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ABSTRACT

Data Processing Reading Strategies is one of five instructional guides in the Reading Strategies in Vocational Education Series. Developed to assist teachers working with students considered disadvantaged because of reading deficiency, the guide contains several strategies, suitable for adaptation, specifically related to data processing instruction. Each of six sections into which the guide is divided contains informational material and extensive examples and exercises. Section 1 concerns readability and gives procedures and guidelines for collecting samples and how many to collect. Section 2 briefly describes the Cloze procedure and its usefulness as a reading test and as a teaching technique for the theory of case grammar. The following four sections each present a set of important reading skills: Basic Vocabulary Skills, Paragraph Comprehension, SQ4R (Survey, Question, Read, Record, Recite, Review), and Recognizing and Recording Complex Information. Each skill is broken down into segments requiring no more than 5-10 minutes of class time every other day. Homework utilizes text assignments normally required. Following individual skill discussions is the part, Textbook Application, where each skill is applied to the course's own textbook. Each section ends with additional suggestions for teaching the new skills. (A time frame is provided for teaching the skills.) (YLB)

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## FORWARD

Education amendments in 1976 (P.L. 94-482) provide for special assistance to a wide variety of students with "special needs." The special needs of these students are derived from conditions of the students which are believed to inhibit success in vocational programs. Both handicapped and disadvantaged individuals are to be served by the legislative provisions.

Academically disadvantaged students are those individuals who, because of math, reading, or communication deficiencies, may not be able to succeed in vocational programs. Legislation has provided for research and development projects to address the needs of these individuals. The projects in progress have been designed to respond to that call for research and development.

This instructional guide was developed for the purpose of assisting Data Processing teachers in their work with students who are considered disadvantaged because of reading deficiency. It was developed as a result of vocational reading research at The Pennsylvania State University. The guide is intended to be presented at workshops in 1980 funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

"Data Processing Reading Strategies" have been developed according to certain distinct characteristics of reading requirements in vocational education:

- (1) Reading is a vocational skill; one that requires reading abilities that differ from those associated with general literacy.
- (2) There is a difference between curricular literature (textbooks and other literature which must be read in the context of student status) and occupational literature (manufacturers instructions, codes, specifications, safety warnings, etc.).
- (3) Occupational reading skills are appropriately addressed in the vocational curriculum.
- (4) There are strategies available to vocational teachers which need little or no reading specialization.
- (5) Available strategies reflect the unique qualities of vocational reading; address general vocational reading skill requirements; and are useful for helping students disadvantaged because of reading deficiencies.

This guide is NOT intended to be envisioned as the final word in reading strategies. It contains examples of several strategies believed to be useful for the vocational instructor seeking methods that are specifically related to data processing education. The instructors are responsible for taking these examples and applying them to their occupational specialties. Not all of the methods will work for all data processing teachers or their

respective students. The methods were designed to be adapted, not rigidly adhered to.

Companion R & D projects at Penn State will provide useful complementary aids. An Employability Skills Curriculum Guide (Wircenski, McPherson, Feng, 1980) will soon be available. That guide addresses socialization, financial management, values clarification, job procurement, and communication skills. Four other occupational specialties (Carpentry, Cosmetology, Medical Assisting, and Radio and Television) will be the bases for reading strategy guides (Thornton, 1980). These guides will focus more specifically on other occupational areas utilizing a format similar to the Data Processing guide.

Field testing during 1980-81 school year is expected to result in additional refinements of the several reading strategies. Criticism and recommendations are invited by all who receive these materials. Correspondence should be addressed to

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SECTION 1  
READABILITY

In order to plan for intervening in situations of reading deficiency, several pieces of information are required. First, it must be known how urgent the ability to read really is, in the context of both curriculum and occupational requirements. This does not suggest that reading, in the general literacy sense, may not be important. Educators clearly recognize that reading ability is crucial if learning is to occur. What this first question addresses is an examination of objectives and their component tasks to ascertain how much reading is required to complete the tasks and, ultimately, the objectives of the course.

Although there has been no research to date to distinguish between curricular and occupational reading requirements (Reference Note<sup>1</sup>) it is not difficult to visualize differences between textbook reading and, for example, manufacturers maintenance manuals. When Arnold, Hill, and Nichols in Modern Data Processing (1978) advised the console operator to generally follow the procedures as set out in the operating instructions sheet, it was intended that the student of data processing read this literature. That directive identifies two kinds of reading: that which is required to read the textbook (curricular) and that required to read the manufacturer's instructions (occupational). Previous research (De. W. Smith, 1974; Thornton, 1977; Thornton, 1980) suggests that there could be significant differences in the readability level of sections of textbooks dealing with specific tasks and the readability level of literature pertaining to the performance of those tasks.

It is a fact that reading literature peculiar to an occupational specialty at least implies that some form of reading is a vocational skill. Thus, the second bit of information must be collected. It must be known (or decided) if the teacher, the school, and the school district intend to address reading within the vocational curriculum or as prerequisite skill. If reading is to be dealt with in the vocational curriculum, then all students must receive some form of vocational reading instruction. If, however, reading skill is envisioned to be prerequisite then the thrust of reading in vocational settings would be toward dealing with deficiencies. The strategies, in the latter situation, would be individualized and delivered on a case by case basis.

The previous two pieces of procedural information are fairly general; the third and fourth are specific. The third deals with how difficult literature in a specific occupational curriculum is to read. What is the readability level? The fourth deals with how able students are in terms of reading ability. Can students read literature necessary to succeed in a vocational program? We shall deal with these issues separately.

#### Readability Procedures

Readability procedures are devices to estimate the grade reading level (GRL) of selected pieces of literature. In other words, a readability analysis determines the approximate GRL a person must possess in order to read the literature analyzed. Note the underlining of estimate and approximate. It must be cautioned

that, although these procedures have been validated by extensive research, they are not the sole determinants of readability. Muncrief (1975) discussed a variety of other considerations that are involved in readability assessments. For our purposes of matching literature assessment to student ability an index of readability is a useful measure:

There is a second caution needed about readability procedures. Preliminary results of current research (Reference Note<sup>2</sup>) brings up serious questions about trying to find an average readability level of occupational literature. For example, what does it mean that the average (the word "mean" is normally substituted for the word "average") readability level of a textbook is ninth (9th) grade? Because the word average or mean is used, it can be assumed that some of the literature is higher than ninth and some of it lower. What the average does not tell us is the range of readability levels and the concentration (mode at any level) of readability level:

In order to make sense out of that argument, a little must be known of how readability assessments are done. When analyzing a textbook (or any other lengthy piece of literature) random samples are selected. These samples are analyzed and an average of all of their readability levels is calculated. That average is the mean readability level of the literature. We will get more explicit about how this is done in the next section.

To point out the problem with using the mean (average) some hypothetical samples have been graphed below. The graphs show the

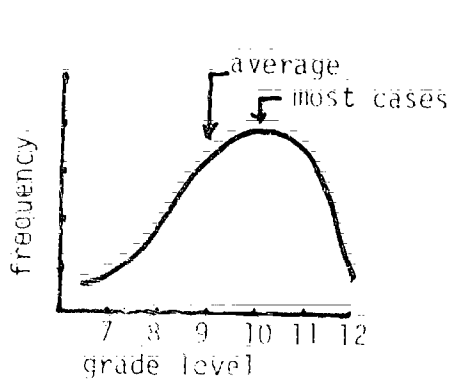
curve which would result if the frequencies of grade level of samples were plotted on the graph. The vertical axis of the graphs represents the frequency that samples were found to be at a particular grade level. The horizontal axis represents the specific grade levels. (See Figure 1)

All of the preceding graphs are of books at the ninth grade readability level. But they all differ in the concentration (mode) of levels. The point here is simply that the mean or average can be a deceptive statistic. The analysis can still be useful, providing the results include the range and distribution of readability scores sampled.

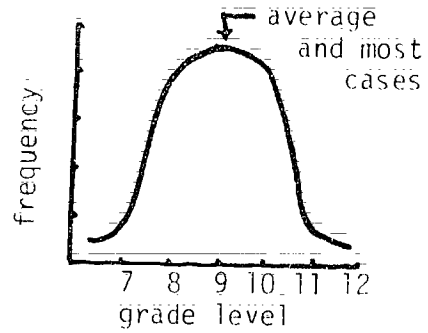
Two readability procedures will be discussed: (1) Fry procedure (See Figure 2); and (2) Flesh procedure (See Figure 3).

A form for calculating has been included to simplify the Flesh Formula calculations. (See Figure 4)

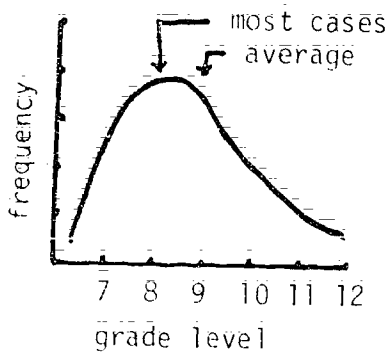
Figure 1: Sample Readability Graph



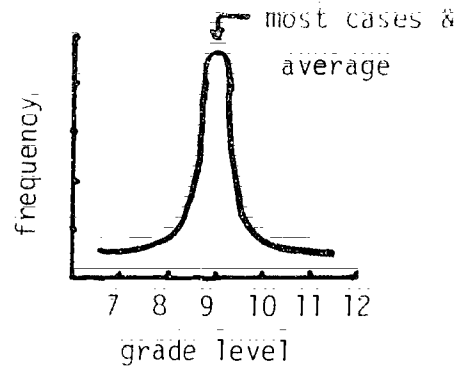
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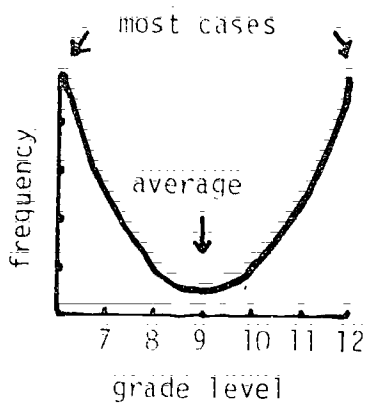
(most cases at 9th  
substantial variability)



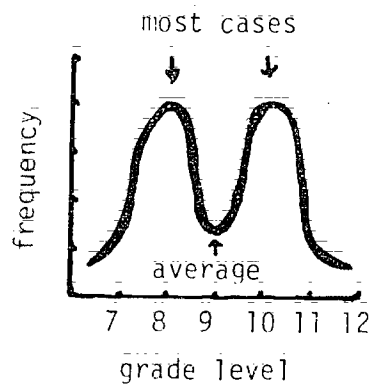
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(most cases at 9th  
slight variability)

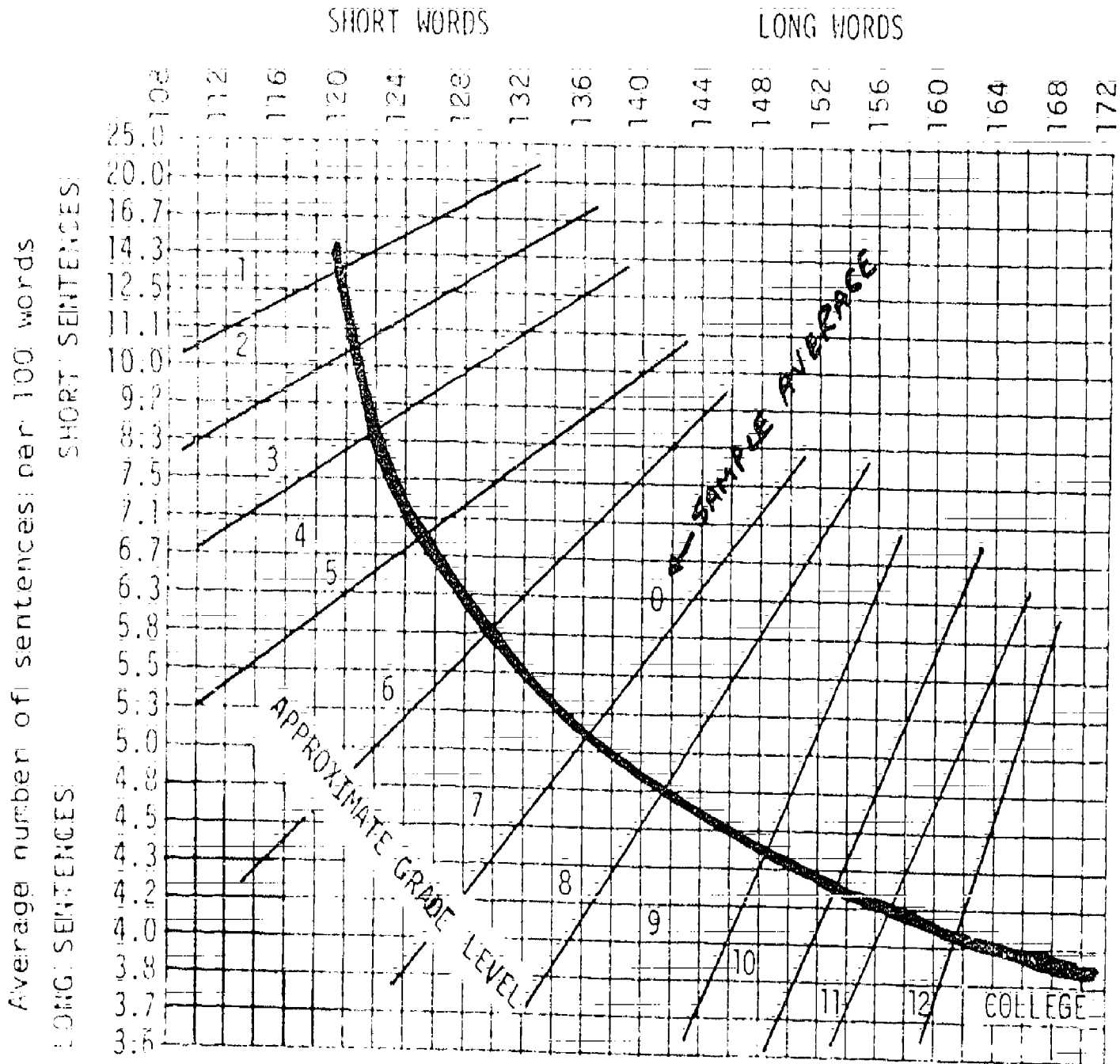


(most cases at highest  
and lowest levels)



(most cases one grade  
higher and lower than  
average)

Figure 2: GRAPH FOR ESTIMATING READABILITY  
 by Edward Fry, Rutgers University Reading Center, New Jersey  
 Average number of syllables per 100 words



## Figure 2 (Continued)

Directions: Use a stratified random procedure, at least five percent for books, more for shorter materials. For example: If a book is 350 pages long, five percent equals 17.5.  $350 \div 17.5$  equals 20. Select a starting number, for example: 6. The first sample page is 6; then 26; then 46; then 66; etc. If one of the pages has no text proceed one page at a time forward until a page is found from which a sample can be taken.

From each of these pages select 100 word passages (alternate positions on page from which taken. For example: beginning, middle, ending). Plot the average number of syllables and average number of sentences per 100 words on the above graph.

This will give you the average readability of the book.

Example:

	<u>Syllables</u>	<u>Sentences</u>
First 100 Words	124	6.6
Second 100 Words	141	5.5
Third 100 Words	158	6.3
Average	141	6.3

Then plot the syllables and sentences for each sample. This will illustrate the range of readability for the literature being analyzed.

(For further information and validity data, see April, 1968 Journal of Reading and March, 1969 Reading Teacher.)



Figure 3: FLESH READABILITY FORMULA PROCEDURE

There is one readability procedure that is easily used with the assistance of a simple calculator. The Rudolph Flesh (1949) Readability Formula involves a count of the syllables in the sample and words per sentence in conjunction with a mathematical formula. The result is a "Reading Ease Score" which translates into grade reading level.

- I.
  1. Count the words in the sample (100 words or more, if available).
  2. Count the number of sentences.
  3. Divide the total number of words by the total number of sentences.
  4. Multiply that total (average number of words in a sentence) by 1.015.
- II.
  1. Count the syllables in the sample.
  2. Multiply the number of syllables by 100.
  3. Divide that total by the number of words in the sample.
  4. Multiply that total by .846.
- III. Add I and II.
- IV. Subtract III from 206.835.  
That is the reading ease score. It translates accordingly:

<u>R.E. Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>R.E. Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
115-120	1	80- 89	6
110-114	2	70- 79	7
105-109	3	60- 69	8.5
100-104	4	50- 59	11
90- 99	5	30- 49	14.5
		0- 29	College Grad.

Flesh, Rudolph. The Art of Readable Writing. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1949.



Figure 4 (Continued)

Minus (x + y) R.E. Score

206.835			
206.835			R.E. Score
206.835			Grade
206.835			115-120
206.835			110-114
206.835			105-109
206.835			100-104
206.835			90-99
206.835			80-89
206.835			70-79
206.835			60-69
206.835			50-59
206.835			30-49
206.835			0-29
206.835			1
206.835			2
206.835			3
206.835			4
206.835			5
206.835			6
206.835			7
206.835			8.5
206.835			11
206.835			14.5
206.835			College Grad.
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The textbook sample in Figure 5 demonstrates the rules:

### Instructions for Calculations

**WORD COUNT - Fry:** Count all words up to 100 words (may end in partial sentence). **Flesh:** Count all words up to approximately 100 (end on full sentence):

Numbers - such as 30, 1951, 27-A, L78G are all counted as one word.

Hyphenated words - one word.

Abbreviations - one word.

Acronyms - such as PVA, NSU, USA, AVA are each counted as one word.

**SENTENCES - Fry:** Count the sentences and determine the tenth of a sentence when ending in a partial sentence. **Flesh:** Count all sentences.

Parenthetical expression - (enclosed in brackets) is one sentence even if contained in another sentence.

Semi-colon or colon - If there is a semi-colon or colon in what we usually consider a sentence, that is considered to be another sentence. The easiest way to handle that is to count one sentence overall and add one sentence - count for each colon or semi-colon in the sentence.

**RECORDING - Fry:** Write down the number of sentences per 100 words. In the example the 100th word is "requires." There are 5 full sentences, plus the partial sentence ending in "requires." There are 7 words up to and including "requires" and 21 words in the sentence. Divide 7 by 21 ( $7 \div 21$ ). That result is approximately

FIGURE 5: SAMPLE WITH WORD COUNT OVER WORDS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
A SUBROUTINE IS A STANDARD SEQUENCE OF  
8 9 10 11 12 13  
INSTRUCTIONS DESIGNED TO DIRECT THE COMPUTER TO  
15 16 17 18 19 20  
CARRY OUT A SPECIFIED OPERATION. ORIGINALLY,  
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28  
THESE BASIC ROUTINES RECORDED IN A COMPUTER INPUT  
29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37  
MEDIUM WERE INCLUDED IN THE SOURCE PROGRAM AT THE  
38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46  
PROPER PLACE AND ASSEMBLED ALONG WITH THE REST OF  
47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54  
THE PROGRAM. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SUBROUTINES HAD  
55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64  
TO BE INSERTED AT EACH POINT THAT THEY WERE NEEDED  
65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75  
IN A ROUTINE AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 13-1. AS A RESULT  
76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83  
THEY WERE INCLUDED IN THE MAIN OPERATIONAL SEQUENCE  
84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92  
OF THE OBJECT PROGRAM. THESE ARE KNOWN AS OPEN  
93  
SUBROUTINES:

94 95 96 97 98 99 100  
A CLOSED SUBROUTINE IS ONE THAT REQUIRES  
101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108  
PROGRAMMING ONLY ONCE SINCE IT MAY BE ENTERED

FIGURE 5 (CONTINUED)

109 110 111 112 113 114  
FROM SEVERAL POINTS IN A PROGRAM. AS A MEANS OF  
AVOIDING REPETITION OF THE SAME SEQUENCE OF  
INSTRUCTIONS IN DIFFERENT PLACES IN THE MAIN  
ROUTINE; CONTROL MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A CLOSED  
SUBROUTINE FROM MORE THAN ONE PLACE IN THE MAIN  
ROUTINE.

(ARNOLD, HILL, NICHOLS, 1978, PP. 253-4)

.33 and rounds to 0.3. Therefore, for the Fry sentence count there are 5.3 sentences per 100 words. Flesh: Count to the end of the sentence in which the 100th word occurs. Therefore, there are 114 words and six sentences. Enter these figures on the form and complete the mark involved.

SYLLABLES - Syllables are counted in the same way for each procedure. An easy way is to count only those syllables over 1 for each word. For example:

1      2                      3              4                      5      6  
 A sub/rou/tine is a stan/dard se/quence of in/struc/tions  
 7              8                      9 10              11  
 de/signed to di/rect the com/pu/ter to car/ry out a  
 12 13      14 15 16  
 spec/i/fied op/er/a/tion.

Complete the counting for the entire passage in the same manner. Your total then is added to the total number of words (100 for Fry; 107 for Flesh, in this example). That gives you the total syllable count.

RECORDING - Fry: Write down the total number of syllables. On the graph plot the total syllables (across) to the number of sentences per 100 words. That will give you the approximate readability level of that passage. Flesh: Write down the number of syllables in the space on the form and complete the mark as noted. Then add x and y and subtract that figure from 206.835. That is the Reading Ease score and translates to grade level on the chart.

The total sample syllable count and results for Flesh and Fry methods follow in Figure 6.

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FIGURE 6: SAMPLE TEXT WITH SYLLABLES MARKED

A SUB/ROU/TINE IS A STAND/DARD SE/QUENCE OF IN/STRUC/TIONS DE/SIGNED TO DI/RECT THE COM/PU/TER TO CAR/Ry OUT A SPEC/I/FIED OP/ER/A/TION. O/RIG/IN/AL/LY, THESE BA/SIC ROU/TINES RE/CORD/ED IN A COM/PU/TER IN/PUT MED/I/UM WERE IN/CLUD/ED IN THE SOURCE PRO/GRAM AT THE PRO/PER PLACE AND AS/SEM/BLED A/LONG WITH THE REST OF THE PRO/GRAM. IN O/THER WORDS, THE SUB/ROU/TINES HAD TO BE IN/SERT/ED AT EACH POINT THAT THEY WERE NEED/ED IN A ROU/TINE AS SHOWN IN FIG/URE 1/3/=1. AS A RE/SULT THEY WERE IN/CLUD/ED IN THE MAIN OP/ER/A/TION/AL SE/QUENCE OF THE OB/JECT PRO/GRAM. THESE ARE KNOWN AS OP/EN SUB/ROU/TINES.

A CLOSED SUB/ROU/TINE IS ONE THAT RE/QUIRES PRO/GRAM/MING ON/LY ONCE SINCE IT MAY BE EN/TERED FROM SE/VER/AL POINTS IN A PRO/GRAM.

Note that for numbers and acronyms, each letter (number) counts as a syllable.



The following results were obtained from readability analyses of the preceding sample:

Fry:

100 words

5.3 sentences

164 syllables

11th grade

Flesh:

114 words

6 sentences

185 syllables

R:E: Score 50:26

11th grade, but at highest end.

### Exercise 1

Following are three examples selected from other sections of the same textbook. Practice the procedure, marking syllables and sentence count directly on the samples.

## EXERCISE 1 SAMPLE 1

ON DIRECT ACCESS DEVICES, THE SEQUENTIAL ORGANIZATION AND OTHER METHODS TO BE DESCRIBED LATER USUALLY EMPLOY THE CYLINDER CONCEPT OF RECORDING DATA. THE CYLINDER CONCEPT MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO UTILIZE DIRECT ACCESS STORAGE DEVICES VERY EFFICIENTLY. THIS IS ACHIEVED BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT ALL ACCESS ARMS ON A DISK DRIVE MOVE IN AND OUT IN UNISON. THEY ARE, THEREFORE, ALL POSITIONED AT THE SAME TIME OVER THE RELATIVE TRACK ON EACH RECORDING SURFACE. THIS ALLOWS DATA TO BE READ OR WRITTEN ON THE SAME TRACK OF EACH RECORDING SURFACE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FOR HEAD MOVEMENT.

EACH TRACK REPRESENTS A COMPLETE CIRCLE ON THE DISK RECORDING SURFACE IN WHICH DATA IS RECORDED SERIALLY BIT BY BIT.

(ARNOLD; HILL; NICHOLS; 1978; P. 156)

## EXERCISE 1 SAMPLE 2

BROADBAND EXCHANGE SERVICE: WESTERN UNION'S  
BROADBAND EXCHANGE SERVICE LINKS TWO SUBSCRIBERS OVER  
TRANSMISSION CHANNELS THAT THEY SELECT AS BEST SUITED  
TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS; BY MEANS OF A VOICE-  
DATA INSTRUMENT CONTAINING TEN PUSH BUTTONS, USERS CAN  
SELECT THE BROADBAND WIDTH THAT WILL FURNISH OPTIMUM,  
ECONOMICAL DATA TRANSMISSION (FIGURE 11-15). TYPE OF  
TRANSMISSION MAY INCLUDE VOICE, FACSIMILE, OR DIGITAL  
DATA AS CONTAINED IN PUNCHED CARDS, PUNCHED TAPE,  
MAGNETIC TAPE, AND ELECTRONIC STORAGE DEVICES; THUS,  
A FIRM DESIRING TO HAVE A PROBLEM SOLVED COULD UTILIZE  
THE SERVICES OF A COMPUTER AT A REMOTE LOCATION,  
POSSIBLY IN A SERVICE CENTER; SUCH SERVICES COULD BE  
PROVIDED ON A CALL-UP BASIS THROUGH BROADBAND EXCHANGE  
SERVICE CONNECTIONS;  
(ARNOLD, HILL, NICHOLS; 1978, P. 216)

## EXERCISE 1 SAMPLE 3

THE MAJORITY OF DATA ENTERING BUSINESS DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS MUST BE CONVERTED TO A COMPUTER LANGUAGE COMPATIBLE WITH THE EQUIPMENT BEING USED. THE BULK OF THIS TRANSCRIBING FROM HUMAN-READABLE DOCUMENTS TO COMPUTER LANGUAGE IS PERFORMED BY OPERATORS USING DATA ENTRY DEVICES. MOST DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED BY DATA PROCESSING IN GROUPS OR STACKS CALLED BATCHES. THESE BATCHES SHOULD HAVE ASSOCIATED WITH THEM A CONTROL OR BATCH TICKET THAT SHOWS FROM WHOM THE DOCUMENTS WERE RECEIVED; THE DATE; PERHAPS THE TIME; AND A DOCUMENT COUNT (FIGURE 16-1).

CONTROL TOTALS OF QUANTITATIVE DATA MAY ALSO BE PROVIDED. A CONTROL TOTAL IS THE SUM OF THE QUANTITATIVE DATA RECORDED IN A COMMON FIELD OF EACH RECORD IN A BATCH OF RECORDS.

(ARNOLD, HILL; NICHOLS; 1978; P. 308)

## SAMPLES: HOW SELECTED AND HOW MANY

It is important, if an accurate picture of the literature is to be obtained, that the samples to be analyzed be selected at random. Too many subjective errors would be introduced by merely paging through the book, picking what appears to be representative samples. The easiest way and one that is sufficiently random is entitled a stratified random sampling.

In order to achieve the stratified random sample, it must first be decided how many samples are to be drawn. A useful rule is to select samples from 5% of the pages in the book. Remember, however, that the more samples drawn, the more accurate will be the analysis. That point is demonstrated in the following analyses (See Figure 7) of the textbook under consideration in which 3, 6, 10, 15 were drawn. (Average was used in this case to distinguish between results of analyses in which increasing numbers of samples were drawn.)

It is recommended that 5% sample or more be drawn for accuracy.

Procedure: Assume a book has 300 pages (not including glossary or index). A 5% sample requires  $(.05 \times 300)$  15 samples. To establish the starting page divide the total pages (300) by the total samples required (15). That result is 20. Randomly pick a number from 1-20. This can be done using numbers in a hat. That number is the starting page. Let's assume it is 6. The remainder of the pages are selected by adding 20 to 6, 20 to 26, 20 to 46, etc. until all the samples are drawn.

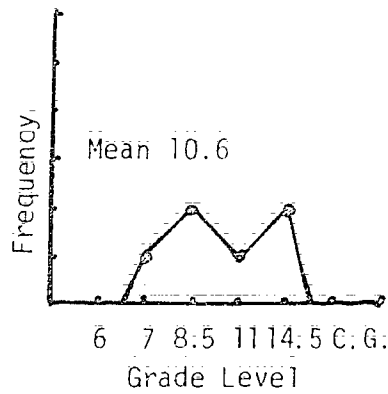
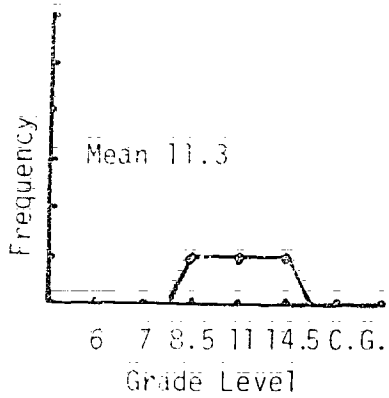
Figure 7: Sample Graphs of GRL  
 Frequencies: 3, 6, 10, 15 Samples

3 Samples

GRL	Freq.
8.5	1
11	1
14.5	1

6 Samples

GRL	Freq.
7	1
8.5	2
11	1
14.5	2

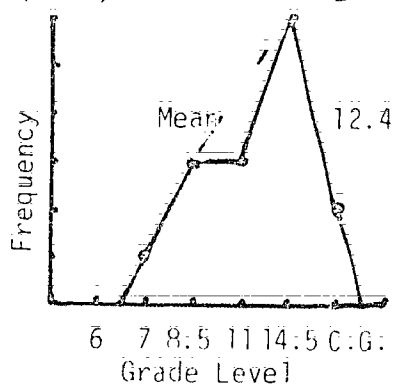
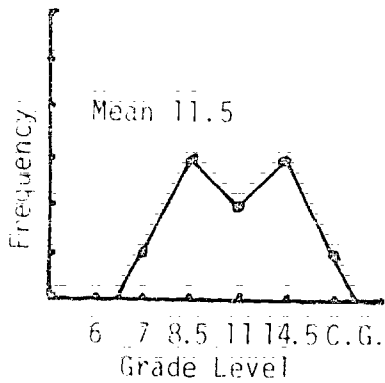


10 Samples

GRL	Freq.
7	1
8.5	3
11	2
14.5	3
(C.G.) 17	1

15 Samples

GRL	Freq.
7	1
8.5	3
11	3
14.5	6
(C.G.) 17	2



Now we know the pages of the book we will use in the analysis. If any of those pages contains no text (some may be pictures or diagrams) move one page at a time forward or backward until text is found. It is also recommended that the sample 100 words be selected alternatively from the beginning (B) and end (E) of the page. Therefore, page 6 would be 6-B (for beginning), page 26-E (for end), page 46-B, etc.

### Exercise 2

Compute a stratified random sample schedule for the following:

1. Textbook with 350 pages.
2. Textbook with 1000 pages.
3. Textbook with 525 pages.

If the literature you plan to analyze contains less than 200 pages, but more than 25, select 10 samples. For literature of less than 25 pages, but more than 5, select every other page. For literature less than 5 pages, take a sample of every page.

On the following page (See Figure 8) is a form to assist you in recording your findings. It is always a good idea to keep a file of literature analyzed.

Figure 8: Readability Record

Author(s):

Title of Literature:

Publisher:

Publication Data:

Total Number of pages:

Percent of pages sampled:

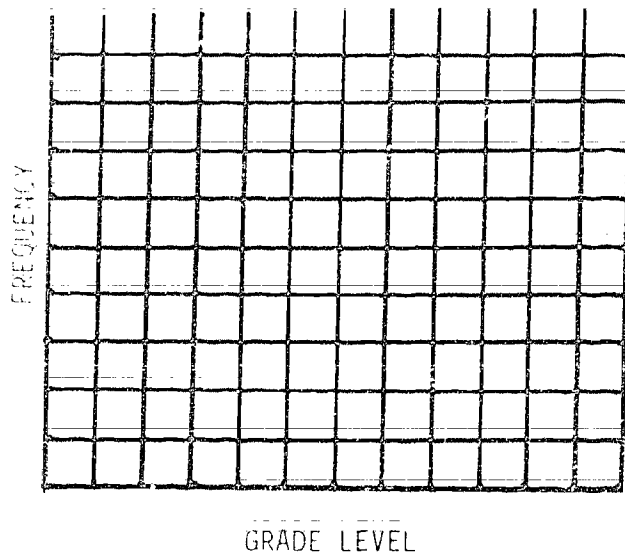
Procedure used:

Page numbers from which samples were taken:

Highest readability:

Lowest readability:

Graph for Plotting Results





SECTION 2  
CLOZE PROCEDURE

## STUDENT READING ABILITY

Diagnostic reading test scores are often available for students in vocational programs. These scores, normally on file at the home school (in the counselors office at the comprehensive high school), are useful indicators of a student's general reading ability. How well they relate to vocational reading requirements is subject to conjecture. There simply has not been a concerted effort to separate vocational reading skill from general literacy skill. Because of these unknowns it is strongly recommended that you not accept a GRL score as final. Standardized reading test scores are useful indicators, but they should be supplemented with teacher made vocational reading tests.

A useful and highly adaptable reading test is the cloze procedure

The cloze procedure is an objective measure of language correspondence between reader and writer. It consists of a cloze (word) unit, a single occurrence of a successful attempt to reproduce accurately a part deleted from a message, by deciding from the context that remains what the missing part should be (Taylor, 1953).

The cloze procedure differs from vocabulary contextual tests. Rather than choosing omitted words because of definition and purpose, the cloze units are chosen mechanically; every fifth word, for example, occurring at any point in a continuous passage is omitted. The cloze design incorporates control against misrepresenting strength/weakness in content vocabulary as an indication of the test subject's ability/inability to read (Thornton, 1979).

Any piece of literature can be clozed. That includes textbooks, occupational literature, safety messages, codes, medical contraindications, literally anything. The procedure is described below:

1. Select a piece of literature.
2. Leave the first sentence intact.
3. Delete every fifth word.
4. Leave the last sentence intact.
5. Instruct the student to read the entire passage first, then begin filling in the blanks.
6. Instruct the student to be aware when guessing is the rationale for word selection, but to guess when other rationale fails.

Scoring the test is accomplished as follows:

- 0-39.9% Frustrational level (Student will not be able to read the literature)
- 40.0-69.9% Instructional level (Student will require intervention to be able to read the literature)
- 70.2-100.0% Independent level (Student is able to read the literature without intervention)

On the following pages five different cloze tests have been prepared using on-the-job literature. The correct words which have been deleted are listed following each example. (See Figures 9-13)

FIGURE 9: MICROCOMPUTER PROCESSORS  
CLOZE TEST  
USING CONSOLE ODT COMMANDS

6.1 THE HALT MODE

CONSOLE ODT COMMANDS ARE EXECUTED BY THE LSI-11 PROCESSOR ONLY WHEN THE PROCESSOR IS IN THE HALT MODE. WHEN IN THIS MODE, \_\_\_\_\_ PROCESSOR RESPONDS TO COMMANDS \_\_\_\_\_ INFORMATION ENTERED VIA THE \_\_\_\_\_ TERMINAL; AND ALL PROCESSOR \_\_\_\_\_ IS CONTROLLED BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ MICROCODE;

NOTE

FOR CONSOLE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNICATION; THE SERIAL LINE \_\_\_\_\_ MUST BE CONFIGURED FOR \_\_\_\_\_ BUS ADDRESSES 177560 THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_; THESE ADDRESSES ARE INCLUDED \_\_\_\_\_ THE LSI-11 PROCESSOR MICROCODE \_\_\_\_\_ CANNOT BE CHANGED. IF \_\_\_\_\_ DEVICE RESPONDS TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESSES, BUS TIMEOUT

FIGURE 9 (CONTINUED)

ERRORS \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUR AND THE PRO-  
CESSOR \_\_\_\_\_ GO INTO AN INFINITE  
\_\_\_\_\_ LOOP. THE ONLY WAY \_\_\_\_\_  
GET OUT OF THIS \_\_\_\_\_ IS TO  
INITIALIZE THE \_\_\_\_\_ (MOMENTARILY  
ASSERT THE \_\_\_\_\_ H SIGNAL LOW, OR  
\_\_\_\_\_ THE POWER OFF AND \_\_\_\_\_  
ON);

THE HALT MODE \_\_\_\_\_ ENTERED IN ONE OF  
\_\_\_\_\_ FOLLOWING WAYS:

- EXECUTING A \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUCTION
- PRESSING THE BREAK \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE CONSOLE  
TERMINAL ( \_\_\_\_\_ FEATURE CAN BE DISABLED  
\_\_\_\_\_ REMOVING A JUMPER ON \_\_\_\_\_  
CONSOLE DEVICE SERIAL LINE \_\_\_\_\_)
- DURING POWER-UP (POWER UP \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
CONFIGURED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ MODULE)
- THE BHALT L \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNAL IS ASSERTED
- A \_\_\_\_\_ BUS ERROR (BUS ERROR \_\_\_\_\_  
WITH SP (R6) POINTING \_\_\_\_\_  
NONEXISTENT MEMORY)

FIGURE 9 (CONTINUED)

- A \_\_\_\_\_ ERROR (TIMEOUT) DURING MEMORY REFRESH
- A BUS ERROR (TIMEOUT) \_\_\_\_\_ THE PROCESSOR IS ATTEMPTING \_\_\_\_\_ INPUT A VECTOR FROM \_\_\_\_\_ INTERRUPTING DEVICE

UPON ENTERING \_\_\_\_\_ HALT MODE, THE PROCESSOR \_\_\_\_\_ THE FOLLOWING ASCII NONPRINTING \_\_\_\_\_ PRINTING CHARACTERS TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ TERMINAL:

<CR><LF>

NNNNNN<CR><LF>

@

THE NNNNNN IS \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION OF THE NEXT \_\_\_\_\_ TO BE EXECUTED; AND \_\_\_\_\_ ALWAYS THE CONTENTS OF \_\_\_\_\_ PC (R7). THE <CR> \_\_\_\_\_ <LF> ARE CARRIAGE RETURN \_\_\_\_\_ LINE FEED CODES. THE @ SYMBOL IS DISPLAYED AS THE PROMPT CHARACTER FOR THE OPERATOR; ODT WILL

FIGURE 9 (CONTINUED)

ACCEPT ANY OF THE COMMANDS DESCRIBED IN THIS  
CHAPTER AT THIS POINT:

MICROCOMPUTER PROCESSORS. MICROCOMPUTER HANDBOOK  
SERIES. MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS: DIGITAL EQUIPMENT  
CORPORATION, 1978.

FIGURE 9 (CONTINUED)

THE	LOOP	TRAP
AND	SYSTEM	TO
CONSOLE	BDCOK	BUS
RESPONSE	CYCLE	REFRESH
PROCESSOR	THEN	WHEN
ODT	IS	TO
UNIT	THE	AN
CONSOLE	HALT	THE
177566	KEY	OUTPUTS
IN	THIS	AND
AND	BY	CONSOLE
NO	THE	THE
ABOVE	UNIT)	INSTRUCTION
WILL	MODE	IS
WILL	PROCESSOR	THE
MICROCODE	BUS	AND
TO	DOUBLE	AND

MICROCOMPUTER PROCESSORS; MICROCOMPUTER HANDBOOK  
 SERIES; MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS: DIGITAL EQUIPMENT  
 CORPORATION, 1978.



FIGURE 10: OUTPUT-FORMAT  
SPECIFICATIONS FORM  
CLOZE TEST

ADDING RECORDS TO AN INDEXED SEQUENTIAL ORGANIZED  
FILE (COLUMNS 16-18)

COLUMNS 16-18 MAY BE USED TO SPECIFY THAT AN  
OUTPUT RECORD IS TO BE ADDED TO AN INDEXED  
SEQUENTIAL FILE; THIS IS DONE BY \_\_\_\_\_ THE  
CHARACTERS ADD IN \_\_\_\_\_ 16-18; AND ENSURING  
THAT \_\_\_\_\_ 66 OF THE RELATED \_\_\_\_\_  
DESCRIPTION SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINS AN \_\_\_\_\_;

A RECORD CANNOT BE \_\_\_\_\_ TO A FILE IN  
\_\_\_\_\_ SAME PROGRAM IN WHICH \_\_\_\_\_ FILE  
IS RETRIEVED OR \_\_\_\_\_; HOWEVER, ONE FILE  
CAN \_\_\_\_\_ ADDED TO AND ANOTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
BE RETRIEVED IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ PROGRAM;

COLUMNS 16-18 MUST \_\_\_\_\_ BLANK IF THE  
OUTPUT \_\_\_\_\_ IS TO BE USED \_\_\_\_\_  
UPDATE INDEXED SEQUENTIAL FILE;

\_\_\_\_\_ 1130 RPG THE KEY \_\_\_\_\_ FOR  
ANY INDEXED-SEQUENTIAL \_\_\_\_\_ MUST BEGIN IN

FIGURE 10 (CONTINUED)

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_ OF EACH RECORD. THIS  
\_\_\_\_\_ ALONG WITH THE LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ THE  
KEY FIELD IS \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE FILE DESCRIPTION  
\_\_\_\_\_. IF THE PROGRAMMER DESCRIBES \_\_\_\_\_  
KEY FIELD AS BEING \_\_\_\_\_ POSITIONS LONG, THE  
RPG \_\_\_\_\_ WILL USE THE FIRST \_\_\_\_\_  
POSITIONS OF THE RECORD \_\_\_\_\_ BE ADDED AS  
THE \_\_\_\_\_ KEY FIELD. IN 1130 \_\_\_\_\_,  
THE KEY FIELD CAN \_\_\_\_\_ EITHER ALPHAMERIC OR  
NUMERIC, \_\_\_\_\_ IT CANNOT BE PACKED.  
\_\_\_\_\_ CARD AND/OR PRINTER \_\_\_\_\_  
USE THESE COLUMNS AS \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE FOLLOWING:

STACKER \_\_\_\_\_ (COLUMN 16)

CAUSES CARD \_\_\_\_\_ TO BE SLECTED INTO  
\_\_\_\_\_ OF A MULTI-STACKER OUTPUT \_\_\_\_\_  
ATTACHED TO THE SYSTEM. \_\_\_\_\_ IS USED ONLY  
FOR \_\_\_\_\_ FILES OR COMBINED FILES; \_\_\_\_\_  
ENTRY IN COLUMN 16 \_\_\_\_\_ BE ONE OF THE

:

FIGURE 10 (CONTINUED)

- NUMBER OF THE STACKER \_\_\_\_\_ WHICH THE CARDS ARE \_\_\_\_\_ BE PLACED;
- BLANK OR \_\_\_\_\_, IF THE CARDS ARE \_\_\_\_\_ BE PLACED IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ STACKER.

NEW STACKERS MAY \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIFIED IN SUBSEQUENT OR \_\_\_\_\_. IF COLUMN 16 IS LEFT BLANK IN AN OR LINE, THE CARD IS DIRECTED TO THE NORMAL STACKER.

IBM SYSTEMS REFERENCE LIBRARY. IBM 1130 RPG LANGUAGE PROGRAM NUMBER 1130-RG-007. ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA; INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES, 1972, P. 111.

FIGURE 10 (CONTINUED)

PLACING	FILE	DESCRIBED
COLUMNS	1	SELECT
COLUMN	ENTRY	RECORDS
FILE	OF	STACKERS
A	DESCRIBED	UNIT
ADDED	SPECIFICATIONS	IT
THE	THE	OUTPUT
THAT	5	THE
UPDATED	PROGRAM	MAY
BE	5	FOLLOWING
CAN	TO	INTO
SAME	NEW	TO
BE	RPG	1
RECORD	BE	TO
TO	BUT	NORMAL
IN	FOR	BE
FIELD	SPECIFICATIONS	LINES

IBM SYSTEMS REFERENCE LIBRARY. IBM 1130 RPG  
 LANGUAGE PROGRAM NUMBER 1130-RG-007. ROCHESTER,  
 MINNESOTA, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES, 1972,  
 P. 111.

FIGURE 11: VIDEO DISPLAY TERMINAL  
CLOZE TEST  
CLEANING

THE VDT REQUIRES NO MORE CARE THAN A  
CONVENTIONAL ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER. KEEP IT CLEAN;  
KEEP \_\_\_\_\_ CONNECTORS PLUGGED IN; AND  
\_\_\_\_\_ ITS IMMEDIATE AREA CLEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
ITEMS THAT MIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ WITH FREE AIR CIRCULA-  
TION;

\_\_\_\_\_ OFF THE DUST, LINT, \_\_\_\_\_,  
ETC.; WHENEVER THEY BECOME \_\_\_\_\_, BEING  
CAREFUL NOT TO \_\_\_\_\_ DUST TO FALL INTO  
\_\_\_\_\_ KEYBOARD THROUGH THE SPACES \_\_\_\_\_  
AND AROUND THE KEYS. \_\_\_\_\_ WIPING, USE A  
SOFT \_\_\_\_\_ DUST CLOTH OR DUST-FREE;  
\_\_\_\_\_, COMMERCIAL TISSUE; FOR STUBBORN  
\_\_\_\_\_, DAMPEN THE CLOTH OR \_\_\_\_\_  
SLIGHTLY, BUT ONLY WITH \_\_\_\_\_ WATER OR A  
CLEANING \_\_\_\_\_ SUITABLE (SAFE) FOR USE  
\_\_\_\_\_ PLASTIC AND PAINTED SURFACES;  
\_\_\_\_\_ AS ONE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ AVAILABLE  
ANTISTATIC CLEANING FLUIDS. \_\_\_\_\_ CLOTH OR

FIGURE 11 (CONTINUED)

TISSUE SHOULD BE WET, JUST DAMP,  
THAT IT WILL PICK UP DUST OR  
DIRT READILY;

OCCASIONAL LIGHT CLEANING WILL  
ALWAYS PREVENT THE GRADUAL  
OF A COATING OF DIRT, PARTICULARLY ON  
THE ; AND A MORE THOROUGH  
WILL USUALLY BE NECESSARY ONCE A  
MONTH. WIPE SURFACES WITH THE ANTISTATIC  
FLUID AND USE A OF SOFT  
CLOTHS OR ; USE ENOUGH FLUID TO  
EACH CLOTH OR TISSUE SO  
THAT VERY LITTLE PRESSURE WILL BE  
NEEDED, NOT ENOUGH TO ALLOW  
UNDER THE WIPING PRESSURE; CLEANING  
EACH SURFACE; WIPE THE FLUID AND  
DISSOLVED WITH A DRY CLOTH  
TISSUE;

PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO  
DISPLAY AREA AND TO KEYTOPS, WHICH  
RECEIVE THE DEPOSITS OF DIRT;

FIGURE 11 (CONTINUED)

CAUTION

DO NOT USE LIGHTER FLUID  
OTHER PETROLEUM BASE CLEANERS THEY WILL  
DAMAGE THE . DO NOT USE HOUSEHOLD  
PAPER TOWEL/NAPKINS TO CLEAN THE PLASTIC COVER OF  
THE VDT SINCE THEIR ABRASIVE CONTENT WILL SCRATCH  
THE PLASTIC CONTENT WILL SCRATCH THE PLASTIC  
SURFACE.

OPERATORS GUIDE, SYSTEM 610/730. TUSTIN,  
CALIFORNIA: BASIC FOUR CORPORATION/A MANAGE-  
MENT ASSISTANCE, INC. COMPANY, 1979, P. 19-20

FIGURE 11 (CONTINUED)

ITS	ON	TISSUES
KEEP	SUCH	MOISTEN
OF	COMMERCIALY	THOROUGHLY
INTERFERE	THE	WIPING
WIPE	NOT	BUT
SMUDGES	SO	DRIPPING
NOTICEABLE	UP	AFTER
ALLOW	THIS	OFF
THE	NOT	DIRT
BETWEEN	ACCUMULATION	OR
FOR	VARNISHLIKE	THE
CLEAN	KEYTOPS	THE
NON-ABRASIVE	CLEANING	LARGEST
ACCUMULATIONS	ABOUT	DO
TISSUE	ALL	OR
PLAIN	CLEANING	AS
LIQUID	SUCCESSION	FINISH

OPERATORS GUIDE, SYSTEM 610/730; TUSTIN,  
 CALIFORNIA: BASIC FOUR CORPORATION/A MANAGE-  
 MENT ASSISTANCE, INC. COMPANY; 1979, P. 19-20



FIGURE 12: MDS DATA-RECORDERS  
REFERENCE MANUAL CLOZE TEST  
OPERATION

AFTER THE 6405 SYSTEM HAS BEEN SET UP ACCORDING TO THE PRECEDING STEPS, MOMENTARILY HOLD THE MODE SWITCH IN THE START POSITION, THEN RELEASE IT TO RUN POSITION. THE PAPER TAPE LEADER "ALL DATA CHANNELS PUNCHED" (7 AND 8 CHANNEL) IS MOVED FORWARD. THE COUNTER DOES NOT ADVANCE THE FIRST DATA CHARACTER READ. WHEN THE FIRST CONTAINING DATA HOLES IS, PAPER TAPE READING BEGINS; THE FIRST DATA CHARACTER IS THE FIRST DATA MEMORY AND THE POSITION COUNTER THE DATA-RECORDER ADVANCES WITH SETTING OF THE 6005 SWITCHES. IF THE LEADER 5-CHANNEL TAPE CONSISTS OF "BITS" PUNCHES, THESE FRAMES READ AS DATA CHARACTERS; THE LEADER ON 7- 8- CHANNEL TAPE CONSISTS "NO BIT" PUNCHES,

FIGURE 12 (CONTINUED)

THE SWITCH MUST BE HELD \_\_\_\_\_ THE  
START POSITION UNTIL \_\_\_\_\_ AN "ALL BIT" OR  
DATA CHARACTER IS ENCOUNTERED;

TAPE READING CAN BE \_\_\_\_\_ AT  
ANY TIME BY \_\_\_\_\_ THE MODE SWITCH IN  
STOP POSITION. WHEN THIS \_\_\_\_\_  
IS PLACED IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION, THE CHARACTER  
BEING \_\_\_\_\_ IS ENTERED INTO DATA \_\_\_\_\_  
AND THE PAPER TAPE \_\_\_\_\_ BEFORE READING THE  
NEXT \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEN A STOP OCCURS \_\_\_\_\_ PAPER TAPE  
STILL IN \_\_\_\_\_ PAPER TAPE READER, DO  
SET THE TAPE READER \_\_\_\_\_ SWITCH  
TO OFF UNLESS \_\_\_\_\_ RECORDING HAS BEEN  
COMPLETED. \_\_\_\_\_ THE POWER SWITCH SET  
OFF, THE TAPE READER \_\_\_\_\_ IS  
RELEASED AND MANUAL \_\_\_\_\_ OF PAPER TAPE CAN

IF THE PAPER TAPE \_\_\_\_\_ RUNS OUT OF  
PAPER \_\_\_\_\_, OPERATOR ACTION IS REQUIRED;

FIGURE 12 (CONTINUED)

THIS OCCURS, PLACE THE \_\_\_\_\_  
SWITCH IN THE STOP \_\_\_\_\_; NOTE THE READING  
ON \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION COUNTER. ONE OR MORE OF  
THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONS MAY BE PERFORMED:

MDS 6400 SERIES DATA RECORDERS REFERENCE MANUAL,  
HERKIMER, NY: MOHAWK DATA SCIENCES, 1971,  
PP. 86,87.

FIGURE 12 (CONTINUED)

CONTAINING	IF	WITH
FRAMES	OR	THE
TAPES	OF	NOT
MEMORY	MODE	POWER
UNTIL	IN	DATA
IS	EITHER	WITH
FRAME	A	TO
ENCOUNTERED	PAPER	BRAKE
THE	STOPPED	MOVEMENT
IN	PLACING	OCCUR
POSITION	THE	READER
ON	SWITCH	TAPE
THE	STOP	WHEN
READER	READ	MODE
ON	MEMORY	POSITION
ALL	STOPS	THE
ARE	CHARACTER	

MDS 6400 SERIES DATA RECORDERS REFERENCE MANUAL;  
 HERRIKER, NY: MOHAWK DATA SCIENCES; 1971;  
 PS. 86, 87.

FIGURE 13: RECOGNITION CONTROL  
CLOZE TEST

THE RECOGNITION PROCESS REQUIRES SPECIFIC  
PARAMETERIZATION INFORMATION FROM PROGRAM CONTROL:  
THE FONT SELECT REGISTER (RFS) AND THE  
DATA SELECT REGISTER (RDS) DETERMINE WHICH  
FONT AND DATA GROUPINGS WITHIN THE  
TEXT WILL BE SELECTED FOR RECOGNITION.  
RECOGNITION ALSO REQUIRES SERIF AND SPACING  
INFORMATION FROM THE CHARACTERISTICS  
REGISTER (RFC).

THE VIDEO SHIFT REGISTER (RVS) DEVICE IN RECOGNITION IS  
FILLS UP UNDER RECOGNITION WITH A  
52-BY-40 MATRIX. THE RESULTS OF THE  
OPERATION (WITH SYSTEM 128  
BELOW THIS IS A 40-BIT MATRIX). A 40-BIT  
VERTICAL IN THE ASSOCIATED DATA  
IS ALSO MONITORED BY  
RECOGNITION HARDWARE.

RECOGNITION INVOLVES PERFORMANCE  
OF A FEATURE ON THE RVS MATRIX

FIGURE 13 (CONTINUED)

IT IS BEING FORMED ..... DETERMINE  
WHETHER PRE-DEFINED FEATURES ( ..... BIT  
COMBINATIONS) ARE PRESENT; ..... OF FEATURES  
ARE STORED ..... FONTS WITH UNIQUE  
COMBINATIONS ..... EACH CHARACTER; RECOG-  
NIZING A ..... MEANS DETECTING THE CORRECT  
OF FEATURES;

THE END ..... OF THE ENTIRE PROCESS  
THE STORING OF THE ..... OR  
CONTROL CHARACTER CODE ..... THE CHARACTER  
ENCODE MATRIX ..... RETRIEVAL BY PROGRAM  
CONTROL. .... RECOGNITION FLAG SIGNALS THE  
OF THE RECOGNITION PROCESS .....  
STOPS THE SCAN.

NOTE ..... THE RECOGNITION PROCESS IS  
SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE SCAN .....  
(AND NOT A SEPARATE .....). THE PROCESS IS  
AUTOMATIC ( ..... BY THE HARDWARE) ASSUMING  
PROGRAM CONTROL LOADS THE .....  
REGISTERS AND REACTS TO ..... RECOGNITION

FIGURE 13 (CONTINUED)

INTERRUPT; PROGRAM CONTROL CAN INTERVENE BY  
READING THE VIDEO SHIFT REGISTER OR THE FEATURE  
BUFFER REGISTER FOR SPECIALIZED PROCESSING;

OCR SYSTEMS CONTROL PROGRAMMER INFORMATION MANUAL;  
SYSTEMS PUBLICATIONS, SCAN-DATA CORPORATION,  
1971, P. 6-4.

FIGURE 13 (CONTINUED)

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OCR SYSTEMS CONTROL PROGRAMMER INFORMATION MANUAL:  
 SYSTEMS PUBLICATIONS, SCAN-DATA CORPORATION,  
 1971, p. 6-1.



### Exercise 3

Cloze the following passage and write out the instruction to the students regarding how they should proceed.

## BASIC INPUT/OUTPUT

### INTRODUCTION

Most data processing applications involve the basic operation of reading some type of data from an input device such as a card reader or a magnetic tape drive; processing the data in main storage, and writing some type of output on an output device such as a printer or a disk drive. The type of processing which occurs on the data which is read is, of course, dependent upon the requirements of the program and may consist of simple operations or very complex operations. The basic operation of read, process, and write, however, remains the same. Thus, before considering the logic which is required for processing data within main storage, it is first necessary to understand the basic input-output process:

In order to illustrate basic input/output operations, a flowchart will be developed for a program which is to read a file of data cards and create a printed report. The cards contain a Name field, an Address field, and a City/State field. The format of the cards are illustrated below. (Shelly, G.B.; Cashman, T.J.; 1978, p. 19)

## Exercise 1: Answer sheet

### Instructions:

1.

2.

### Words List:

The cloze procedure can also be used as a teaching technique. A variety of cloze modifications are useful for vocational teachers.

The changes in the procedure reflect the purpose of the exercise. If, for example, a data processing instructor wishes to highlight the procedures on a card reader and be certain that the student reading the literature understands what is being read, the passage can be "clozed;" deleting those words which are critical to the card reader literature comprehension. The following card reader passage with "instructional modification" words (to be deleted) underlined illustrates the technique:

#### SAMPLE: INSTRUCTIONAL MODIFICATION CLOZE

The card reader. Data is entered on cards by the manually operated keypunch machine. Once the data is punched into the cards, the deck is stacked into the hopper of the card reader (Figure 7.5). From the card hopper the cards are moved to the card-feed mechanism (Figure 7.6) past two brush-type or photocell-type reading stations. The brushes or photocells sense the presence or absence of the holes punched into the card and send electric signals to the computer. These signals, which form the external representation of data, are in turn converted by the computer into internal data representation.

Observe the two reading stations in the figure.  
(Vazsonyi, A.; 1977, p. 205)

Another modified cloze teaching technique is the "lexical cloze." Lexical is defined as relating to words of a language.

The lexical cloze involves deletion of words according to the kind of work they are, such as nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc. A later chapter of this booklet develops case grammar modification, utilizing the lexical cloze, establishing applicability for occupational education reading intervention. The example which follows illustrates use of subject deletions in a software application. The words to be deleted have been underlined:

software development. In the first-generation computers each step in a data processing task had to be programmed by the programmer. Later, software was developed to ease the programmer's burden; manufacturers provided software packages to handle such common data processing tasks as sorting, input, and output. The application programmer was relieved of these routine tasks, and programming time could be reduced.

In the early days of computers each data processing job was also handled on an individual basis. The computer operator took the deck of cards for an application and ran it on the computer. Then the operator looked for the next job to be performed and ran that one. The computer was idle between jobs, and much expensive computer time was wasted. (Vazsonyi, A.; 1977; p. 126)

When used as a teaching technique, the cloze procedure is easily adapted to provide for increasing degree of difficulty. Often vocational students have experienced a history of failures in reading. The pattern is conducive to diminished motivation in an attempt to read. In order to break the pattern and increase the likelihood of a motivated reader, a pattern of

reading success is useful. Literature of any level of readability can be clozed. Thus, vocational literature at a low readability level can be used for those students who need a success stimulus. In addition, for teaching purposes, synonymous or words close to the correct word can be accepted. The number of clozed words can be decreased; instead of following a schedule. The next example illustrates this point:

#### POWER REQUIREMENTS

POSITRAN is a multiprocessor micro-computer system which, like all computers, is dependent upon the local power environment for its operation. The restaurant electrical environment is subjected to transients created by the air conditioning, refrigeration, heating and cooking equipment. The general POSITRAN power requirements were created to protect the system from these transients.

The entire POSITRAN system should have a separate isolated A.C. circuit with its own building ground. The input line should have transient suppressions. The A.C. circuit should be run in conduit which is not in close proximity to any other A.C. circuits.

The following paragraphs describe the types of electrical interference that can occur, how they affect the input power, and how to protect the system.  
(Scan Data, 1979; p. 3-1)

For the word "transients," the student would be correct inserting "changes," for example. Note that only four deletions have been made and all are heavily clued.

## CASE GRAMMAR AND THE CLOZE PROCEDURE

Johnson and Levin (1979) describe Fillmore's theory of case grammar: "... which imaginatively combines syntactic and semantic features." The study of meanings (semantics) and the orderly system of words (syntax) combine in Fillmore's Case Concept (Johnson, 1973). The theory of case grammar is easily adapted to teaching techniques using the cloze procedure. The following illustrations demonstrate the usage:

Agentive (A) - "The typically animate, perceived instigator of action."

(Systems Analysts) define and recommend new systems; estimate costs and benefits; design, implement, and modify systems; and hold overall responsibility for system performance. (Vazsonyi, A.; 1978, p. 25)

Instrumental (I) - "The inanimate force or object causally involved in the state or action named by the verb."

We believe that the computer offers great benefits at small risk; the challenge is to use it to the best advantage to enrich our lives. (Vazsonyi, A.; 1978, p. 29)

Dative (D) - "The animate being affected by the state or action named by the verb."

Computer operators are the people who see and touch the machine... (Vazsonyi, A.; 1978, p. 21)

Patientive (P) - "The object or being resulting from the state or action named by the verb."

Programs written in these languages are compiled by a (machine language) program called the compiler into machine language programs (Vazsonyi, A.; 1978; p. 125):

Locative (L) - "The location or spatial orientation of the state or action named by the verb."

Channels are special-purpose computers; that is, they are input/output processors inserted between the main storage and other peripheral units (Vazsonyi, A.; 1978; p. 273):

Objective (O) - "The semantically most neutral case: anything representable by a noun whose role in the state or action named by the verb depends on the meaning of the verb itself."

A new development to help programmers make their jobs more interesting and more productive is called structured programming.

Benefactive (B) - "A noun deriving benefit of the action of the verb."

The central concept of data base management is to pool data for the many programs and store the data in data bases (Vazsonyi, A.; 1978; p. 330):

Comitative (C) - "In accompaniment."

The best central processing unit is useless without the appropriate input/output, auxiliary devices, and communication system to tie the units of the computer system together (Vazsonyi, A.; 1978; p. 702):

Temporal (T) - "When the verb is accomplished or occurs:"

After the connections are made, you can transmit data to the computer or to peripheral devices... (Vazsonyi, A.; 1978, p. 248)..

Modified cloze techniques can be used as introductory exercises, included in self-instruction packets; adapted for games; or structured for remedial work. They provide an excellent method of coordinating in-class vocational work and English or remedial reading treatment.

#### Exercise 4

Underline each word in the following passage which could be clozed by Fillmore rules, entering above the word the letter which indicates the rule used.

#### 4.1.1 INTRODUCTION

The UNI-COLL system operates under the IBM Multiple Virtual Storage Operating System (OS/MVS) and the Job Entry Subsystem 2 (JES2). The OS/MVS system allows UNI-COLL to operate in a Multi-Processing (MP) environment, employing two interconnected processing units that execute the same workload simultaneously.

The purpose of MVS is to supervise and optimize computer processing by managing the allocation of system resources (i.e., central processing units, main storage, input/output devices, etc.) to the different jobs. The programmer communicates with the operating system describing the requirements for a particular job through use of Job Control Language (JCL):

JES2 is an integral part of MVS that provides for additional automation and control of the computing operation.



Essentially, JES2 operates as a programmed operator of OS/VS2, further optimizing the computer's resources. The programmer communicates with JES2 to define various aspects of job processing by means of JCL control cards. These cards can describe the volumes that are to be mounted prior to execution, communicate special instructions for forms processing of print and punch output, specify the location to which print or punch output is to be routed, or send messages to the operator console at JES2 job input time, etc.

Jobs normally flow through the following five major JES2 processing phases:

#### 4.1.1.1 INPUT

Jobs are read into the system from local card readers, remote terminals, and internal reader interfaces. Jobs are then entered into a queue to await processing by the next phase, which is normally the CONVERSION phase. If TYPRUN=COPY (see Section 4.1.5.1) was specified in the JCL, the job is immediately queued for the OUTPUT phase.

#### 4.1.1.2 CONVERSION

The converter receives jobs from the queue built by the INPUT phase. Input JCL is merged with private and system PROCLIB JCL; this JCL is then scanned for syntax errors. Jobs with JCL syntax errors, or that have specified TYPRUN=SCAN

to their list, are queued for OUTPUT. Jobs that complete conversion successfully are queued for the EXECUTION phase.  
(UNL-COLL Oper Guide; 1979, p. 4-1)

SECTIONS 3 - 6  
READING VOCATIONAL TEXTS

## READING VOCATIONAL TEXTS

The following four sections each present a set of important content reading skills. Only those skills particularly relevant to vocational texts have been included. Moreover, each skill has been broken down into segments requiring no more than 5-10 minutes of class time every other day. All homework utilizes the text assignments you would normally require at that point in your course. Because students must pay careful attention to their text in order to complete the reading skill assignment, they should more thoroughly understand the content material than they ordinarily would.

Each section presents the given skill using a variety of vocational examples. Opportunities are then provided for you to apply the skills so that you can be assured of mastering each one.

Following the individual skill discussions is a section called "Textbook Application." It is here that you apply each skill to your own course textbook. This second application accomplishes three purposes: 1) It allows you to locate examples and sample exercises that you can use in your classroom, thereby greatly reducing extra preparation time reading instruction might entail; 2) It enables you to tailor the skills to your text; and 3) It gives you an additional practice opportunity, this time using the CBA materials your students will use.

At the end of each section are additional suggestions for teaching the new skills.

SECTION 3-6 TIME FRAME

SECTION		TIMING
3	Basic Vocabulary Skills Formal definitions Synonyms Illustrations Glossaries Textbook application Teaching students basic vocabulary skills	Weeks 1 and 2
4	Paragraph Comprehension Paragraph subject Paragraph main idea Textbook application Teaching students paragraph comprehension	Weeks 3, 4 and 5
5	SQYR The SQYR method of study Textbook application Teaching SQYR	Weeks 6 and 7
6	Recognizing and recording complex information Classification Comparison Cause and effect Textbook application Teaching students to recognize and record complex information	Weeks 8, 9 and 10

SECTION 3  
BASIC VOCABULARY SKILLS

## Section 1

### Vocabulary Skills

Central to data processing is its specialized technical vocabulary: complete and rapid comprehension of this vocabulary is imperative for the student. This is particularly important because authors of occupational literature assume their readers have a basic understanding of important terms. Since it is essential for students to understand the technical terms in their field, most textbook authors have taken care to provide definitions and other comprehension aids. The simplest of these is the use of italics or boldfaced type to highlight important terms. Four other aids are discussed below: formal definitions, synonyms, illustrations, and glossaries. In some instances these aids are also used in the occupational literature.

#### Formal Definitions

Often an author will define an important technical term in the sentence or sentences that introduce it.

The UNIT parameter is used in the DD statement to describe what kind of tape drive or direct access device is to be used for the data set. (UNI-COLL; 4-30)

term

definition

<i>Unit parameter</i>	<i>describes tape drive or direct access drive to be used for data set</i>
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RPL is another high level language designed specifically for report writing and file maintenance application. The language facilitates producing programs for a wide variety of reports ranging from a simple listing to a complete report that incorporates calculations and editing. (Shelly & Cashman, 1978, 1.5)

term	definition
RPL	<i>Language for reports and file maintenance with editing and calculation.</i>

Message:	BAD DESTINATION MSG CANCELLED
Meaning:	Incorrect character keyed in the first position of N, ANS in a required keyed response.  (Scandata 2250/2: Key entry system; V-2)

Clue words warn the reader that a definition is included in the sentence. These include "is," "means," "is referred to," "is called;" and "is defined as." Locate the technical term and its definition in the following examples (remember that a technical term may include one word or several).

#### Exercise 5

SCAN-DATA OCR systems are designed to operate in a computer environment; i.e. in an air-conditioned room of the type usually used for electronic data processing equipment that is reasonably free of dirt, abrasive material, and corrosive vapors. (Scandata 2250/1. II-1)

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## Terminology

Duplicating. Duplicating is a high-volume process that generally involves the preparation of master copies such as stencils and plates. These are used to reproduce copies by means of ink or the transfer of dye. Included in this category are the well-known stencil, spirit, and offset processes.

In the stencil or mimeographing process, ink is forced from a saturated pad through a stencil as it is rotated on the drum of the duplicating machine.

The spirit process, often referred to as the hectograph process, employs special carbon paper containing aniline dye to produce a master from which an image is transferred to papers moistened with a special liquid.

Offset duplicating is a versatile method producing a high quality of work. Offset is the process used most often in data processing for the reproduction of documents, reports, and other materials where quantity and appearance are important factors. Continuous-form offset masters can be used with computer print out devices and other business machines to prepare data for reproduction.

In the offset process, the inked image is transferred from a master on one rotating cylinder to another cylinder wrapped with a rubber blanket. In turn, the blanket transfers the image to copy paper that is fed into the machine and pressed against the blanket by an impression cylinder. (Arnolds, Hill, Nichols, 1973, 67)

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## Synonyms

As an alternative to a formal definition, a text may clarify a technical term by the use of a synonym. The synonym may be enclosed in commas or parentheses directly following the term or set off by the word "or."

This configuration supports synchronous and asynchronous (stop = start) communications. (UNI-COLL, 1-3)

term:

synonym

*asynchronous*

*stop-start*

## Exercise 7

In the verify mode, previously entered data are compared (verified) with the source documents and corrected if necessary. (Scandata 2250/2 System Engineering, 1-11)

term\*

synonym

\*be careful, this is tricky

From the general conceptual point of view we are dealing here with a step-by-step procedure or process which transforms the input into output. (Vazsonyi, 1977; 42)

term

synonym

## Mnemonics and Abbreviations

Data processing literature uses a special type of synonym in a manner unique to the field. The occupational literature is replete with abbreviations or mnemonics, most of which are defined only a few times. Students must be alert for the original

definition, otherwise much of the remaining prose will be unintelligible. The following examples illustrate different ways the mnemonics are defined and then used without explanation.

Associated with each terminal is a block of working storage belonging exclusively to that terminal called the terminal work area (TWA). (Scandata 2250/2 System Engineering, 2-2)

Mnemonic definition

*TWA* ..... *Terminal work area* .....

If this occurs, the system must BREAK (that is give up control for one complete cycle through all terminals) until the first request is complete. (Ibid)

Mnemonic definition

*BREAK* ..... *give up control for one complete cycle through all terminals* .....

Temporary storage. TEMPS are those memory cells where intermediate results are held until they can be used later. If something is to be saved in one segment and recalled in another, it must be placed where it will not be changed during the intervening BREAK. This is the purpose of the TWA. The cells of a TWA belong to the terminal it is assigned to and the activity of no other terminal will affect them. TEMPS whose use is confined solely to one segment do not need to be reusable and may be taken from a global pool in page zero. (Ibid, 2-6)

Mnemonic definition

*TEMPS* ..... *temporary storage* .....

teaching

... and the data processing literature would not be expected to define important terms. Unfortunately, students often skip over the illustrations when they read. One of the chief tasks of an instructor is to impress on students the need to immediately study the designated figure whenever it is mentioned in the prose (Ex: "See Fig. 8-2"). The following examples of mnemonics are explained by an author below.

Figure 8-2. A mnemonic device for remembering the order of the steps in the data processing cycle.

1. Input 2. Processing 3. Output 4. Storage 5. Retrieval

1. I 2. P 3. O 4. S 5. R

1. I 2. P 3. O 4. S 5. R

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(1) *Illustrations* are used to supply definitions in  
 textbooks and they are frequently used to explain  
 concepts. It is of central importance that students make use  
 of these illustrations. Step one in the effective utilization  
 of illustrations is to study the title, caption, or intro-  
 duction, entries that state the purpose of the example and  
 then utilize the illustration in light of this purpose. In  
 Figure 13, an excerpt from Mollly and Latham (1978, p. 11),  
 students are asked to match the errors displayed in the  
 left column with the original incorrect source statements:  
 "Other illustrations used in data processing involve more  
 complex comparisons of different sample materials. Again in  
 Mollly and Latham (1978, p. 10 - 1.16) common related data  
 analysis materials are presented but this time five samples  
 are presented across 4 pages. Students are demanded that  
 they flip back and forth two pages. Active reading  
 at this time is not a habit and must therefore be  
 deliberately created. (see Figure 13)

### References

Many current data processing texts include glossaries at  
 the end of the chapter or book. The teacher's task is to have  
 students identify the initial words of a  
 glossary entry and be required to identify the key the right  
 word beginning a new chapter. In all, as they read the





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MULTIPLE CARD PAYROLL FORM

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State Order on Multiple Card Payroll Form



Printer Spacing Chart

PRINTER SPACING CHART

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SALES ANALYSIS REPORT							
BY							
ATTEN							
FIRM	PRODUCT	QUANTITY	SALES				
NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	SOLD	AMOUNT				
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Figure 11 (continued)

about the input data will be needed to process the data to produce the reports; the definition of the report and related items will normally be in the form of a Multiple-Card Report (see below) which is an input report.

Examples of the report in Figure 11 and the actual card which would be used as input at the input terminal in Figure 1-1 are illustrated below.

EXAMPLE

Card Input

The diagram illustrates a card input terminal on the left and a card with a grid of data points on the right. The terminal has a vertical slot for the card and a control panel with several buttons. The card is a standard 80-column punch card with a grid of data points represented by small circles. The data points are arranged in a grid that is approximately 20 columns wide and 30 rows high. The grid is divided into four quadrants by a vertical line at column 40 and a horizontal line at row 15. The data points are arranged in a regular pattern, with some points missing in certain areas, possibly representing a specific data set or a test pattern.

Printed Output

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As an example, from the example data, the sales report which is generated from the program is in the format as the printer spacing chart in Figure 1-12. The same is true of the other reports. Thus, through the use of the record layout forms, the analyst determines the structure of the formats of the records to be processed by the program.

most, but not all, new words defined in the glossary they indicate a separate piece of paper. While the notation is not a constant in itself, the requirement of writing it will force the student to use the glossary. This requirement and the constant will continue to be used later in the term.

1.1.1.4.1.4.2.1.2.3

Students are either asked the meaning of a word clear, but are not allowed to write it. More frequently, a term is defined in a glossary in the book, but will be used later without definition. Students may not remember the initial definition.

In many cases to skip a word they don't know, read the definition sentence, and then make an educated guess as to its meaning. Students reading the following excerpt (UNI-COLL; 1975) should not understand the word "charging algorithm."

However, there are other (circled words) which suggest that the problem has something to do with scheduling and cost.

1.1.1.4.1.4.2.1.2.3.1

The "charging algorithm" is defined in reference to a circuit which is relative and recursive (the "system" is a circuit which will be the variable encountered round "charging algorithm" in order to a charge algorithm system. The circuit is a parallel one. The circuit is a circuit which will be the input (input) to the circuit. The circuit is a circuit which will be the input (input) to the circuit.

- o Time is rounded to tenths of a second before charges are submitted. Jobs submitted in non-Batch Monitor classes will incur a CPU assessment overhead of a half-second for CONVERSION processing (this includes OPEN-STEP jobs), and a half-second for the INITIALIZER phase (see SECTION 4.1.1). If a JCL error is discovered during CONVERSION, the job will be charged only a half-second of CPU overhead.
- o Channel usage based on disk and tape I/O activity.
  - o CPU channel utilization is measured by the number of execute channel programs (EXCPs) issued during the job step.
  - o Tape drive channel utilization is measured by the actual duration, in seconds, of all start I/O commands (SIO) from issuance to channel end condition.
- o All record activity (charges) will be made for the number of records spooled, cards read, lines printed, and cards punched. In addition, all print train, print form charges, and print and punch materials are charged, depending upon policies in effect at the individual remote site. Output produced at the UNI-CELL site will be charged for these resources.
- o Storage units are computed on a step basis as a function of the requested volume and pseudo step time (PST):
  - o PST is the sum of the CPU time, BASIO and tape channel time, and may be computed from the formula:

Example 2:

In the example, the question is an important word, one that might not be readily comprehended by students. It is advised that they will first attempt to ascertain its meaning, and then look at the rest of the question to see how close your guesses were.

If the computer stops because of a program or equipment failure, the output storage unit (but (dump) at the point of failure should normally be made. If the computer stopped because of a program error, the output storage printout and console readings at the time of the stop should be collected and delivered to the programmer, at which point a spare job can be put into operation. In case of equipment failure, the equipment must be repaired or replaced before operation can continue. Some computers have more advanced checking systems than others. Those with advanced systems will stop at the point of failure and record on the console or console typewriter the nature of an error required to diagnose the type of failure and the cause. Arnold, Hill, & Nichols, 1971, 116.

Logic instructions. Logic (decision-making) instructions enable the computer to branch from the normal sequence of instructions in accordance with the existence or non-existence of certain conditions. If instructions always had to be followed sequentially in a fixed pattern, this would limit the computer to a single path of operation. For example, you would not have any method of dealing with decisions to a procedure and would be unable to select alternate paths, known as branches, based on conditions encountered while processing data. Moreover, a complete check would be necessary to process each record if it were not possible to repeat a given set of instructions.

classroom

Write # \_\_\_\_\_ terms found in the glossary (use each term only once)

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Directions: Answering

Write # \_\_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_\_

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### Application of the Strategy

Use the strategy to introduce a new skill in the first week of work and to refresh a skill every other day and skill can be used to refresh an old skill. Give three or four more examples. In the second week, introduce a definition on the board while the students use the term and definition in a discussion. As each day, give students new exercises of how students practice the skill. Give students a worksheet that you can use and explained by the teacher. Give students a worksheet (you can use formal definition, etc.). Give students a worksheet similar to the one you completed in the previous section.

The strategy can also be used to introduce or refresh a skill. Prepare a list of skills from your text that are important to your class that are explained in the text. This can be used to refresh the student and their comprehension of the skill. It can also be used to demonstrate to the student the use of the skill.

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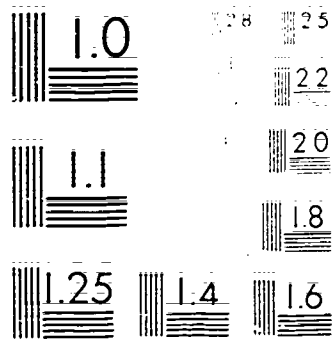
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Illustrations

<u>Pg. = term</u>	<u>Pg. = Ill.</u>	<u>Terms defined by the drawing or photograph</u>
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3		
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(Answers to Exercise 1)

- Malfunction
- Malfunction
- Malfunction
- Deviate

SECTION 4  
PARAGRAPH COMPREHENSION

## Section 4

### PARAGRAPH COMPREHENSION

A paragraph has three major components:

1. the subject (what is being talked about)
2. the main idea (the most important information about the subject)
3. the supportive information (facts or examples that make the information clearer)

Of these, the main idea is the most crucial: for the key points of a chapter or article are simply selected main ideas from component paragraphs.

Look at the following paragraph. What are the subject and main idea?

Another function communication system elements perform is the processing of data. In this role the system element processes data into information, as we will discuss later in the section on data-processing system operation. The function may, of course, be performed by individual human beings, groups of individuals using various mechanical aids, or computers. Regardless of form, each of these data-processing systems performs a vital role in the communication system. (Alexander, 1974, 86)

On first inspection it appears that the subject is communication system elements. However, it is not simply a general discussion of these elements, but rather a discussion of one of their functions. The word "another" tells you that one or more other functions have already been presented, let us assume one such presentation. The subject, then, "communication system element

function #2." The most important information about this system, the main idea, is that "the system element processes data into information." The rest of the paragraph simply provides examples of processing data -- supportive information.

### Paragraph Subject

The key to finding the subject of a paragraph is finding the one topic to which everything else in the paragraph is related. A paragraph usually discusses only one small aspect of a larger topic; therefore, the subject must not be too general. It must identify the specific topic being discussed. At the same time, it must not be too specific; substituting an example of the subject being discussed for the subject itself.

What is the subject of this paragraph?

UNI-COLL offers customers the ability to allocate space and store data on direct access volumes (3330s) shared by the batch, TSO, and APLSV systems. The DD statement parameter "UNIT=OLS" (Online Storage) is used to allocate space on these volumes when using batch processing. When datasets are created via TSO or APLSV, no unit parameter need be specified. All datasets used or created interactively must be either on OLS or permanently mounted customer spindles. (UNI-COLL, 3-3)

- Subject: a) UNI-COLL
- b) "UNIT=OLS" (Online Storage)
- c) allocation of space and storage of data
- d) using OLS with interactive processing

Choices "a" and "c" can be eliminated because they are too general, the paragraph touches on only one small aspect of each topic.

Subject "d" is too specific though it does include information in relation to types of data processing other than information on "Online storage." "c," is the subject relating to externalizing in the paragraph.

Often subject identification is made easier by the use of sub-titles and/or introductory sentences as in the following paragraphs about memory organization and the definition of a communication system.

#### 4.1 MEMORY ORGANIZATION

PDP-8/A memory can be viewed as a series of storage locations with an octal number assigned to each location. This number is an address providing a means of specifying any memory location. For example, a K word (1024) memory could be shown as in Figure 4-1, with the octal addresses shown on the left and the corresponding decimal equivalents on the right. (Orlital, 1975-77, 4-1)

A basic communication system may be defined as two or more distinct information-generating subsystems operating in series with each other. These subsystems may be either human beings or electronic data-processing equipment. Under this arrangement the output of the first subsystem becomes the input to the second. The interface between the two is linked by a message that is transmitted. When additional information-generating subsystems are present in the total communication system, there will be an output-to-input interface between each pair of information subsystems in the series. In this way the total communication system may be viewed as a large complex of interrelated subsystems. The objective of the resulting supersystem is to impart knowledge, thoughts, ideas, perceptions, qualities, properties, or organized data among the individual systems. (Alexander, 1974, 86)

### Paragraph Main Idea

Often it is difficult to identify a paragraph's main idea.

The following three guidelines can help in its location:

1. If the paragraph includes the definition of a term, that term might be part of the subject. The definition might be part of the main idea.
2. If there are examples, there may be illustrative material or part of the main idea.
3. If a key word or phrase is repeated, it might be part of the subject or main idea.
4. Highlighted words might be part of the subject or main idea.

Note that the word "might" is used in each instance. These guidelines can point toward possible main ideas they cannot automatically select the right one.

### Exercise 10

Look at the following paragraphs. First ask yourself what the paragraph is about (the subject). Then look for the main idea using the four guidelines. Note which guideline is most helpful in each case (in some cases none may apply).

Remember that the main idea contains the most important information about the subject. This information may be clearly stated at the beginning or end of the paragraph, scattered throughout, or merely inferred.

Organizational information systems encompass all of the information flows down from top management and the responses of lower-level employees up to top management. The managers at all organizational levels are ultimately responsible for



planning, organizing, directing, and controlling the activities of their organizational units. Managerial directives must be communicated from the top-level managers, perhaps through several managerial levels, to the employees of the firm. In order to exercise control, there must be a reverse information flow to give management feedback about the activities being performed at the lower levels. The organizational information system then is simply a collection of different channels or media for transmitting information from the top of the organization to the bottom and back up to the top once more. (Alexander, 1974, p.3)

Guideline #	Subject	Main Idea

By program implementation, we mean the task of actually converting a problem solution, existing perhaps in the form of a flowchart, into a computer program. This task involves a number of clearly identifiable steps. The first of these is coding; in other words, actually writing the instructions. It's a rare programmer who can write error-free code; thus a second step in this process is program debug, which simply means removing the errors (or bugs) from the program. The final step is program testing. In this step, the program is used to process realistic, representative data, and the results are compared with expected results. These three steps overlap a great deal, with errors frequently being detected during testing and removed (debugged) by recoding portions of the program. (David, 1978, 218)

Guideline #	Subject	Main Idea

### 3.2 PROGRAMMED DATA TRANSFER

Programmed data transfer is the easiest and most common means of performing I/O. Each input/output transfer (IOT) instruction initiates one programmed transfer which may transmit data or status information either to or from a peripheral device. The amount of information that will be transferred by an IOT instruction depends upon the particular operation that is coded into the instruction and the design of the I/O device interface. In general, programmed data transfers are limited to a maximum of 12 bits of information per IOT instruction. (Digital, 1976-77, 8-1)

Guideline #	Subject	Main Idea

Since maintenance begins after the program has been written, it involves some special problems. The original programmer may well have forgotten the program, hence needing a refresher, or he or she may have left the organization, meaning that someone else must find and fix the bug or make the modification. If a program is to be successfully maintained, it is essential that a very clear and complete description of the logic of the program be available. (David, 1978, 216)

Guideline #	Subject	Main Idea

#### 4:1.5.3 JES2 /\*SETUP Card

A /\*SETUP card is used to inform the operation of those tape and disk volumes that are to be mounted for the job. There must be a separate /\*SETUP card for each volume to be mounted except when setup by dataset name is utilized (see "dataset name," below). The /\*SETUP card(s) can be placed anywhere within the JCL for a job; however, the /\*SETUP card(s) must not occur before a JOB card, or between a "DD \*" or "DD DATA" statement and its corresponding

delimiter. It should be noted that a job will be cancelled if it requires volumes to be mounted and the /\*SETUP card is omitted or coded improperly. (UNI-COLL, 4-14)

Guideline #	Subject	Main Idea

### Paragraph Comprehension and Illustrations

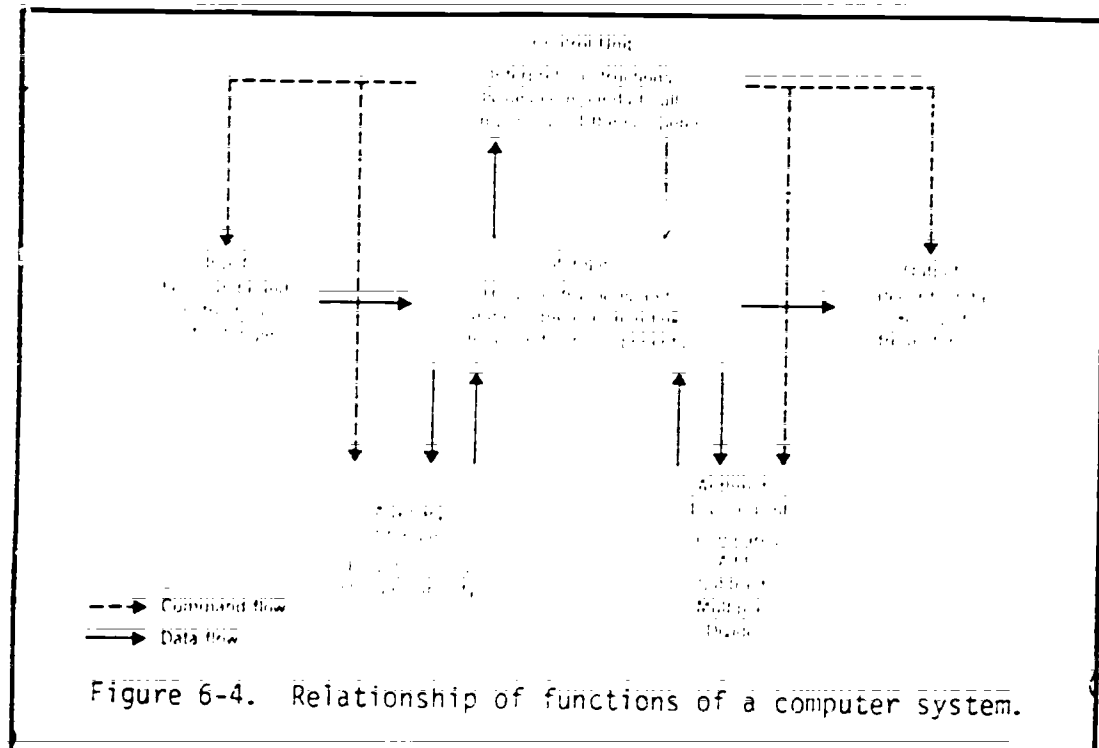
Paragraph comprehension can be reinforced by the proper use of illustrative material. Data processing relies heavily upon various types of flow charts. Students must understand that these charts present sequential information and should, therefore, be "read" in the intended sequence. They should also develop the practice of reading the diagram and the prose in an integrated fashion. In the following example (Arnold, Hill, Nichols, 1978, 120-121) write the number of each step discussed in the prose on the appropriate part of the diagram.

### COMPUTER FUNCTIONS

The ability to compute is only one of the functions of an electronic data processing system. The other basic functions are data storage, control, and communication. These functions enable electronic computers to process data in the following steps:

1. The data to be processed and the instructions for processing it are recorded in an input medium such as punched paper tape, punched cards, magnetic tape, magnetic ink characters, or optical characters.

2. The instructions and data are fed into an input device, where they are automatically converted into electrical impulses. The instructions and data are then routed to the main storage or memory unit, where they are held until needed. Data also may be stored in an external or auxiliary device.
3. Instructions are accessed and interpreted by the control unit of the computer, which directs the various data processing operations by issuing commands to all components of the system.
4. In accordance with instructions, data is transferred from storage to the arithmetic-logical unit of the computer, where arithmetic operations or comparisons are performed as directed by the control unit.
5. Processed data is routed to the storage unit, where it may be held for further processing or moved to an output device, again as directed by the control unit.
6. Data emitted from storage is recorded by an output device in a medium such as punched tape, punched cards, magnetic tape, or printed documents.



The relationship of these functions is illustrated in Figure 6-4. This diagram depicts the significance of the storage unit as a common link between all units or components of the computer. It also shows that all units operate under the direction of the control unit as it receives and interprets one instruction at a time. These functions will be described in greater detail in the following chapters.

A method of representing data that is acceptable to the system is essential for performance of the functions outlined above. We shall now consider methods of data representation:

Although students cannot write in their texts, dittos or transparencies of selections can be made so that they can practice cross-referencing the diagram and the prose:

#### Exercise 11

As an example, cross-referencing has been started on the following selection. Finish the work and then cross-reference the second selection:

Aside from the sheer volume of data, we might ask what there is about processing data that consumes so much time and effort and creates such a need for mechanical and electronic devices. Actually, from the time of origin to the time of arrival in a final, more useful form, data may go through a number of operational steps referred to as the data processing cycle. This cycle may be roughly divided into the following steps: origination of data, data recording, data manipulation, report or document

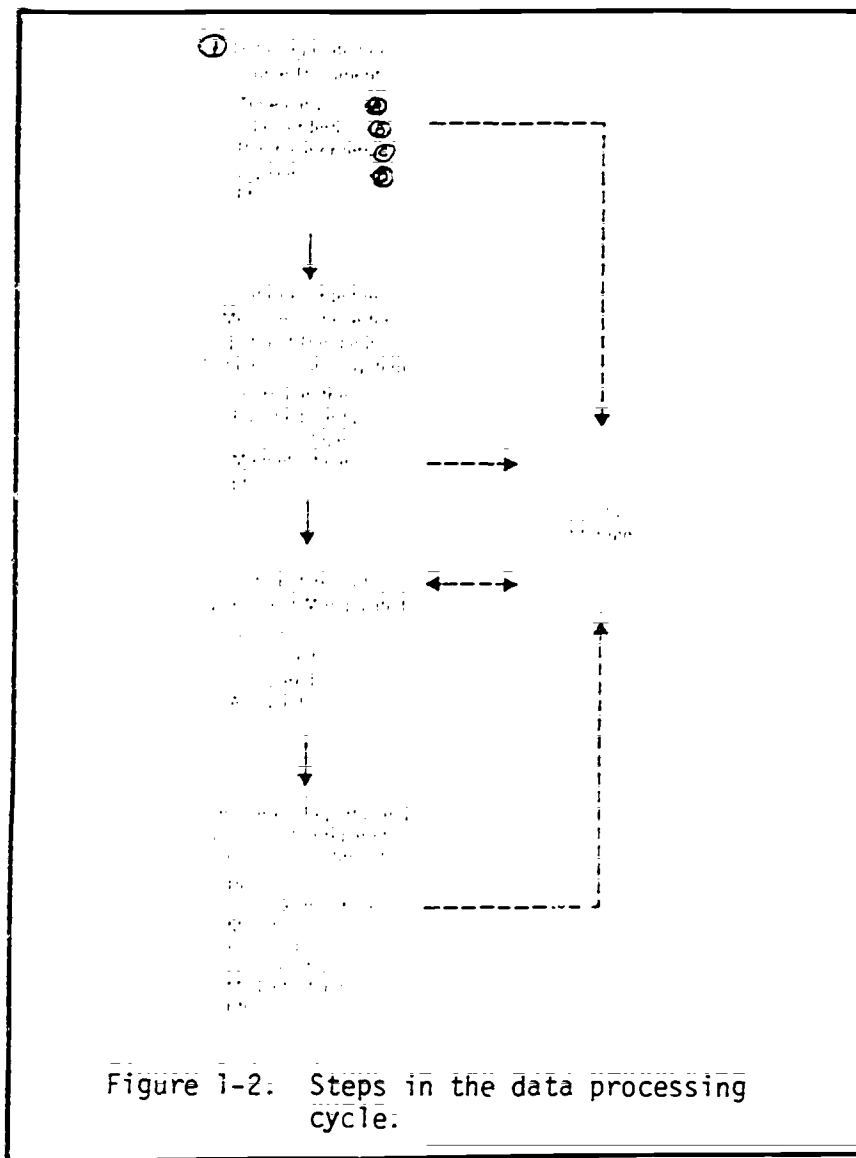
preparation, data communication, and data storage.

These steps are illustrated in Figure 1-2.

### ① Origination of Data

The raw material for data processing originates on various business forms, often referred to as source documents.

This original data might be handwritten, typewritten, or prepared in a variety of other ways. For example, payroll



time data might be handwritten by the worker on a timekeeper, stamped in numerals by a time clock, or punched into a card. Other examples of source documents include sales orders, purchase orders, invoices, and material requisitions. These original documents are especially important for two reasons: (1) they provide verification of all transactions, and (2) they are the basis for all further actions.

### Recording Data

The basic function of this step is recording data in some form that allows it to be handled conveniently in whatever system is being used. This might involve making a manual entry in a journal or register of some type, punching holes in a card, punching holes in paper tape, recording magnetized spots on magnetic tape, writing or printing data in magnetic ink, or using some other medium acceptable to the system as a means of entering and later transferring the data from one step to another (Figure 1-3).

In some cases recording may be combined with the preparation of original documents through a technique called source data automation. For example, by using a typewriter equipped with a magnetic tape recording device, it is possible to prepare simultaneously a typewritten

document, such as a sales invoice, and a magnetic tape containing the same or selected data. Thus, the original data is automatically recorded in machine language for entry into a computer system.

Data may also be recorded and transmitted directly into a data processing system without the need for document preparation. For example, the time reporting discussed in the preceding section could be accomplished by inserting the worker's coded badge on identification card into a data collection device capable of reading and transmitting directly to a remote computer the data about the employee and his time of arrival or departure (Figure 1-4). In some computer systems data is entered directly into the computer through a typewriter-like console keyboard.

The following steps can also be important parts of the data recording function.

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Editing. This is the process of selecting significant data and eliminating data that does not need to be recorded for further processing.

Coding. As a means of further reducing the amount of data to be recorded and processed, abbreviated codes are often used to condense the data. The technique of converting data to symbolic form has been used in many fields



as a means of saving time, effort, and space, and as a convenient device for identifying and distinguishing data. The most familiar types of codes used to express words or ideas are the alphabetic, which consists of letters; the numeric, in which numbers are used; and the alphanumeric, which used both numbers and alphabetic characters. The designation of units in a large organization as departments A, B, C, etc., is an example of the use of alphabetic code. Examples of the use of numerical codes include credit cards, bank accounts, and social security numbers.

**Classifying.** Classifying is the process of identifying one or more common characteristics to be used as a means of systematically grouping data into classes. Categories might include type of product, location, department price range, etc. Classifying may occur as a separate step. However, since the need is usually anticipated at the time data is recorded, classifications are generally determined and entered as part of the recording process.

As defined here, classification is an initial step that precedes the actual sorting of data. For example, classifications such as department number, age group, sex, etc., may be entered on personnel records even though the records are to be filed alphabetically. The

presence of such classification data makes it easy to rearrange records at any time for statistical or other purposes.

Codes are used extensively as a means of identifying different classes of data. Numbers or letters of the alphabet, or a combination of both, can be assigned to previously planned classifications to provide quick recognition and ease in writing. For example, the names of the states are frequently designated by code numbers such as 01 = Alabama; 02 = Alaska, etc.

Conversion. Conversion is a means of transforming data from one recorded form to another. For example, data recorded in punched cards may be converted to magnetic tape, or vice versa, by the use of special equipment designed for this purpose. Such conversion changes the recorded form of data but not the nature of the data. Conversion, as well as re-recording in the same form, may occur at various times during the processing cycle.

Copying and Duplicating. These are processes by which facsimiles of data can be prepared for distribution to more than one user or for use in different steps in the processing cycle.

Verifying. This essential function assures that all parts of the recording process have been accomplished without error, and that accurate data is entered into the processing system.

#### Manipulation of Data

If the original form of data were suitable for all purposes, less processing would be necessary. Seldom, however, can the real objective of a transaction or situation be attained without converting data into a more useful form. This conversion is accomplished by means of one or more of the following procedures:

Sorting. Sorting is the process of arranging or selecting data according to (1) order or rank or (2) common characteristic. Sorting according to order or rank, known as sorting in sequence, takes place when data is arranged in numeric or alphabetic sequence. Sales invoice data, for example, might be arranged according to sequence of invoice numbers or customers' names. ~~Sorting according to common~~ characteristic, known as sorting by classification, takes place when data is arranged in similar groups. For example, customers could be classified by geographic area, by salesman, or by type of business. Like other steps in the processing cycle, sorting is simplified by expressing data in codes.

Comparing and Analyzing. By these processes we determine such factors as the nature, proportion, relationship, order, similarity, or relative value of data.

Calculating. Calculating refers to the arithmetical processes of multiplication, division, addition, or subtraction, which are necessary to convert data into a more significant form. For example, an employee's weekly hours of work and his hourly rate of pay become much more significant when they are multiplied together to determine his weekly earnings.

#### Summarizing and Report Preparation

Summarizing. Summarizing is the process of condensing data so that the main points are emphasized. Summarizing generally involves listing or tabulating data and totaling each list. The running of a list on an adding machine is one form of summarization.

Summarizing is related to sorting since the arrangement of data into categories is usually part of the summary process. The sorting operation in itself may be meaningless, however, unless the results of the separation are known. Summarizing carries the process one step further by providing totals to indicate the individual or comparative values of various classes of data. As an

illustration, the daily sales of a store may be listed by departments. This operation achieves a distribution of sales data. However, the relative performance of each department cannot be ascertained at the end of a weekly or monthly period until the data is summarized by totaling each list. Thus, the detailed lists are condensed into totals that provide management with useful information.

**Report Preparation:** The processed information that results from the data processing cycle is known as output. This could include documents such as payroll checks or statements of account; or finished reports such as a sales analysis, expense distribution, inventory, or weekly payroll. The means by which the processed information is finally recorded is known as the output medium. Depending on the type of processing system being used, output media could consist of typewritten documents or reports, printed forms, punched cards, punched paper tape, magnetic tape, or other special forms.

#### Data Communications

Communication is the process of transferring data from one point to another during the processing cycle or of delivering the final results to the user. Many methods may be used, ranging from the very simple to the highly complex. Data in written, punched card, or other form may be transported

internally by hand or by a conveyor mechanism of some type. Externally, data is often transported by mail.

Almost any process of transmitting information may be considered a form of data communications. However, in this period of advanced technology the term "data communications" generally refers to the electrical transmission of data that has been transformed into a special code. It is now possible to transmit data between a wide variety of devices, internally or externally, by direct connection or by means of telephone circuits, telegraph circuits, or microwave. Teletypewriter service is probably the most familiar example of wire communication. This method enables data in typewritten, punched tape, or magnetic tape form to be transmitted between units in the same building or city, or thousands of miles apart (Figure 1-5).

#### Data Storage

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Upon completion of the processing cycle, or possibly at a point of intermediate results during the cycle, data must be stored so that it is readily retrievable. The storage of data is a matter of monumental proportions in some organizations. This is especially true of certain governmental agencies and business firms that have a large number of documented transactions. It is of utmost importance in such organizations to design a storage system

that will facilitate the retrieval of data needed for current operations and safeguard data that may be needed for reference in the future. Storage techniques depend, of course, on the type and volume of data involved.

In conclusion, let us emphasize that the steps of the data processing cycle outlined above are the basic elements into which all data processing problems subdivide. All or some of these functions have to be performed whether they are done manually, by mechanical means, or by electronic computer. In spite of the vast differences in these methods, however, the objective of data processing remains basically the same -- the conversion of data to useful information.

Now, cross-reference the following: (Figure 2-11 is included in Figure 16)

#### 2.4.1 KEYSTROKE PROCESSING (Scandata 2250/2 System Engineering, 2-114-215)

Keystroke processing (see Figure 2-11) begins with a key depression at a terminal. This results in an interrupt which is acknowledged by the process and results in storing the character in a five character, key-stroke buffer (KSTRK BUF). The EXEC module is altered to this event.

Figure 16: Cross-Referencing

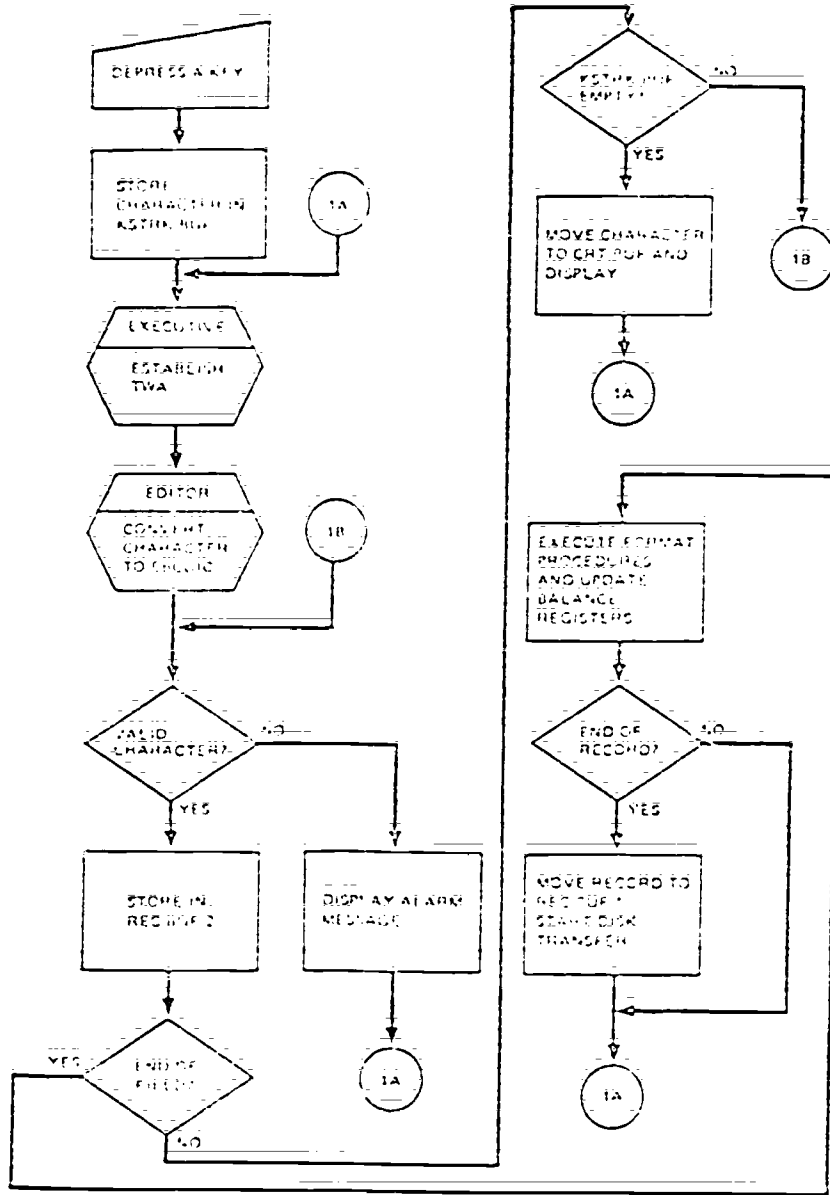


Figure 2-11. Keystroke Processing Data Flow



The executive, at the time slice allocated for that terminal establishes a terminal work area (TWA) and passes control to the EDITOR. The TWA includes record buffer 1 and record buffer 2 and the sector buffer.

The record buffers are used to accumulate and process data. The sector buffer is used to attain maximum disk efficiency.

The EDITOR converts the incoming character to EBCDIC and initiates a work sequence.

During the work sequence initiation, characters are accumulated in CMMD BUF and the requested work type is evaluated. Once the work type is established, batches are opened and format programs are loaded followed by normal data gathering.

Characters continue to be routed by the EXECUTIVE to the EDITOR. The EDITOR validates each character according to the format specification. If the character is valid, it is stored in REC BUF 2. Otherwise, an alarm message is displayed on the CRT. The end-of-field is checked and if not at the end of the field, KSTRK BUF is checked for additional characters to be processed in the same manner. If SKTRK BUF is empty, the accumulated characters are moved to CRT BUF for display and control is passed on to the EXECUTIVE.

At the end of each field, format procedures are executed and the balance registers are updated. Any alarm, DUP, or DISP procedures are executed at this time. The processing of fields continues in this manner until an end of record is reached.

Exercise 12: Textbook Application

Pick four paragraphs from your fourth week's reading assignment. Identify the subject in each:

Page #	Col. #	Para. #	Subject

Pick four paragraphs from your fifth week's reading assignment. Identify the subject and main idea in each:

Page #	Col. #	Para. #	Subject	Main Idea

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Pick a segment at least four paragraphs in length from your sixth week's reading assignment and note the subject and main idea of each important paragraph.

Page #	Subject	Main Idea

Pick two text selections that correspond to flow charts or other sequential diagrams from the fifth, sixth, or seventh weeks assignment (if possible). Note the page number of the prose and diagram.

Page # Diagram	Page # Prose	Title Diagram

### Teaching Students to Understand the Paragraph

Understanding the paragraph is the most difficult reading skill the vocational instructor must teach. It is important to introduce the material slowly and incrementally as was done here. The fourth week of class can be devoted to the paragraph subject. Monday 5-10 minutes can be spent in a general introduction and discussion/practice locating subjects in simple sample paragraphs. Wednesday the three criteria can be applied to more sample paragraphs and students can look for the subject in specified paragraphs from the homework reading. Friday a few of the homework paragraphs can be discussed and one or two more complex samples given. Friday's homework can include 1-3 more paragraph assignments.

During week six, a similar procedure can be utilized to teach locating the main idea. Each day one of the three clues can be introduced and applied along with the more general directions of "what is the most important thing the author is saying in this paragraph." The paragraphs you identified in the text application can be assigned to the students with directions to find the subject and main idea. In the sixth week the class can be assigned the multiparagraph sections you identified, recording the subject and main idea just as you did. They can also practice integrating the reading of illustrations and prose.

SECTION 5  
EFFECTIVE READING TECHNIQUE

## Section E

### EFFECTIVE READING TECHNIQUE

In all subjects, the time comes when we ask our students to study by themselves. In many instances, these students do not know how to study. This section contains a brief overview of a study technique originally devised by Francis Robinson (1970).

#### The SQ4R Method of Study

Many elementary, secondary, and college students have not learned how to study a textbook assignment. A typical procedure is for the student to do nothing more than open his book and read the assignment. The more conscientious may follow this initial reading by a second or even a third reading of the same fruitless type. Research has found a good method of helping the student read a given selection with better understanding and better recall. It is called the SQ4R method. It involves five basic steps: (1) Survey, (2) Question, (3) Read, (4) Recit, (5) Review. Some of the things to be done in each of the five steps are discussed under appropriate headings below.

#### Survey:

Look through the whole assignment. Read the headings if there are any; read the summary if there is one. Try to get the general idea of the content of the whole lesson. Later you can piece the details into the framework which you have in mind, and the entire lesson will mean more.

### Question:

Think of the questions which are likely to be answered in the lesson. Often the headings can very easily be turned into questions. Use them! If any heading does not tell you plainly what question is to be answered in that section use this question: "What does the author expect me to learn about from studying this section?" If there are no paragraph headings, skim the section quickly for the main ideas.

### Read:

Study the lesson to find the answers to the questions. Do not stop to read every word carefully, concentrate on finding the main point. You cannot remember all the facts you find, so you want to look for the important ones, of which there will be only one or two for each section. Don't pick out too many. Do not try to memorize the facts at this point; just sort out the ones you need as you go along.

Make study guides. Fold or rule a large-sized notebook paper lengthwise down the middle. On the left, list the topics discussed in the book. If there are paragraph headings in boldface type, use them. If not, list the main ideas found in the preliminary survey. Leave space between topics. When you have finished reading a section and picking out the one or two points to remember, list on the right the key words of the ideas or facts you have decided are most important for each topic. Do not do this until after you have read a section and thought about it. This is most important.

### Recite:

Go back over the lesson immediately. Cover the right hand side of the paper and check the headings on the left. Ask yourself, "Do I remember what this section was about?" or "Can I answer this question?" If you find that you cannot you know that you must look at the key words, or even go back to the book if necessary, in order to restudy the particular part which you did not understand or have forgotten. Step 4 is very important. Giving yourself an immediate quiz on what you have just studied is the best possible way to prevent forgetting.

Practice until you can recite on the entire study guide without referring to the key words. Then practice some more. This extra practice is what really pays off.

#### Review:

Some time later, and always before an exam, go back to your headings and questions and quiz yourself. Reread only those parts which you have forgotten. If you have taken steps 1, 2, 3, and 4 faithfully, you will find that you do not have too much to restudy.

If students learn to change the headings within a chapter to questions and then read to answer those questions, much more will be obtained, than if they merely read and then answered questions at the end of the chapter. Indeed, what often takes place when we assign questions from the chapter ending is students read the questions and then copy only that information which answers the question without ever having read the chapter or designated pages. The process of formulating questions is a thinking exercise which tunes students into the assignment. Reading, studying, in this way is a life-long skill that really should be taught. As a skill, it may be more important than the content and concepts of the subject.

#### Occupational Literature Application

The occupational literature in data processing consists heavily of computer-generated user's guides. These generally include a detailed table of contents and a number of short, titled, topics per page. Seldom do users read the entire guide at one time. Rather, they use only those sections needed to solve



a particular problem. Efficient use of surveying techniques (1. surveying the table of contents, and 2. skimming subtitles) can facilitate this process.

### Exercise 13: Textbook Application

Select a portion of the chapter you assign in the seventh or eighth week of class and practice the SQ4R method.

### Teaching SQ4R

Students have already learned how to locate the subject and main idea of a paragraph and how to distinguish these from information that is merely supportive. In the final "paragraph" assignments they practiced recording information in much the same manner as they will for SQ4R. This should facilitate SQ4R instruction. On Monday explain surveying and have the students practice in class on the chapter currently assigned. Wednesday have them prepare questions from some of the headings, either individually or as a group. They can continue this exercise for homework. Friday the read and record steps can be presented and compared with the subject/main idea work they have already done. Reading and recording can be practiced on the homework assignment and discussed the following Monday.

Teacher-made notes on the reading can be shown on a transparency, on the board, or a ditto to allow students to check their own notes. Wednesday the recite and review steps are introduced with students pairing-up to quiz each other from the left-hand subject

column. Beginning Wednesday night, they should be expected to utilize the SQ4R method on their assignments. The next two Fridays, and sporadically thereafter, students can quiz each other on their notes while the instructor walks around the room noting whether each student has followed the correct procedure. At the beginning of the next chapter, students should again be required to perform the survey step in class and suggest some guide questions derived from the chapter headings. Review of the other steps should take place as needed.

SECTION 6  
RECOGNIZING AND RECORDING COMPLEX INFORMATION

## Section 6

### Recognizing and Recording Complex Information

Data processing literature often highlights three important logical relationships, classification, causality and comparison. Classification, in its simplest form is simply listing. Discussion of causality are straightforward: errors, messages and the related problem, mechanical failures and their causes. Comparative information, though is largely limited to visual presentations in charts. Classification and causality are easiest to see and remember if the notes taken about them have a visual impact. Each of these charting techniques are given below.

#### Classification

The use of classification can be signaled by a colon (:), number or letters, or words such as "these include." At other times it is simply introduced by a statement as in the example above. Since outlining is the easiest way to record classification, information may be originally presented in this form. If not, students can construct their own outlines.

- 5:1 The APL classification provides account control of the following items:
- number of workspaces authorized
  - shared variable quota
  - shifts authorized
  - session timing maximums and defaults  
(UNI-COLL, 2-2)

## 5:2 Versatility a hidden strength.

Both the 732 and 733 KSR and ASR terminals are equipped with either USASCII or CAUDOTT/CITT codes and a choice of line interfaces. This makes them ideally suited for application in:

- Point-to-point communications networks.
- Computer timesharing systems.
- High-volume data entry operations, for processing of orders, credit histories and invoices.
- High-speed remote input-output of a central computer.
- Computer systems and peripheral data communications networks for program input/output and off-line storage.

(Texas Instruments, a, 1)

There are many concerns about the impact of the computer. Most of these can be classified into four groups: 1) automation, 2) threats to privacy, 3) loss of individuality and regimentation, and 4) abuse of power. (Vazsonyi, 1977, 12)

### Concerns about computers

1. automation
2. threats of privacy
3. loss of individuality and regimentation
4. abuse of political power

In addition to the financial and statistical data required by governmental agencies, business enterprises must furnish annual reports to stockholders, and various data to customers, creditors, and the general public. Some external data needs have their counterparts within the organization. Payroll records, for example, provide necessary internal data and also form the basis for financial and personnel reports to the government and to unions.

Internal needs fall broadly into two classes: operations and control. First, a tremendous amount and variety of routine operating documents are necessary as evidence of (1) primary transactions with customers and vendors; and (2) subsequent activities involving production, personnel, materials, equipment, and accounting. For example, the issuance of a purchase requisition indicating a departmental need for materials may

start a chain of events requiring the completion of many additional forms and records. These might include a request for quotation, purchase order, receiving record, inspection report, inventory record, and voucher check in addition to necessary accounting entries.

The second internal need is for data to be compiled in informative reports for use in analyzing progress, determining policy, solving problems, and planning actions of the future. The much-discussed "information revolution" of recent years has created a whole new dimension in data processing. The objectives of data processing now extend far beyond the routine handling of transaction documents and records of other types. Providing management with timely information to facilitate greater control and improved decisions has become increasingly important. (Arnold, Hill, and Nichols, 1978, 3)

#### Internal data needs

- A. Operations documents of
  - 1. transactions with customers and vendors
  - 2. production, personnel, materials, equipment, and accounting activities
    - a. ex: purchase order
- B. Control reports for use in
  - 1. analyzing progress
  - 2. determining policy
  - 3. solving problems
  - 4. planning future actions

#### Causality and Procedure

At times data processing manuals present prose discussion of causality. These usually relate mechanical or programming errors and their causes. Such information can be recorded in an easy-to-remember visual format in a two or three column chart. While it may not be practical for students to record all such information in charts, initially the recording process focuses their attention on

the causal relationship. In addition, at times it is important to have a ready reference for certain key information.

If a character does not code properly a grounding clip lead at the character encode driver output will enable a static check for those diodes which should be conducting for the code. By grounding two or more such points the multiple detection circuitry can be checked. The reference voltage at the multi-recognition comparator should be approximately 3.5 volts. Two or more characters the voltage level should drop to approximately 2.5 volts or less causing the comparator output to become "high" which gates to the controller through the interface a multi-recognition bit (CC2<sup>10</sup>) active. (Scandata, 2250/1 Troubleshooting, 15) (OL, =4, 12, 42)

Problem	Troubleshooting
Character codes incorrectly	grounding clip lead at character encode driver output to check circuitry. Voltage should be 3.5 (2.5 for two or more characters)

#### Exercise 14

Construct your own chart for this data processing problem.

When a non-recognition occurs and all codes for recognition are present in the FCR as shown by the Conrac display it is usually indicative of a failure in the FDM section. The problem can be isolated in most cases by removing the FDM boards, one at a time initially, until recognition takes place. Care should be taken when replacing diodes or adding diodes for new design on the FDM board that they are placed in the proper direction that is, with the cathode (end with the band) always connected to the horizontal line. This is the only place in the system where this occurs. Diode masks, Feature Matrix, Character Encode, Feature Encode Matrix boards all connect the cathode to the vertical. If a multi-recognition occurs it is best to approach the problem, here again in H/T Display mode, by turning off the character that should recognize by grounding the character encode driver input. It then

becomes a matter of checking the Feature Code Register against the FDM boards. (Ibid)

Problem	Troubleshooting

Much more common in data processing is the use of flow charts which are diagrams of either causality or procedure. Since the construction of flow charts is an important part of a data processing curriculum, it will not be discussed here. Please refer once again, though, to the section on reading flow charts in Section 4 (Paragraph Comprehension and Illustrations).

### Comparison

The final logical relationship to be discussed is comparison. Comparative discussions are not common in data processing texts or manuals. However, comparison charts are. Students need practice in correctly reading such charts, including instruction to pay attention to footnotes, captions, and introductions. Charts such as those below can be used as examples with the instructor asking questions such as compare the height, in centimeters, of a recognition unit and a document transport and scanner" (See Figure 17, 18):





Figure 18

See Table I below for conductor sizes for different lengths of wiring runs to keep the voltage drop to 2 volts or less under a load of 40 amperes at a conductor temperature of 40° C.

TABLE I MAIN WIRING CONDUCTOR SIZES AWG CU OR EQUIVALENT

One-Way Length of Run Ft. (m.)	115/230 v. Single Phase 3 Wire <u>All Three Conductors</u>
Up to 37 (11)	No. 8 AWG Cu
37 to 67 (11 to 20)	No. 6 AWG Cu
67 to 91 (20 to 28)	No. 4 AWG Cu
91 to 146 (28 to 45)	No. 2 AWG Cu

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One-Way Length of Run Ft. (m.)	120/208 v. Three Phase 4 Wire <u>All Four Conductors</u>
Up to 50 (15)	No. 8 AWG Cu
50 to 78 (15 to 24)	No. 6 AWG Cu
78 to 123 (24 to 37)	No. 4 AWG Cu
123 to 197 (37 to 60)	No. 2 AWG Cu

(Ibid)

Exercise 15: Textbook Application

Select three paragraphs or sections from the text assignment for weeks nine, ten or eleven that present classification and causality or procedure discussed above and complete a note chart on them. In addition, locate on comparison chart.

Classification

1. Pg. #

2.

3:

## Causality

1.

2.

3.

Comparison Chart: Topic \_\_\_\_\_ Page # \_\_\_\_\_

### Teaching Students to Recognize and Record Complex Information

Chart notetaking as demonstrated here can be introduced anytime after week six, whenever it is appropriate for your text. Reading comparison charts may be discussed even earlier. Classification and causality charts need not be presented at the same time. For convenience sake, it is assumed here that both will be introduced during weeks nine, ten, or eleven. Each form should be presented on a

separate day. One or two sample paragraphs or sections can be given and the students can construct the charts as a class. Related homework assignments should be given as soon as the appropriate text selection are covered.

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