Reading is not just about getting the words right!

Reading is about getting meaning from the text!

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Think about what you already know about a topic from what you have read, learned from friends, relatives, teachers, internet, movies or television...

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Predicting

Find clues in the title, subheadings or pictures about what you will learn. Skim the text for key words that might give you hints and tips...
**Clicks**

Are the parts of text that we understand.

If you can read the word and know what it means without having to think too long about it then it is a click.
Clunks

Are the parts of text that we need to stop because it is hard to understand. If you can read the word but don’t really know what it means then it is a clunk. If you are not sure, treat this word as a clunk.
Clicks and Clunks

When we get to a clunk, we use fix up strategies to find out what the clunk means:

1. Re-read the sentence with the clunk and the sentences before or after, looking for clues.

2. Reread the sentence without the word. Think about what would make sense.

3. Look for the prefix or the suffix in the word.

4. Break up the word and look for a smaller word.

5. Use a picture.

6. Use a glossary or a dictionary.

If something is still not clear after trying these - ask for help!
Clunk Strategy 1

In summer birds molt. This means they lose their feathers.

Reread the sentence with the clunk and the sentences before or after the clunk looking for clues.

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Clouds are **composed** of water droplets.

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Clunk Strategy 3

uncomfortable

un \textbf{comfort} able

prefix \quad \downarrow \quad \textbf{base word} \quad \textbf{base word}

Look for a prefix or suffix in the word. What does the prefix or suffix mean? Then look at the base word and join them.

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Clunk Strategy 4

Break the word apart and look for a smaller word

prediction

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expectation

expect

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Clunk Strategy 5

Look at a image/diagram and read the caption.

Alex Winter winning the championship.

2M’s favourite sports

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Bonus Strategy

Ask yourself some questions....

1. Do I know a word that sounds like the word I don’t know?

2. If I say the word out loud is there a feeling I get about what kind of word it is?

3. Does the word have a capital at the start > If it does, is it a name?
Get the Gist

Get the gist after reading each paragraph or section of the passage.
It means to summarise or put the most important ideas into a few words.
The gist should only include the most important ideas and not too many details.

*Who* or *what* is the paragraph about?

*What* are the most important ideas in the text?
Skimming

When should I skim?
...when I want a quick idea of what the text is about.

1. Read through the text to get the gist or the main idea.

2. Look at the **HEADINGS**, diagrams, pictures and words in bold type.

3. Read the 1st and last paragraphs.
Scanning

When should I scan?
...when I want specific information.

Scan/look over the text to find specific information.

You can do this by...

• Looking at what the meaning of the word is.
• Looking at the sentence that tells the information.
• Looking for the key word to find the information quickly.
Here Hidden Head

The answer is here in one sentence of the text. I may need to read the text again to find it.
The answer is hidden in the text. I may need to use information from two or more places in the text as well as what I already know.
The answer is in my head

I need to use what I already know from books, teachers, movies, magazines, Internet...

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Who?
Look for a person or an animal...

• Mum
• Dad
• my sister
• Jenny
• the man next door
• the thief
• a baby
• the Principal
• me
• you

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What?
Look for verbs (action words...)

- ran
- jumped
- left
- ate
- brushed
- finished
- cleaned
- yelled
- cried
- sat

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Where?
Look for words that tell you a place...

• park
• zoo
• classroom
• school
• holiday house

• backyard
• playground
• beach
• church
• Sydney

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When?
Look for words that tell you a time...

- yesterday
- today
- tomorrow
- last year
- lunchtime
- two o’clock
- Christmas
- evening
- Autumn, Summer, Winter, Spring

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Which?

Look for adjectives (describing words for nouns...)

- red
- green
- long
- sunny
- old
- noisy
- sad
- huge
- new
- shiny

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Why/What if?

Look for the word 'why', 'what if' or words that ask you for your opinion...

• Why did the man....
• Why does the...
• The dog ran away, explain why....
• What would happen if...
• What if....

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How
Look for verbs (action words...)

- drove
- ran
- swam
- raced
- skied
- climbed
- hiked
- rushed
- carried
- crawled

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