

Appendix 1

Authentic Material for Competency-Based Instruction

There is no shortage of authentic material that tutors can use in the literacy classroom. The following is an extensive list of the types of everyday printed material that a literacy learner will inevitably encounter. Because competency-based learning focuses on the ability to apply learning to real life, any of this material would be useful for instruction.

1. Advertisement
2. Agenda
3. Bank statement
4. Bill (phone, restaurant, clothing, heat, food, etc.)
5. Birth Certificate
6. Brochure
7. Bumper sticker
8. Bus schedule
9. Calendar
10. Catalogue
11. Cheque
12. Contract
13. Comics
14. Cookbook
15. Coupon
16. Credit cards
17. Dictionary
18. Film poster
19. Film ratings
20. Film subtitle
21. Flyer
22. Food label
23. Forms (application, bank transactions, insurance, income tax, etc.)
24. Instruction manuals
25. Itinerary
26. Labels, packages, containers
27. Letter (to a friend, to a politician, cover letter, business letter, etc.)
28. Personal identification (health card, driver's licence, etc.)
29. Mail
30. Map
31. Membership card
32. Menu
33. Music lyrics
34. Newsletter
35. Newspaper
36. Notes from school
37. Notices
38. Novels
39. Poetry
40. Poster
41. Price tags
42. Questionnaires (or survey)
43. Recipe
44. Religious pamphlet
45. Report card
46. Short story
47. Sign
48. Telephone book
49. Text book
50. T-shirt
51. Travel guide
52. TV guide
53. Warranty