

## During Reading...

Look at the pictures.	Sound out the first part.	Chunk the word.
Skip the word, read the rest of the sentence, and come back to it.	Reread the sentence.	Ask: Why... Who... When... Where... What... How...
Read like you are telling a story.	Reread in a smooth voice.	Talk about the pictures.

## After Reading...

Retell the beginning, middle, and end.	Reread the same book.	Act out the story.
Write about your favorite part.	Make a connection with the story.	Share your thoughts about the book.

## Reading Strategies to Build Comprehension

### 1. Create mental images.

Ask: *"What are you picturing right now?"*

### 2. Use background knowledge.

Ask before, during, and after reading: *"What do you know about...?"*

### 3. Ask questions.

Ask: *"What questions do you have about...?"*

### 4. Make inferences.

Ask: *"Why do you think...?"*

### 5. Determine the most important ideas.

Ask: *"What is the big idea in this story? How do you know?"*

### 6. Synthesize information.

Ask: *"Stop and think - what is happening right now? Why is this important to the story?"*

### 7. Use fix-up strategies when you don't understand a word, phrase, or passage.

Suggest: *"Skip ahead and come back to the [word, phrase, passage] you don't understand." "Reread the [word, phrase, passage]." "Read the passage aloud."*