

List of Reading Strategies

Pre-reading strategies

Pre-reading strategies activate and build upon prior knowledge, improve comprehension, and set purposes for reading!

Strategies include:

- Experiential activity
- KWL
- Anticipation guide
- Word sorts
- Demonstration
- Brainstorming
- Making predictions
- DRTA
- Vocabulary building
- Movie/video
- Experiments
- Recalling experiences

Pre-reading strategies usually don't require much reading and writing. However, pre-reading activities should require student interaction so that students share knowledge and ways of thinking.

Pre-reading strategies get students READY for the new content both COGNITIVELY and AFFECTIVELY.

During Reading Strategies

During reading activities help students construct meaning from text, develop fluency, and make connections to the real world.

Strategies include:

- Graphic organizers
- Connect Two
- Say Something
- Retelling newly learned info
- Reading aloud
- Check/revise predictions
- Silent reading
- Round Robin or "bump reading"
- Paired Reading
- Echo Reading
- Buddy reading
- Intensive reading (Marking text)
- Three level guides
- Think-pair-share
- Word sorts
- DRTA
- Vocabulary building

Reciprocal teaching
Repeated readings
Choral reading (short, Drawing inferences interesting passages)

Strategies utilized during reading should require students to interact with the text and reflect, analyze, make inferences, draw conclusions, state opinions, distinguish between fact and fiction, distinguish between cause and effect, identify main ideas, problems, etc.

Post-reading Activities

After reading activities help students change receptive vocabulary to expressive, assimilate newly learned information, draw conclusions, solidify newly learned concepts, validate and build previous knowledge, prepare students for tests, etc. Strategies include:

Writing connections
Retelling newly learned information
L portion of KWL
Connect Two
Graphic organizers
Think - pair - share
Vocabulary building
Connections to real world
Reciprocal teaching
Research projects
Paper/pencil tests
Poster sessions
Culminating performances
Completing or creating rubrics
Reaction Guide
Language experience activities
Reading aloud
Readers Theater
Word sorts

Activities extend concepts of unit and allow for range of students' interests, English proficiency, and abilities. Strategies require varying degrees of reading, writing, and research, depending on teacher and student expectations.

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