

Reading Comprehension Strategies - Definitions and Sentence Frames

Predict

Definition: To predict is to make a smart guess about what is going to happen next based on the text or illustrations.

Sample: I predict that _____ (is going to happen) because the text or illustrations _____.

Clarify

Definition: Good readers know when they don't understand something and will slow down, reread, and look for clues when they're confused.

Sample: I'm confused by/about _____ so I will reread to clarify it.

Visualize

Definition: Good readers get a picture in their head as they read.

Sample: I visualized _____ in my head because the text says _____.

Ask Questions

Definition: Good readers are curious about what they're reading and interact with the story by asking questions about what they're reading.

Sample: This is a story about the Civil War. I wonder _____ about the Civil War?

Make Connections







Definition: You can understand what you're reading better if you connect it to your prior knowledge—what you've experienced in your life, read about, or seen in the movies.

Sample: I want to make a connection. _____ is like what happened/what I know about _____.

Summarize

Definition: As you read, it's a good idea to periodically retell what has happened to make sure you understand what you've read.

Sample: I want to sum up to make sure I understand what I read. First _____. Then _____.

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