

Clarifying

1. When you don't know or understand something...STOP!

2. Mark it with a sticky note.

3. Use strategies to figure it out.

4. When you clarify it, put a check mark on the sticky note.

If you still don't understand...

5. Take the sticky-note problem to your team for help.

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To pronounce an unfamiliar word:

- break the word into chunks.
- blend it.
- look for a base word.
- reread it.

To figure out a word's meaning:

- reread or read ahead to find clues in the text.
- look for familiar word parts.
- picture what is going on in the text.
- use background knowledge.
- use a glossary or dictionary.

Questioning

1. Ask **Right There** questions about what you read. Use Right There question words:

- Who?
- What?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?
- How?

2. Challenge yourself with **Think** questions. Use Think question starters:

- What do you think about...?
- How do you know that...?
- Why or why not?
- What do you predict...?
- What conclusion can you draw...?
- How does this compare to...?

3. Why is this question important to your understanding of the text?

Right There questions:

- can be answered using only the story or text.
- can be answered from one passage or page.

Think questions:

- are answered using a combination of information from different parts of the text and/or by connecting relevant background knowledge to the text.