



Use our background knowledge and connect to text

Questions/ Comments

TEXT TO SELF

Do you remember when...?

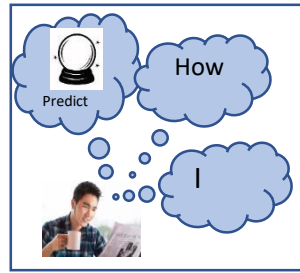
TEXT TO WORLD

What do you know about...?

e.g. wolves behave in the wild?

TEXT TO TEXT

Can you remember any books where you've read about that before?



Predict, ask questions, I wonder... and read on to find out...

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I wonder... why she said that in an angry voice.

I think this character is going to... because he looked with a sly grin.



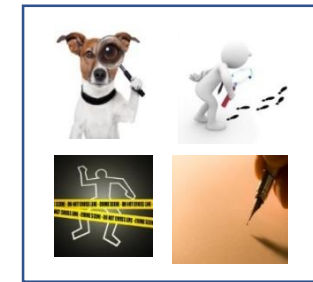
Visualise

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What can you see in your head when you read?

Can you make a picture of this character in your head?

Can you draw a picture of what you see in your head?



Think like a detective- use Inference

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Authors leave clues for you to find.

Can you find any clues to understand how this character is feeling?

Can you find any clues about what might happen next?

The text says 'he put on his hat, scarf and gloves'. What might this tell you about the weather?



Notice breakdown...

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How do you notice when your understanding has broken down? You might have mis-read a word or not understand the meaning of a word.

I don't understand what's happening.

I don't have a picture in my head.

I've been daydreaming about something else.

This part of the story doesn't link to the last part I read.



...and repair it

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If you break down when you are reading, you must take notice and repair it, otherwise the text won't make sense.

Try these fixing strategies:

1. Re read the last 2-3 sentences. Can you spot where you went wrong?
2. Try to create a picture in your mind of the tricky bit to try to make sense of it.
3. Find the VIP words/phrases/ ideas. These key words will be packed full of meaning.
4. Read back a bit and read forward a bit. Think like a detective and look for clues.
5. If it's a single word that is causing confusion- is it similar to any other words you know? If you replaced it with a word you know based on what's happened so far, could it still make sense?



Watch out for VIP words/ phrases/ideas

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What are the most important words needed to understand this sentence?

Can you underline any groups of words (phrases) that give you details about...?



...and put together to build GIST

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Try connecting all of the important parts of the story together so that you have a summary of what it is about.

Can you use this hand model to help you to recall the most important parts?



1. Characters in this story are ... 2. Setting 3. It starts... 4. The problem is 5. It is solved because...and the story ends