

## Benchmarking Practice

For further benchmarking practice, benchmark the resources on each of the websites listed below.

*Be sure to watch the "How to Benchmark Materials" video before working through these websites.*

Please remember that most existing adult literacy materials are not referenced to the Alberta Reading Benchmarks. So as you are benchmarking, if three categories out of four are in one benchmark that might be as good as it gets. For example, you might find a resource that has organizing features, vocabulary and visuals at level 1C but has sentence structure at 2A. You would benchmark that at level 1C.

Print off one **ARB Chart for Benchmarking Materials** for each resource listed below and see if it helps organize your thinking. After you've made your best educated guess, look through the **Starter List of ARB Benchmarked Materials** for the answers. Remember, even though a resource is benchmarked at a certain level, it can be used at other levels, depending upon the tasks you ask the learner to perform.

### Resources for you to Benchmark

#### North West Territories Literacy Council

Go to: Enviro Print Fun "What do these signs mean?"

[http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/resources/familit/howtokit/learning\\_everyday\\_life.pdf](http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/resources/familit/howtokit/learning_everyday_life.pdf)

#### ALIS (Government of Alberta, Human Services)

Easy Reading Job Profiles - Baker

<http://alis.alberta.ca/pdf/easyreading/baker.pdf>

#### Health Canada

Canada Food Guide

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/food-guide-aliment/index-eng.php>

#### English Express

Easy Potatoes

[http://eae.alberta.ca/englishexpress/articles/pdf/r04\\_10\\_11.pdf](http://eae.alberta.ca/englishexpress/articles/pdf/r04_10_11.pdf)

#### VRRI (Vocational and Rehabilitation Research Institute – now Vecova)

Simply Health: Dental Learn about Teeth and Gum Problems

<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/vrri/dental/dental.pdf>

After you've checked your answers against the **Starter List of ARB Benchmarked Materials**, try benchmarking some of your existing resources. If you print off an **ARB Chart for Benchmarking Materials** for each resource and keep them on file, you will have information about the resource ready to inform your teaching.