

Role 1: The Leader

Your role is to organise the group and keep the discussion flowing.

- Help everyone to choose a role.
- Remind everyone what their role is.
- Introduce the text.
- Help everyone read the text.
- During the discussion, give praise and encouragement.
- Make sure everyone joins in.

Role 2: The Predictor

Your role is to predict what you are about to read.

- What do the group already know about this topic?
- Ask the group for one fact they know about the topic.
- Where have you seen or read this information before?
- What might be the main focus of this text?
- What do you expect to learn from reading this text?

Role 3: The Clarifier

Highlight any areas of difficulty such as:

Words which are difficult to read

Words which are hard to understand

Sentences that are confusing

Sections that are difficult to understand

Share clues that help others to understand

Ask others to help clarify what the writer means

Role 4: The Summariser

Your role is to retell what you have just read in your own words.

Summarising Techniques:

Divide the text into headings, main ideas, key facts, the main argument/s, the purpose of the text.

Can you summarise in 6 words?

Can you reduce the text to a tweet?

Can you give each paragraph a heading?

Role 5: The Questioner

Ask questions and encourage higher order thinking.

- Remembering: What are the main ideas?
- Understanding: Explain, put into own words, why?
- Analysing: Look for patterns in the text. Discuss, layout, structure, repetition. Make inferences: what is the underlying meaning? Is there bias or persuasion?
- Evaluating: Do we trust the author? How effective is this text in meeting its purpose?