

# Comprehension Strategies Anecdotal Record

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Comprehension Strategies	Helpful Prompts	Comments/Assessment
<p><b>Self-monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• checks personal strategy use</li> <li>• changes strategy use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did that part of the book make sense to you?</li> <li>• What question are you asking yourself about...?</li> <li>• Did you get an answer to your question when you read on?</li> <li>• What else do you need to know...?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Analyzing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• finds facts</li> <li>• finds a main idea (if stated)</li> <li>• finds supporting details</li> <li>• recognizes problem/solution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What else does it say about ...?</li> <li>• Can you show me where it says that?</li> <li>• What did you notice about...?</li> <li>• Did it tell you about the main or the most important idea?</li> <li>• What details does the author tell you about the main idea?</li> <li>• Where does it say that?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Sequencing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understands sequence of directions</li> <li>• retells in sequence (events, facts, arguments, details)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell me what happened.</li> <li>• What came first?</li> <li>• In what order did it happen?</li> <li>• How did it end?</li> <li>• Is the order important here?</li> <li>• How does the author show us the order? (e.g., numbered steps or signal words such as "First" and "next")</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Making connections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• connects ideas to self, others, other texts, and knowledge about the world</li> <li>• compares and contrasts facts, events, or ideas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you heard of (seen/read about) something like this?</li> <li>• Has this happened to you or somebody you know?</li> <li>• Does this remind you of something?</li> <li>• Is this the same? Is this different?</li> <li>• What can you compare it with?</li> <li>• What does the author compare it with?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Predicting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• makes predictions about characters and plot (fiction)</li> <li>• makes predictions about what information will come next (non-fiction)</li> <li>• confirms or changes predictions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What might happen next?</li> <li>• What do you think the next part (or chapter) will be about?</li> <li>• Did you expect that to happen?</li> <li>• What do you think she/he will do (or say, or think) next?</li> <li>• Did you change your mind about what was going to happen? What do you think now?</li> </ul>	

# Comprehension Strategies Anecdotal Record (continued)

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<p><b>Inferring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reads between the lines</li> <li>• visualizes what is happening in the text</li> <li>• infers solution to the problem</li> <li>• understands cause and effect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why did that happen?</li> <li>• The author doesn't tell us ... What do you think? Why?</li> <li>• Can you picture that in your mind?</li> <li>• What's the problem here? How do you think it will be solved?</li> <li>• What (or who) caused that?</li> <li>• Why do you think...?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Evaluating</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understands the difference between fiction and non-fiction and between opinion and fact</li> <li>• gives personal opinions about events, facts, and ideas</li> <li>• evaluates the author's craft and bias • Is this book fact or fiction?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is this true or is this opinion?</li> <li>• What do you believe? How did the author get us to believe that?</li> <li>• What does the author think about...?</li> <li>• What's your opinion about...?</li> <li>• Did the author do a good job of...?</li> <li>• What did you like best/least?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Synthesizing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• summarizes to provide a brief account</li> <li>• finds the main idea (if not stated)</li> <li>• connects facts, events, and ideas into a cohesive whole</li> <li>• integrates information with prior knowledge to create new understanding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the main things you found out about...?</li> <li>• What's the book about?</li> <li>• What is the author's message?</li> <li>• What did the title tell us?</li> <li>• What's the most important thing you learned?</li> <li>• In just a few words, can you tell me what this chapter is about?</li> </ul>	