

Reading Detectives

What do good readers do? Help your child to learn the skills to become a good reader.

Predict



I will think what the chapter is about.

I will think what happens next.

I can:

- Use the title
- Use the headings
- Use the illustrations
- Use what I have already read
- The last chapter....
- In the last paragraph... but
- In the next paragraph..
- The heading tells me...

I will read the text to check my predictions

I can change my predictions as the author gives me more information

Clarify



I will write down the words and phrases I do not understand

I will find out what they mean

I can:

- Stop and think what the author wants me to know
- Re-read or read to find clues
- Picture it in my mind
- Think about what I already know
- Make sure I am using the punctuation
- Read faster or slower
- Look for the base word
- Try another word that makes sense
- Use a dictionary

Question



I will ask questions to help me understand what I have read

I will think of questions while I am reading the text

- What? When?
- Who? Why?
- Why is ...important
- Why did...do that?
- What are the differences between?
- What would you do?
- What do you think about?
- What are the reasons for?
- Is...fact or fiction? How do you know?
- How do you feel about the character?
- What part was most interesting? Why?
- How is the author making us feel excited? Scared?

Summarise



I will identify the main idea in the text.

I will say what the page is about in two sentences.

I will leave out the small details.

I will use headings, titles, and the topic sentence.

I can say things like...

- This page is about...
- The main point of this paragraph is...
- The main idea is....
- The next idea is
- The most important information is
- In this part of the story....
- The author is telling me...
- The author wants me to think....