Comprehension Strategies

What strategies can I use to help me understand what I am reading?
Story Structure

Active readers notice what happens in the Beginning, Middle, and End!
Asking Questions

Active readers ask themselves questions!
Graphic Organizers

A graphic organizer is a picture that helps you organize information you have read.

*Organizing information will help you comprehend what you have read!
Summarizing

Active readers sum up what they’ve read!
Tell what happened, but only the most important events!

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Active readers use what they already know to understand a story. They make connections!
Text Structure

Text structure is the way a selection is organized.

Noticing how a selection is organized will help you comprehend what you’ve read.
Monitor and Fix-Up

Active readers make sure they understand what they’ve read.
If you do not understand, use a fix-up strategy!
Visualize

As good readers read, they picture in their mind how something looks, smells, sounds, feels, or tastes.