



# CRUISING WITH COMPREHENSION

#### CREATIVE READING COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES





Let's Charter the Seas Together



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### MISCOMMUNICATION

#### • <u>DOES THIS SEEM FAMILIAR?</u>



# WHY WORRY ABOUT READING COMPREHENSION?

### • Why worry about comprehension?

- Reading is more than saying the words or getting from the beginning of the book to the end.
- To be successful readers and test takers, children need to be able to comprehend text.
- Most importantly, not being able to comprehend can leave a child feeling defeated.
- Evidenced Based Research has shown there are strategies we can share with children as we read, that will help them gain more understanding.



# WHAT IS COMPREHENSION?

- The ability to make sense of the things that we see, read, and hear in the world around us.
- The purpose of reading.
- Thinking about what we know, believe, experience or feel, and how that relates to what we are seeing, reading, or hearing.
- Thinking about what the author, illustrator, or speaker wants us to know.



## Verbal Expression The Oral – Written Connection

- Literacy is birthed from well developed oral language skills.
  - To understand language , one must be able to recognize: word patterns, word structure, sentence forms, paragraph format, meaning of words, relationship of words to other words, and how words are influenced by their position in a sentence.
    - JOBZONEOPPORTUNITYISNOWHERE
    - #needsatan
    - Hearing spoken language
      - "I know what you said, but I don't know what you mean."
        - While Bob ate an apple was in the basket
    - Understanding spoken language
      - "I know that I just read it (decoded), but I don't know what it means." (Birsh, p. 52)
        - Neutrons help demystify multiferroic materials.



### **Common Types of Reading Errors**

### Omissions

- Slant-slat
- Jack was the star of the play.
  for Jack was the shining star of the play.
- Omits or changes suffixes:
  - need for needed, talks for talking, late for lately.
- Omits small function words:
  - an, a, from, the, to, were, are, of



### **Common Types of Reading Errors**

### Insertions

- Adds small function words:
  - an a, from, the, to, were, are, of
- Adds letters or syllables in words:
  - bapatized for baptized
- Transpositions
  - Switching the order of two adjacent letters
    - on for no, gril for girl, own for won, spilt for split, silt for slit,
  - Confusion with choice of pronunciation



### **Common Types of Reading Errors**

#### Substitutions

- Substitutions similar looking words even if it changes the meaning of the sentence
  - sunrise for surprise, house for horse, while for white, wanting for walking
- Substitutes a word that means the same thing, but doesn't look at all similar
  - travel for journey, fast for speed, cry for weep
- Reversals
  - Flipping a letter horizontally along a vertical axis
    - ded for bed, bog for dog,



### Dyslexia

#### <u>Dyslexia Simulation</u>



• Dyslexia is a general term for disorders that involve difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but that do not affect general intelligence.

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# THE TWO SIDES OF HOMEWORK STRUGGLE

#### • AT LEAST I AM GOOD AT THAT



#### • Decoding

- Confusion or Substitutions Practice letter recognitions
  - Lower case and capitals
  - Sequencing and random order
  - Short and long vowel sounds Phonics
  - Practice reading with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> pronunciation, then practice with both/all three
    - I red the sentence on the read line. Vs. I read the sentence on the red line.
- Transpositions, Insertions, Omissions of Letters
  - Stress left to right directionality in reading
  - Demonstrate that order of words can change meaning
    - Is it raining? vs It is raining.
- Skipping, Guessing or Confusing Commonly Used Short Words
  - Stress importance of articles, prepositions, pronouns in sentences
    - Me is a happiest person around the earth. Vs. She is the happiest person on the earth.
  - Practice easily confused words
    - read vs read; son vs sun



### • Fluency

- The ability to read with speed, accuracy, and proper expression.
  - Fluency speeds up the rate at which they can read and understand text.
  - It's also important when kids encounter irregular words, like of and the, which can't be sounded out.
  - Word recognition is the ability to recognize whole words instantly by sight, without sounding them out.
  - Sounding out or decoding every word can take a lot of effort.



### Vocabulary

- Body of words known to an individual person.
  - To understand what you're reading, you need to understand most of the words in the text.
    - Having a strong vocabulary is a key component of reading comprehension.
      - Students can learn vocabulary through instruction.
      - Learn the meaning of words through everyday experience and also by reading.
        - Neutrons help demystify multiferroic materials.



#### Sentence Construction and Cohesion

- Understanding how sentences are built
- Cohesion connecting ideas within and between sentences
  - Knowing how ideas link up at the sentence level helps kids get meaning from passages and entire texts.
    - One to one word matching, syllables, subject/verb agreement
  - It also leads to something called coherence, or the ability to connect ideas to other ideas in an overall piece of writing.
    - The sentence is an example.
    - The boring sentence is a simple example.
    - This long boring sentence is a simple example of sentence structure.

#### Punctuation

- Demonstrate the need for punctuation signals.
  - 'A woman, without her man, is nothing.'
  - 'A woman: without her, man is nothing.'



#### • Reasoning and Background Knowledge

- Most readers relate what they've read to what they know.
  - What they <u>K</u>NOW
  - What they <u>W</u>ANT to know
  - What they <u>LEARNED</u>
- Extracting meaning when it's not spelled out (reading between the lines)
  - Inferences
    - I had finally gotten use to being weightless. It became a comfortable feeling. I especially liked floating by the window to see the planet Earth below. Where am I? or Who am I?
  - Similes
    - The old chair was as shaky as a newborn horse trying to stand up.
  - Metaphors
    - On Christmas Eve, the shopping mall was a jungle of people.



- Working Memory, Attention & Self-Monitoring
  - When kids read, **attention** allows them to take in information from the text.
  - Working memory allows them to hold on to that information and use it to gain meaning and build knowledge from what they're reading.
  - The ability to be able to recognize when you don't understand something and then stop, go back and re-read to clear up any confusion is **self monitoring**.

Jack and Jill went up the hill To fetch a pail of water Jack fell down and broke his crown And Jill came tumbling afterward.



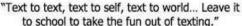
- Making Connections
- Visualizing
- Questioning
- Inferring
- Determining Importance



### Making Connections

- Readers constantly make connections as they read; connections to their own lives, another book, or real world events.
  - What does this book remind you of?• Have you experienced any of the events or situations in this book?
  - Can you understand how the character was feeling? Why?
  - What do you know about the book's topic?
  - Does this book remind you of another book?







### Visualizing

- Readers create pictures in their minds as they read. If they aren't able to, comprehension is lost.
  - What do you picture as you read this paragraph?
  - When reading this story did you make pictures in your head?
  - How did these pictures help you understand the story better?





#### Questioning

- When readers question the text before, during, and after they read, they attend more closely to the text, clarify meaning, make predictions, and focus their attention on what's important.
  - Before Reading
    - What do you think will happen?
    - Why do you suppose...
  - During Reading
    - What do you think? What do you wonder?
    - How come...
    - What does this word mean? How can I figure out using clues from the text?
  - After Reading
    - What would have happened if...
    - I wonder why the author...
    - I wonder where we could look to find out more about...
  - Use post its to write down until you are able to recall it.
  - WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, & HOW



#### Inferring

- More than simple prediction, inferring happens when readers can take what they know and what is written in the book to read between the lines.
- The ability to infer helps the reader get to the why of the story and draw conclusions.
  - Why did you think that would happen?
  - Why did the author write the story in that way?
  - Why do you think the character feels that way?
  - Why did the character do that?
- My father did not like to wear his crown. He said it was heavy and made his head hurt. While I did not have a crown, my parents made sure I had a silk dress with gold thread to wear for the coronation. Who am I?



- Determining Importance (Main Ideas / Supporting Details)
  - Be sure your child pays attention to first and last lines of a paragraph, titles, heading, captions, fonts, illustrations, italics, and boldfaced print.
    - What kind of message is the author sending?
    - What are the main ideas? supporting details? themes?
    - What is just interesting without being important?



# Real Life Comprehension Building Implementation

- Modeled talk
- Karaoke
- Vocabulary role play
- Word walls
- Readers' Theatre
- Scripting
- Talk show
- Interviews
- Comic Strips
- Picture Bubbles
- Rap It Out!



### **Cruising with Comprehension**



YOU INVOLVEMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

### **Reading Comprehension Resources**

#### • <u>https://www.understood.org/en</u>

- 15 nonprofit organizations have joined forces to support parents of the one in five children with learning and attention issues throughout their journey.
- http://www.ptotoday.com/parent-involvement
  - PTO Today quickly established itself at the center of the school parent group world as both a valuable resource and a trusted voice for both local PTOs and local PTAs.
- https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/PracticeGuide/14
  - This guide recommends five specific steps that teachers, reading coaches, and principals can take to successfully improve reading comprehension for young readers.
- <u>http://www.slipperyrock.ki2.pa.us/Downloads/Tips\_for\_P</u> <u>arents.pdf</u>
  - ABC's of Reading Comprehension Strategy for Parents