

MAIN IDEAS

Have I understood what I have read? What do I think is the main message of the text?

- Read the text again
- What is the main idea?
- Break it up! Can I make a list of the key ideas of the text?

PARAPHRASING

Can I show understanding?

Can I re-write the ideas into my own words to show I have understood what I have read?

SUBSTITUTE or TRANSLATE any words you are unsure of

VISUALISATION

Use what you know and understand to create

Consider creating:

- * flow-charts
- * spider-diagrams or mind-maps

CLUES

Can I work out what unfamiliar or unknown words mean?

Consider:

- * Does it **sound like** any other words I already know? **Break it up! Sound it out!**
- * Does any smaller part of it **re-mind me** of words I already know?
- * Read the punctuation
- * Look for word families

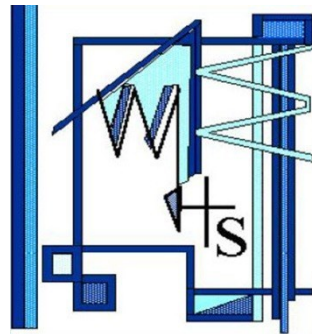
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

What do I already know about this?

- * Read the title
- * What **clues** are there in the headline / title / pictures/ diagram?
- * What do I think will happen next?
- * **Who** and **what** is this text for?

ACTIVE READING STRATEGIES

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QUESTIONING

Ask for help

Ask questions:

- Literal** (what is happening?)
- Inferential** (read between the lines)
- Evaluative** (what did the writer make you think or feel?)