LARGE TRUCKS

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Level 21
Running Words 603 **Text Type** Information Report (Informative)
Curriculum Area Science

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the information report in his or her own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Think and Talk About ...

Fact boxes in the book encourage each student to explore the statements further and to share the information with others.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Why do drivers of large trucks need a special licence?
2 What are truck stops for?
3 Where are warning signs placed on oversize vehicles?

Inferential

4 Why do large trucks need powerful engines?
5 Why are loads of soil, sand or grain moved in trailers that have a hoist?
6 Why can't B-Doubles or B-Triples be driven on narrow, winding roads?
7 Why do pilot vehicles and police cars need flashing lights?
8 Why does the driver have to climb a ladder to get into the cab of a dump truck?

Applied Knowledge

9 Which loads may take several days to move?
10 Why do some trucks pull more than one trailer?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

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Level 21	Book	Information Report	*Winter Sports*
Level 22	Book	Narrative	*Vr-oo-m!*

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Large Trucks

Large trucks have big, powerful engines.
These trucks can pull trailers
to move long, wide or heavy loads
from one place to another, across the country.

Large trucks can transport many different kinds of loads.
Some trucks are used to move food, logs or soil.
Others transport buildings, big machines or fuel.



Think and Talk About ...

Products from the country are taken to cities in large trucks.

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Large trucks travel all over the country.

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People who drive large trucks must pass a road test to get a special **licence**.

The road rules for driving large trucks with trailers are different from the rules for driving smaller vehicles.



A truck driver must have a special licence and obey the road rules for large trucks.

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Sometimes, truck drivers have to travel long distances.
A trip like this may take **several** days,
so the driver needs to stop to sleep.

Many large trucks have a sleeper cab behind the seats.
The sleeper cab has a bed where the driver can rest
during the day or night.

There are **truck stops** on many big highways.
Truck stops have bathrooms for drivers to use,
and food for them to buy.



Many large trucks have sleeper cabs for long trips.

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There can be many trucks parked at a truck stop.