

Reading Strategy Workshop

These 6 strategies can help you become a better reader.

- *Use strategies whenever you read.
- *Use different strategies before, during, and after reading.
- *Think about how strategies will help you.

Strategy 1: **Predict/Infer**

Use this strategy before and during reading to help make predictions about what happens next or what you're going to learn.

- *Think about the title, the illustrations, and what you have read so far.
- *Tell what you think will happen next - or what you will learn. Thinking about what you already know about the subject may help.

Strategy 2: **Phonics/Decoding**

Use this strategy during reading when you come across a word you don't know.

- *Look carefully at the word.
- *Look for word parts that you know and think about the sounds for the letters.
- *Blend the sounds to read the word.
- *Ask yourself if this is a word you know and whether the word makes sense in the sentence.
- *If not, ask yourself if there is anything else you could try - should you look in the dictionary?

Strategy 3: **Monitor/Clarify**

Use this strategy during reading whenever you're confused about what you are reading.

- *Ask yourself if what you're reading makes sense - or if you are learning, what you need to learn.
- *If you don't understand something, **reread**, read aloud, look at the illustrations, or read ahead to see if that helps.

Strategy 4: **Question**

Use this strategy during and after reading to ask questions about important ideas in the story.

- *Ask yourself questions about important ideas in the story.
- *Ask yourself if you can answer these questions.
- *If you can't answer the questions, reread and look for answers in the text. Thinking about what you already know and what you've read in the story may help.

Strategy 5: **Evaluate**

Use this strategy during and after reading to help you form an opinion about what you read.

*Think about how the author makes the story come alive and makes you want to read it.

*Think about what was entertaining, informative, or useful about the selection.

*Think about how you reacted to the story - how well you understood the selection and whether you enjoyed reading it.

Strategy 6: **Summarize**

Use this strategy after reading to summarize what you read.

*Think about the characters.

*Think about the setting (where the story takes place).

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

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