their instruction of English learners at all proficiency levels. The charts can serve as a tool to access examples of the ways in which the uses of language interrelate with its grammar.



④ Lesson Plan Flow Charts

These easy-to-use charts provide a short summary of each activity in the Teacher's Guide. They provide both a quick overview of the scope, sequence, and pacing of lessons as well as the breakdown of each individual lesson into manageable sessions. The charts include modifications to customize *Carousel* content and activities for K-1 learners.



⑤ Resource Book and CD-ROM

Reproducible support materials for *Carousel* lessons are available as blackline masters or can be printed from the CD-ROM. There are Activity Sheets, Activity Pictures, Templates, and Chapter Tests and Assessment Tools. The Teacher's Guide provides instructions on how to use all support materials.

⑥ Picture & Word Cards

These colorful cards engage students in language learning and facilitate their comprehension of target vocabulary words. Set 1 includes more than 300 full-color Picture Cards—displaying both illustrations and photographs—and corresponding Word Cards.

⑦ Theme Pictures and Theme Pictures on Transparencies and CD-ROM

The full-color theme pictures (9.5" x 11"), which include both illustrations and photographs, bring vocabulary alive and provide an authentic and natural context for language learning. In addition, on the reverse side of each picture, teachers will find specific questions appropriate for students at each level of language proficiency. The *Carousel* Theme Pictures also are available as transparencies and in CD-ROM format.

⑧ Literature Collection

Students will enjoy these wonderful books, many of which are award-winning literature titles, as they develop their literacy skills. Each chapter of the Teacher's Guide includes a complete work of children's literature. Language-level appropriate activities are associated with the literature.

⑨ Transparencies

These full-color transparencies include short readings, songs, graphic organizers, visuals, and other instructional tools.

⑩ IDEA Picture Dictionary 1

This resource for early readers was recognized with a 2004 Parents' Choice Award. The *IDEA Picture Dictionary 1* includes more than 600 entries, colorful illustrations for each word, and translations into six languages. There also are links to web-based, downloadable language development and phonics activity sheets.