Comprehension Strategies

Phonics/Decoding

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Summarize

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phonics/Decoding Strategies

When you come to a word you don’t know -

1. Look at the letters from left to right.

2. Think about the sounds for the letters and look for word parts you know.

3. Blend the sounds to read the word.

4. Ask yourself: Is it a word I know? Does it make sense in what I am reading?

5. If not, ask yourself: What else can I try?
Predict and Infer

1. Think about the title, the illustrations, and what you have read so far.

2. Tell what you think will happen next or what you will learn.

3. Think about what you already know about the subject.

4. Try to figure out things the author does not say directly.
Monitor and Clarify

1. Does this make sense?

2. Have I learned what I needed to learn?

3. If I don’t understand I can...
   - Reread
   - Look at the pictures
   - Read ahead
Question

1. Ask questions about the important ideas in the story. 

2. Can I answer my questions?

3. If you can’t answer the questions...
   ✓ Read and look for the answers in the text
   ✓ Think about what you already know
   ✓ Think about what you have read so far
**summarize**

1. Think about the characters.

2. Think about where the story takes place.

3. Think about the problem in the story and how the characters solve it.

4. Think about what happens in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
Evaluate

1. How does the author make the story come alive?

2. What was entertaining, informative, or useful about the selection?

3. How well did you understand the selection?

4. Did you enjoy reading it?