

Visualise

What the strategy is:

A good reader will build up a picture in their head of what the text is telling them. As the picture builds, this helps us understand the text.

Using the strategy to build an understanding of the text:

- Use key words from the text to start picturing what is being described and/or explained. These key words will help us imagine what is there, who is there, what is involved and how the scene looks.

Fiction example:

Reading a text called 'The Party'. Using key word - party. Can start to build up a picture of the scene, drawing upon background knowledge to support - thinking about what is typically at parties from knowledge and experience. Can then start picturing the scene of a celebration, party hats, balloons, food etc. The visual can then be modified as the text reveals more.

Non-fiction example:

Text about the water cycle - use key words to start picturing what the text is explaining. Using background knowledge, subject knowledge and experiences of seeing the concepts, a picture can then be formed from the text explaining what is happening to help understand it.

Question stems to help talk and think about this strategy:

What does/do _____ look like?

What picture do you get in your head? Why, what gave you that idea? What do you know about the topic/subject to help build a bigger picture?