

Helping Beginning Readers



Reading is about understanding

Model yourself as a reader.

We all use a number of strategies to make meaning from our reading.

- Listen and enjoy listening to your child to read.
- Develop a level of trust – do not make them feel it is a test which they need to get 100%.
- Give them a choice of books to read – ownership. If they make the choice it ignites the passion. Let them choose where they want to read.
- Relax.

Set your child up for success

- A good book orientation.
- If your child is having trouble try one of these strategies:
 - ✓ Negotiate whether you read a sentence/paragraph/page;
 - ✓ Share reading – take it in turns to read – you start;
 - ✓ Echo reading – you read a section and then your child repeats the same section;
 - ✓ Paired reading – reading together.
- Limit the time to 10 to 15 minutes – have them wanting more!



Rules for prompting

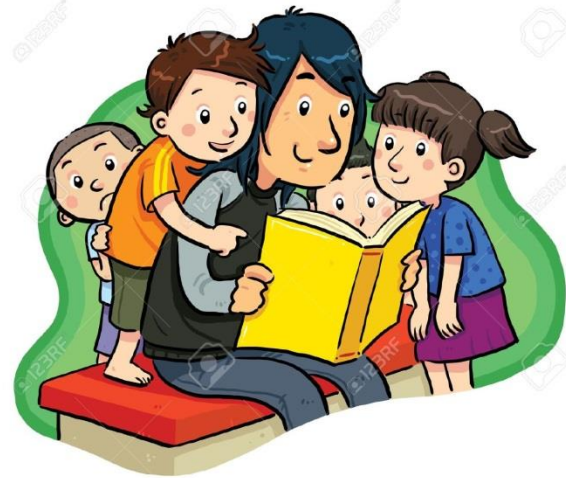
We all make mistakes when we read aloud!

- Wait – breathe – don't rescue them with the word.
- Say
 - ✓ 'Does it make sense?'
 - ✓ 'Try that again from the beginning.'
 - ✓ 'Read on to collect more information.'
- Finger pointing.



A love of reading

- Visit the local library.
- Display books in your home.
- Give books as a gift.
- Talk about the book you are reading or have loved.
- Spend some time in a bookshop.



Celebrate their success

At the end of your reading time compliment your child on something they did well. That could be: 'I like how you Re-read' or 'You read in an exciting voice'.

Enjoy this time together.



READING STRATEGY

Predicting

What do you already know?

What will happen next?



READING STRATEGY

Sounding

Out

Take a word apart, work out
the sounds and then blend
the parts back together.

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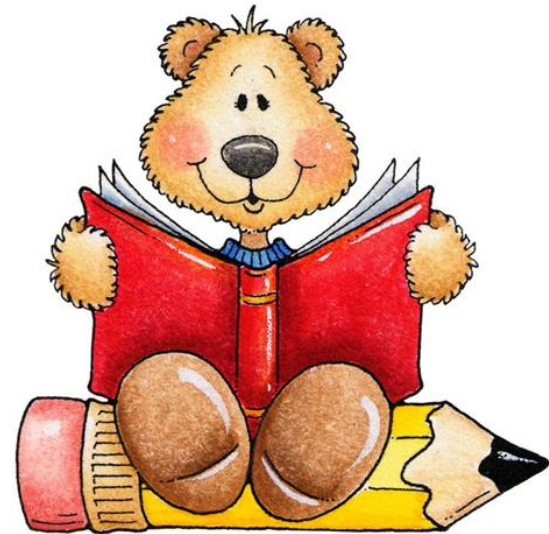
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Connecting

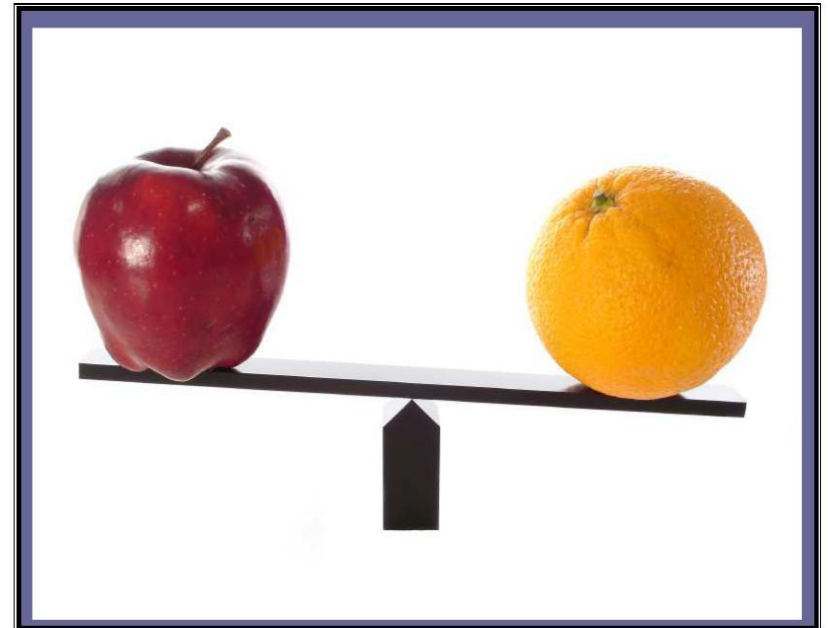
Has something like this ever happened to me?



READING STRATEGY

Comparing

Is this different from what I know?



READING STRATEGY

Inferring

**Use what you know to predict
what might happen next.**



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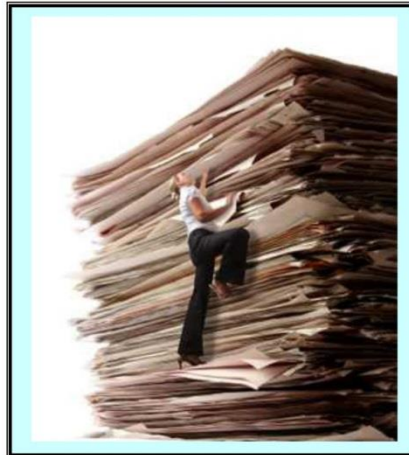
Creating Images

Create images in your mind as
you read.



READING STRATEGY

Summarising & Paraphrasing



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Re-reading

Re-read some or all of the book.

Re-read tricky words to work out what they mean.

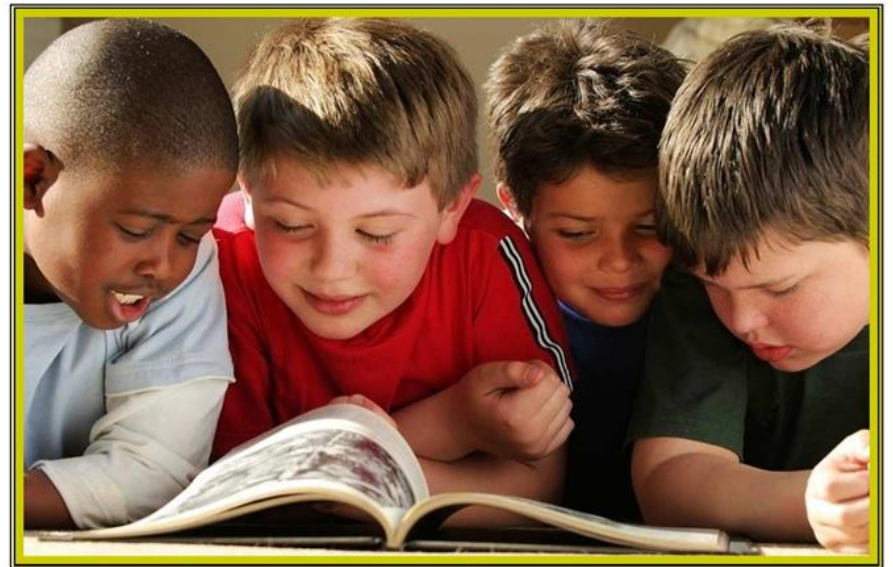


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Reading On

Skip a tricky word and read on to the end of the sentence.

Can you go back and work out what the word means?



READING STRATEGY

Chunking

Break up long words into chunks to work out their meaning.

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