

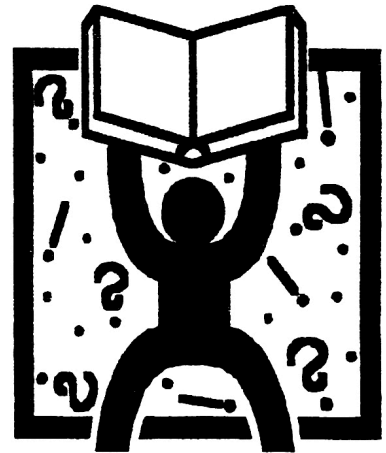
Defining Comprehension Skills

Author's Point of View:

- Identify who is telling the story
- First Person
 - Pronoun clues: I, me, my
- Third Person
 - Pronoun clues: he/she, him/her, it

Sequence:

- When events take place
- The order in which events take place
- Clue Words: first, then, next, after, later, before, at last



Fact and Opinion:

- Provable statements vs. statements of preference based on facts

Main Idea and Details:

- What the writing is about
 - Clue: check the first sentence of the piece or paragraph
- Details help reader understand the main idea
 - Gives examples, facts, opinions, descriptions, reasons, or definitions
 - Compares and contrasts ideas

Compare and Contrast:

- Using the familiar to understand the unfamiliar

Cause and Effect:

- What happened and why?
- Helps reader anticipate or predict outcomes
- Applies to events and characters

Classify and Categorize:

- Identifying relationships of actions, events, or characters
- Putting like things or ideas together

Author's Purpose:

- To entertain
- To inform
- To explain
- To persuade

Drawing Conclusions:

- "Reading between the lines"
- Put small pieces together to make a statement about a character or event

Making Inferences:

- To get the big picture
Text + background knowledge = deeper meaning