# Introduction

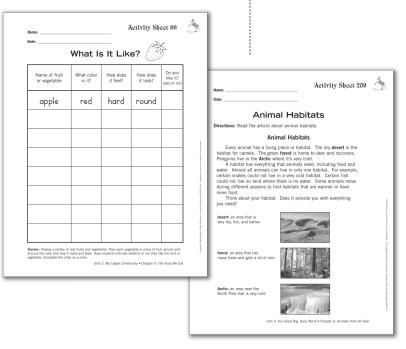
The *Carousel of IDEAS Resource Book* contains **Activity Sheets, Activity Pictures, Templates,** and **Chapter Tests and Assessment Tools**. These resources are designed to help develop students' English language listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, while also developing their academic skills and cognitive abilities. All the materials in this *Resource Book* are integrated into the *Carousel of IDEAS* program. The *Carousel of IDEAS Teacher's Guide* provides specific instruction regarding when and how to use each resource.

#### **Activity Sheets**

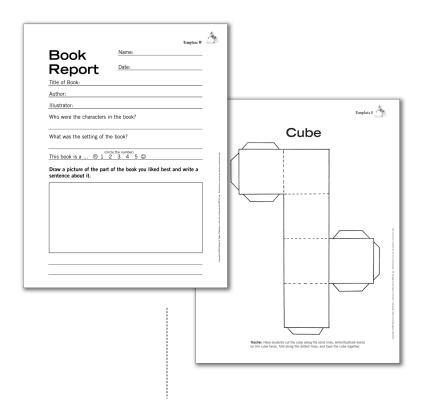
Engaging student Activity Sheets integrate the four language skills and provide students with opportunities to practice and apply what they have learned. Activity Sheets include cloze and matching exercises, art projects, literature-based tasks, research projects, science experiments, activities to complete with family members, and more! The Activity Sheets also include a wide range of fiction and nonfiction readings that integrate subject-area content, preparing students for the academic demands of mainstream classrooms. Activity Sheets with a 8-x have an answer key at the end of the section.

## **Activity Pictures**

The Activity Pictures are used in a variety of ways throughout the *Carousel of IDEAS* program—students create and play vocabulary-building games, make personal picture dictionaries, and create arts and crafts projects. The *Teacher's Guide* contains specific lessons that incorporate the Activity Pictures.

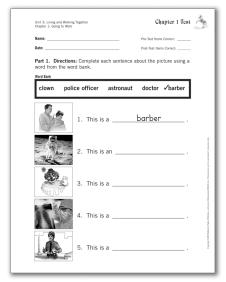






### **Templates**

There are a number of templates for activities that recur throughout the program. For example, there are templates for book report forms, patterns, and portfolio covers. The *Teacher's Guide* contains specific lessons that incorporate the Templates.



## **Chapter Tests and Assessment Tools**

The *Carousel of IDEAS* program features a comprehensive assessment system, including listening and speaking performance-based evaluations, traditional chapter tests that assess reading and writing skills, portfolio evaluations, chapter evaluation checklists to track mastery of chapter objectives, and achievement certificates that are awarded at the successful completion of each unit. The Introduction to the *Teacher's Guide* includes a full discussion of and suggestions for using the *Carousel of IDEAS* assessment plan.

