

8. READING STRATEGIES

Suggested prompts

Questioning

Ask questions to check that you understand what you have read.

Think of questions to ask as you read the text.

Try to ask open questions.

Some example question starters:

Why does...?

What makes you think that...?

Can you explain why...?

What does this tell you about...?

Why does...?

5 questions that will develop higher order thinking skills

1. *What do you think?*

Create plenty of opportunities to make sense of and apply new information.

2. *Why do you think that?*

After sharing what thoughts and ideas, this follow-up question pushes to provide reasoning for thoughts.

3. *How do you know this?*

When this question is asked, connections can be made to ideas and thoughts with previous experiences, or things that have been previously read or seen.

4. *Can you tell me more?*

This question can extend thinking and sharing further evidence for ideas.

5. *What questions do you still have?*

This allows any questions to be raised about the information, ideas or the evidence.

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Clarifying

Clarify when you:

- find a sentence that does not make sense;
- are confused by what you have read;
- read a word you don't understand

Predicting

- Use what you have read or clues from the illustrations or headings to help figure out what you will learn or what will happen in the text.
- Justify your predictions using evidence from the text.
- You can change your predictions as you read on!

Summarising

- Say what you have read in your own words.
- Only tell the important information, not the little details.
- Tell the key points in order.
- When you summarise the main points, you show that you have understood the text.
- If you can't summarise the most important parts of the text, REREAD!