

Reading Comprehension Strategies

Strategies	Student Definition	What good readers are thinking...
Making Connections	Good readers connect what they know with what they are reading.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This remind me of... • Has this ever happened to me? • Do I know someone like him or her? Am I like this character in this way? • Have I ever felt this way? • What do I already know that will help me understand what I'm reading? • Does this information confirm or conflict with what I've read in other sources.
Predicting	Good readers think about what's going to happen and make predictions based on what they know and what they have read.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do I think will happen next? • Since__happened, I think__will happen • While looking over the text before reading, I predict I will learn about_____ • This title/heading/illustration makes me think_____ <p>Although the author hasn't told me this, I think_____</p>
Questioning	Good readers ask themselves questions when they read.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the author saying? • Why is that happening? • Why did this character...? • Is this important? • This makes me wonder _____ • How does this information connect with what I have already read?
Monitoring	Good readers stop to think about their reading and know what to do when they don't understand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this making sense? • What have I learned? • Should I slow down? Speed up? • Do I need to reread? • How do I say this word? • What does this word mean? • What clues in the text help me fill in the missing information?
Summarizing	Good readers identify the most important ideas and restate them in their own words.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This story is mainly about... • This story is organised... • The author's most important ideas were... • The key words in this text are... • Are the ideas in the text supported with convincing evidence?
Visualizing	Good readers picture what is happening while they read.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the pictures/scenes in my mind? • What do I hear, taste, smell or feel? • What do the characters, the setting, and the events of the story look like in my mind? • Can I picture this in my mind?