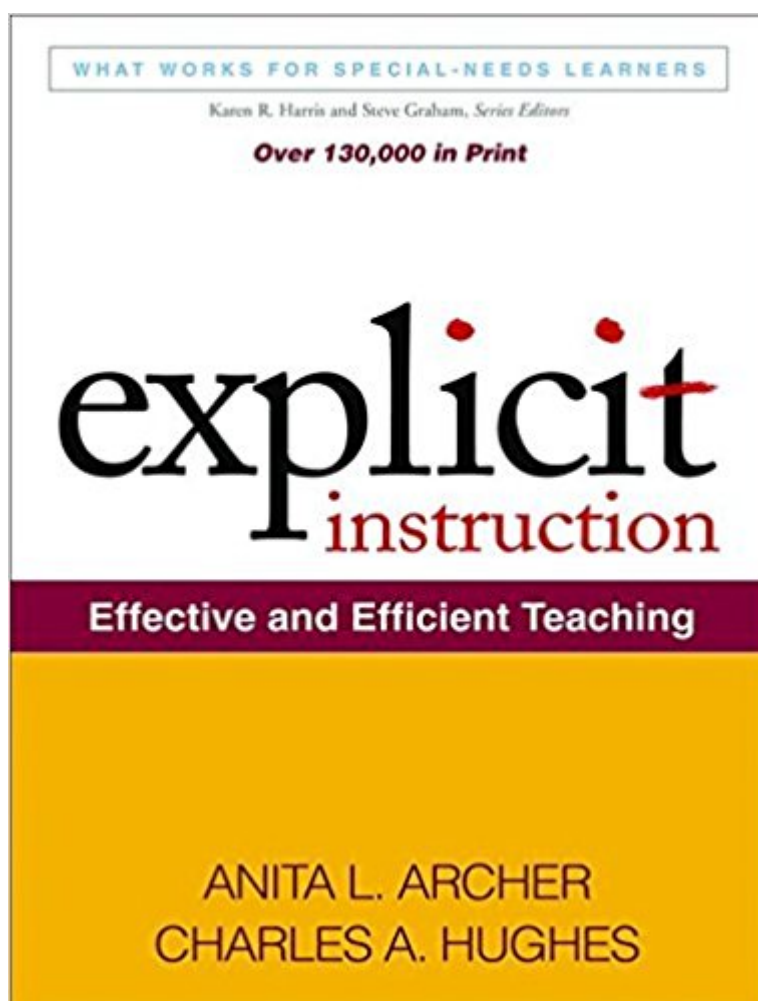


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# Explicit Instruction: Effective And Efficient Teaching (What Works For Special-Needs Learners)



## Synopsis

Explicit instruction is systematic, direct, engaging, and success oriented--and has been shown to promote achievement for all students. This highly practical and accessible resource gives special and general education teachers the tools to implement explicit instruction in any grade level or content area. The authors are leading experts who provide clear guidelines for identifying key concepts, skills, and routines to teach; designing and delivering effective lessons; and giving students opportunities to practice and master new material. Sample lesson plans, lively examples, and reproducible checklists and teacher worksheets enhance the utility of the volume. Purchasers can also download and print the reproducible materials for repeated use. Video clips demonstrating the approach in real classrooms are available at the authors' website:

[www.explicitinstruction.org](http://www.explicitinstruction.org). See also related DVDs from Anita Archer: *Golden Principles of Explicit Instruction*; *Active Participation: Getting Them All Engaged, Elementary Level*; and *Active Participation: Getting Them All Engaged, Secondary Level*

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Recommend for all teachers, coaches, principals, district leaders. Great book that make sense. I love it.

Really good book and great resource for new and current special education teachers. The methodologies sited can also apply to those students who struggle in the general education classroom. There are a lot of application models and examples of how to instruct explicitly.

I have been teaching 20+ years and found this book helpful. As they say, no information is brand new but this book was a good read with many well worded ideas.

Anita Archer is a brilliant and respected educator with over 35 plus years of experience. Her knowledge about teaching is priceless. Her book Explicit Instruction is a resourceful and brilliant text for all new, novice and veteran teachers.

I love this book! She writes just how she talks in person. I have found Explicit Instruction to be very helpful in my teaching career so far. She simply explains her points and makes them easy to approach and implement. I highly recommend this book. However, I would recommend that this book work in tandem with a more open, explorative approach. Thank you Anita!

Only textbook I purchased with my own funds and could not finish. Information is probably good but

not presented in an interesting way

As a 20 year educator, this is one of the most important books in my library. I highly recommend it. It synthesizes the most important elements of instruction. If everyone taught this way, we would have few problems in education. The entire continent of Australia has adopted this. If you are familiar with the highly effective and research based Direct Instruction, this will apply those elements to curricula not in DI format. Start a book club with colleagues and read this first. Anita Archer is brilliant and models this approach to instruction in videos.

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