

# Reading Strategies

## Reading Comprehension Strategies: A List for Parents

~Things to say to your kids to improve their comprehension~

### BEFORE YOU READ

- \*Look at the cover of the book. Read the title.
- \*What do you think the book will be about?
- \*Where do you think the story is going to take place?
- \*When is it taking place? (past, present, future)
- \*Who do you think the book is going to be about?
- \*Have you read other books by this author?

### WHILE YOU READ

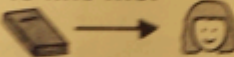
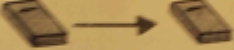


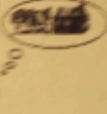

- \*Read each page. Picture in your mind what is happening as you read the
- \*Look at the pictures on the page. Ask yourself...
  - ...What is happening?
  - ...Who is in the picture?
  - ...Where are they?
- \*Think about the main character. Ask yourself...
  - ...What is he or she like?
  - ...Who does that character remind you of?
  - ...What mood is that character in?
  - ...How does he feel?
  - ...What is he doing?
  - ...What do you think the character will do next?
- \*Think about the other characters. Are they good or evil?
- \*What is the main problem in the chapter or story?
- \*How do you think the problem will be solved?
- \*Who is telling the story? (point of view)
- \*Predict what will happen next.

### AFTER YOU READ




- \*How did the character change from the beginning to the end?
- \*What was the main problem and how was it solved?
- \*Was your prediction about the book correct? Why or why not?

- How did you feel about the book?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- Retell the story in your own words.
- What can you learn from this book?
- What was the story mainly about?
- If you could write the next chapter or book, what would you write?
- Was this book fiction, nonfiction, a mystery, a biography?
- What was your favorite part? Why was it your favorite?

## Reading Strategies

- Think how the book is like me.**  
Text to Self T-S 
- Think how the book is like another book.**  
Text to Text T-T 
- Think how the book relates to what I know.**  
Text to World T-W 
- Ask Questions.**  
*I wonder if....?*  
*Why did....?* 
- Make a picture in your mind.** 
- Tell it in your own words.** 

## Strategies for Success

- Clarify**  
Reread or discuss words or points that were not clear. 
- Predict**  
What will happen or what will we learn? 
- Question**  
After reading, ask a question for others to answer. 
- Summarize**  
Tell what we read. 