

The CAFE Menu

Comprehension

I understand what I read

Strategies

Check for understanding
 Back up and reread
 Use prior knowledge to connect with text
 Make and adjust predictions; use text to confirm
 Monitor and fix up
 Infer and support with evidence
 Make a picture or mental image
 Ask questions throughout the reading process
 Use text features (titles, headings, captions, graphic features)
 Summarize text; include sequence of main events
 Use main idea and supporting details to determine importance
 Determine and analyze author's purpose and support with text
 Recognize literacy elements (genre, plot, character, setting, problem/resolution, theme)
 Recognize and explain cause-and-effect relationships
 Compare and contrast within and between text

Accuracy

I can read the words

Strategies

Cross checking . . .
 Do the pictures and/or words look right? Do they sound right? Do they make sense?
 Use the pictures . . .
 Do the words and pictures match?
 Use beginning and ending sounds
 Blend sounds; stretch and reread
 Flip the sound
 Chunk letters and sounds together
 Skip the word, then come back
 Trade a word/guess a word that makes sense

Fluency

I can read accurately, with expression, and understand what I read

Strategies

Voracious reading
 Read appropriate-level texts that are a good fit
 Reread text
 Practice common sight words and high-frequency words
 Adjust and apply different reading rates to match text
 Use punctuation to enhance phrasing and prosody (end marks, commas, etc.)

Expand Vocabulary

I know, find, and use interesting words

Strategies

Voracious reading
 Tune in to interesting words and use new vocabulary in speaking and writing
 Use pictures, illustrations, and diagrams
 Use word parts to determine the meaning of words (prefixes, suffixes, origins, abbreviations, etc.)
 Use prior knowledge and context to predict and confirm meaning
 Ask someone to define the word for you
 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

