

Thinking Processes Used By Good Readers

Having A Conversation with Yourself

Why am I reading this?

To understand and remember

What am I reading?

A science text or informational article

I'd better use some specific strategies to attack this material, it's complicated!

① I preview and walk through the chapter

- ❖ How is it organized?
- ❖ What do I know about the topic already?
- ❖ What do I expect it to talk about?
- ❖ Do I need to use some kind of graphic organizer like a concept map?

② I really read

- ❖ Where does the information fit into my graphic organizer?
- ❖ Do I need to read more slowly, or do I need to speed up?

③ I review and skim

- ❖ Does my graphic organizer make sense?
- ❖ Have I missed any important ideas or vocabulary?
- ❖ Can I paraphrase the main ideas from memory?
- ❖ Can I apply the information to a new situation?



What do I do about unknown words?

- ❖ I can use context clues to figure out what words probably mean.
- ❖ I can look for familiar word parts if it doesn't slow me down too much
- ❖ I can look it up now if it seems to be important to understand the rest.
- ❖ I can ask someone what it means.
- ❖ I can write it down and look it up later.

Questions to ask myself when I don't understand what I've read

1. What are the unknown vocabulary words? Can I figure out what they mean?
2. Are there sentences that don't make any sense?
3. Are there concepts that are unfamiliar?
4. Is the writing hard to follow? Are the sentences too long, or do they jump around?
5. Am I getting lost in details and missing the big picture?
6. Am I confused because the parts don't seem related or connected?