The CAFE Menu 6-5-4-3: *Choosing the Right Strategy*

Comprehension I understand what I read	Accuracy I can read the words	Fluency I can read accurately, with expression, and understand what I read	Expand Vocabulary I know, find, and use interesting words
Strategies	Strategies	Strategies	Strategies
Check for understanding	Abundant easy reading	Voracious reading	Voracious reading
Back up and reread Use prior knowledge to connect with text Make and adjust predictions; use text to confirm Infer and support with evidence	Look carefully at letters and words Cross checking Do the pictures and/or words look right? Do they sound right? Do they make sense? Flip the sound	Read appropriate-level texts that are a good fit Reread text Practice common sight words and high-frequency words	Tune in to interesting words and use new vocabulary in speaking and writing Use prior knowledge and context to predict and confirm meaning
Make a picture or mental image		Adjust and apply different reading rates to match text	Use pictures, illustrations, and diagrams
Ask questions throughout the reading process	Use the pictures Do the words and pictures match?	Use punctuation to enhance phrasing and prosody (end marks, commas, etc.)	Use word parts to determine the meaning of words (prefixes, suffixes, origins,
Use text features (titles, headings, captions, graphic features) Summarize text; include	Use beginning and ending sounds Blend sounds; stretch and reread	Read text as the author would say it, conveying the meaning or feeling	abbreviations, etc.) Ask someone to define the word for you
sequence of main events Use main idea and supporting details to determine importance Determine and analyze author's purpose and support with text Recognize literary elements (genre, plot, character, setting, problem/resolution, theme) Recognize and explain cause-and-effect relationships Compare and contrast within and between text	Chunk letters and sounds together Skip the word, then come back Trade a word/guess a word that makes sense Recognize words at sight		Use dictionaries, thesauruses, and glossaries as tools

Behaviors That Support Reading

Get started right away Stay in one spot Work quietly Read the whole time Increase stamina Select and read good-fit books

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