I Get It!

The Elephant and Its Parts

Tail: Background Knowledge
Ear: Sensory Images
Tusk: Questioning
Head: Predictions and Inferences
Leg: Main Ideas
Trunk: Fix-Up Options
Elephant: Synthesizing
I Don't Get It!

- Reread.
- Read ahead.
- Stop to think.
- Try to visualize.
- Ask a new question.
- Make a prediction.
- Study the illustration or other text features.
- Ask someone for help.
- Figure out unknown words.
- Look at the sentence structure.
- Make an inference.
- Connect to background knowledge.
- Read the author’s or illustrator’s note.
- Write about the confusing parts.
- Make an effort to think about the message.
- Define/redefine the purpose for reading this text.