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A prediction is a good guess about what you think you will find out about or what will happen next in a text.

Good readers make predications before they read and as they read.

Things that helps you make a prediction:
- Headings, pictures and other text features.
- Making connections to what you already know.
- Skimming, scanning and re-reading the text.

Prediction sentence starters:
- ❑ Based on the title, subheadings, picture/diagram, etc.), I predict that this page/chapter will be about… I think the next chapter (or page) will be about…
- ❑ From the questions I think that I will find out about… Based on (a clue), I imagine that…
- ❑ Based on what I know about… I believe that…

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Asking questions about a text helps you have a purpose or reason for reading and deepens your understanding.

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Ask 'teacher-like' questions:
- What is going on…?
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- Who will…?
- How is…?
- Why is…important?
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- How are ____ and ___ alike or different?
- Why would happen if…?
- What does … mean?
- How will it ….?
- How come…?
- What might…?
- Why can…?

CLARIFY

Clarifying means making the meaning of the text clearer.

Good readers, when they notice they don't understand what they've read take steps to figure out the meaning.

You read it but haven't got it when:
a) The voice inside your head has stopped. The camera in your head stops.
b) Your mind begins to wander. You can't remember what you just read.
c) The questions you have are not answered.
d) You have no idea what a word or phrase means.

Clarifying or fix- it up strategies:
- ✓ Re-read the part you don't understand, you may 'get it' the second time.
- ✓ If it's a word you don't understand, use the rest of the sentence to figure out what it means.
- ✓ Look at the text features for clues.
- ✓ Use a dictionary to look up words.

SUMMARISE

Summarising a text means picking out the main ideas and leaving out anything that is not essential.

Good readers look for the main ideas as they read and can give 'the gist' of what they have read *in their own words*.

How to summarise what you read:
1. Look at the topic sentences - the first sentence in each paragraph.
2. Look at the concluding sentence or last sentence in each paragraph.
3. Answer the *Who? What? When? Where? Why?* How? of the text.
4. Focus on key details. Use key words and phrases. Leave out little details that aren't important. Write only enough to convey the gist.

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Additional reading strategies:

Visualise – use your imagination to picture what you are reading about. A bit like a movie in your mind.

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Synthesise – make links across the text you are reading to help build a bigger picture and better understanding of what is happening or being suggested.

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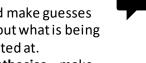- Why can…?

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