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*Spring Seminar 2011*

***‘Comprehension Strategy Instruction and its  
Positive Impact on the Motivation to Read:  
One Case Study’***

A presentation by Ciara Bowe & Dr. Brian Murphy  
(School of Education, UCC)

Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2011  
7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Cork Education Support Centre,  
Western Road,  
Cork.



## Abstract for Seminar Presentation

Recent research in the area of reading development has focused on the critical importance and necessity of explicit instruction in comprehension at all class levels. This large body of evidence clearly indicates that Comprehension Strategy Instruction (CSI) is vital in developing and improving comprehension ability in readers and has a key role to play in preventing possible reading failure. This presentation will begin by outlining some key aspects of Comprehension Strategy Instruction (CSI). It will then go on to describe an action research study conducted by one classroom practitioner, which set out to investigate the effects of a twelve week programme of explicit instruction in comprehension strategies on pupils' motivation to read. The methodology and main results of the study will be outlined and discussed, highlighting particularly the key finding that the CSI initiative had a positive impact on all participating pupils' motivation to read but especially those considered 'weaker' readers.

### Presenters: Ciara Bowe & Dr. Brian Murphy

**Ciara Bowe** is a primary school teacher currently practising in Glasheen Boys' NS, Cork, a Deis (Band 2) school. She recently completed a Masters in Education through UCC. Children's literature, comprehension strategy instruction and the role played by motivation in reading are her particular areas of interest.

**Dr. Brian Murphy** lectures in the School of Education at University College Cork in the areas of language teaching methodology, literacy and teaching studies. His current areas of research interest include the pedagogy of language and literacy development, second language teaching and learning, gender and language learning and language policy issues. He is a member of the OECD PISA National Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee of the Reading Association of Ireland.



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