

# Comprehension Strategies

The following are some of the most important strategies to teach students who are learning to make meaning as they read. These strategies should be first modeled by the teacher through read-aloud activities and then students can be given guided practice with the skills. They will then be expected to apply to strategies in their own reading.

## 1. Predicting

Assists students for setting a purpose for reading and **monitoring** their reading comprehension

## 2. Making Connections

Activating prior knowledge before reading and throughout reading

## 3. Clarifying

Helps students **monitor** their own comprehension as they identify problems they are having in comprehending ideas in the text or figuring out difficult words.

## 4. Visualizing

Making pictures in your mind using the different senses enhances understanding.

## 5. Questioning

Asking questions of themselves, the author and the texts to **clarify** understanding and make meaning.

## 6. Summarizing

Good readers decide what information is important to remember and what is irrelevant to the overall understanding of the text.

