



Monitoring and Regaining Comprehension

When readers realize they have lost comprehension, they make decisions about how to regain it.

“Fix-up options” for regaining comprehension:

- Reread.
- Read ahead.
- Stop to think
- Try to visualize.
- Ask a new question.
- Make a prediction.
- Study the illustration or other text feature.
- Ask someone for help.
- Figure out unknown words.
- Look at the text 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 the text.

Reader’s must

- Notice the moment when comprehension is lost
- Determining which option to try

Developing techniques

- Practice these options a few at a time
- For early readers
 - Consider the first eight options
- For advancing readers
 - Consider the twelve options
- For advanced readers
 - Apply all sixteen options

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