

Make Connections!

- Connect to what you already know
 - text to self
 - text to text
 - text to world
- Activate your background knowledge

Example Questions:

- This story makes me think of ... that happened to me.
- This story makes me think of ... that I read in another book.
- This story makes me think of ... that I heard on the news.

Inferring & Predicting

- Make predictions while you read!
- Draw conclusions as you put information together
- Reflect while you read

Example Questions:

- I predict...
- I think that...
- My guess is...
- That's just what I thought when...
- Now, that is a surprise that...
- My conclusion here is...

Questioning

- Ask questions about the story before, during, and after reading
- Who, What, Where, Why...
- Ask questions...look for answers

Example Questions:

- I wonder...
- Why?
- What does this mean?
- How come...?
- How is that different from...?

Visualizing

- Visualize as you read!
- Put pictures in your head as you read
- See and think about the story like a movie going on in your head (What do the characters look like? The actions?)

Example Questions:

- These words...help me form a picture in my mind.
- I had something like this happen to me, so I understand better what is happening in the story.
- I used these clues...to help me figure out what to see, hear, and/or feel in my mind.

Monitor & Fix-up

- "Think" while you are reading to figure out what you don't understand
- Use fix-it strategies to understand when you are reading (use the meaning clues, word clues, and picture clues)

Example Prompts:

- When the words I'm reading don't make sense to me, I will...
- Then, when I think I know what to do, I will try again.

Summarizing

- Put the information together and "think" about what you read
- Retell the story or what you learned in your own words

Example Prompts:

- I will try to save the beginning, middle, and end of the story in my mind.
- At different times during my reading, I will stop and think about what I have already read.
- In my mind I will think about how to say the story in a shorter way.