



Strategies Good Readers Use

Good readers apply many different strategies to make reading natural and enjoyable. Let's look at some of these strategies with suggestions for helping your child develop these tools to improve in reading comprehension.

1. Good readers often form mental pictures while they are reading. This technique helps them to visualize, understand and remember what they have read.

How to help: You can help your child visualize by having him/her stop during the reading of a story, close his/her eyes and make a mental picture about the story setting, plot and/or problem.

2. Good readers stop and make notes during their reading.

How to help: You can help your child with writing summaries about the reading assignment. This strategy would be very helpful in science and social studies. The summaries could be used for a study guide before tests.

3. Good readers use story clues to make predictions.

How to help: When reading with your child, stop and have your child make a prediction as to what will happen next. Help your child continue reading to prove or disprove his/her prediction.

4. Good readers have a purpose for reading. They may read to find out "how to do" a particular skill. Good readers read to

gather information about a topic of interest. They will read a textbook for their school work and read a magazine for entertainment. Strong readers read novels to experience the pleasure of good literature.

How to help: Provide a variety of reading materials for your child to experience. A trip to the local library would be a great place to start.



Good readers think actively as they read. They use background and vocabulary knowledge to make sense of the reading. Good readers self-correct, read ahead, and reread aloud. The strategies that good readers use become a natural part of their normal reading activities. All readers can and should practice these techniques to make reading enjoyable.