

Making Connections

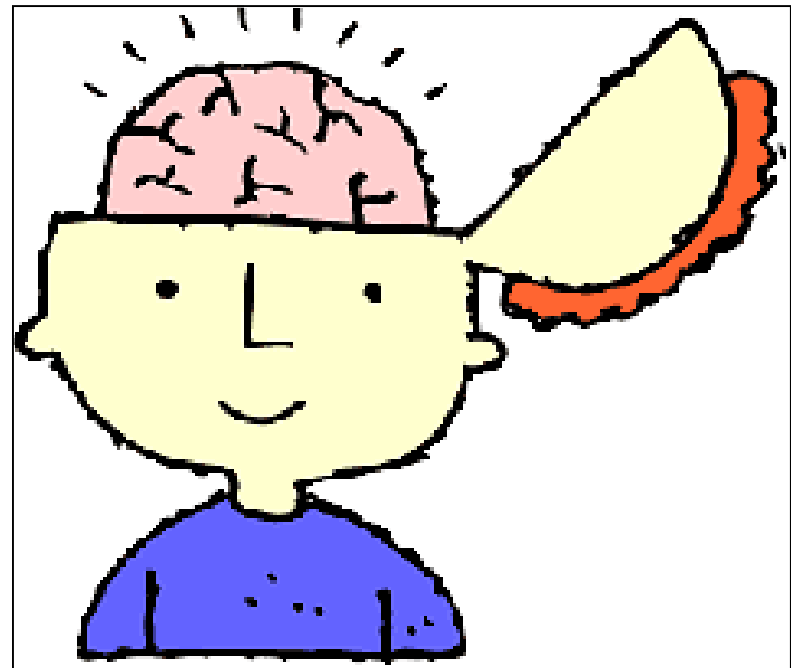
- Bring your background knowledge to each text you read.
- Make connections between the text and your own experiences; the text and another text; or the text and the real world.

(T to T; T to S; T to W)



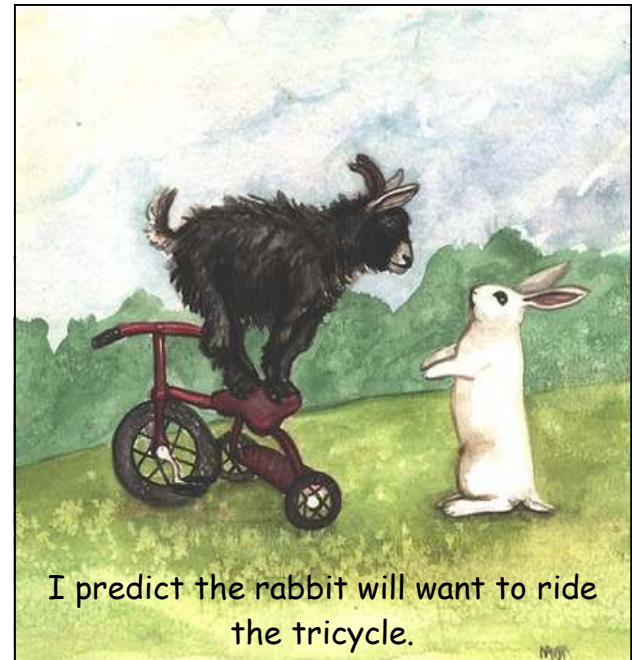
Visualizing

- Make pictures in your mind as you read.
- Use your personal experiences and the author's descriptive words to make your picture.



Predicting

- Use clues from the text and your brilliant brain to guess what's going to happen.
- Don't worry if you're wrong because you can adjust your predictions as you read.



Making Inferences

- Some authors leave out information on purpose because they want you to add your own thoughts to theirs.
- Use picture clues to infer.
- Use clues from the text and your brilliant brain to infer the author's message.



Determining Importance

- What are the main ideas of the text?
- What are the details that support the main ideas?
- Can you summarize in just a few sentences?



They were an unlikely partnership, but they always worked together as a team.

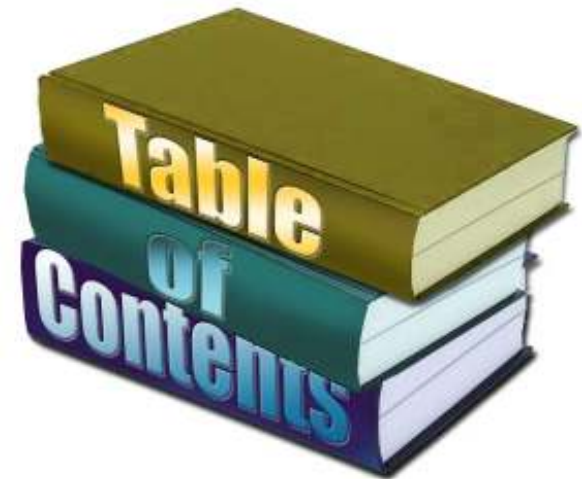
Asking Questions

- As you read, ask yourself questions about the text.
- As you read on, some questions may be answered.
- Share your questions with others. They may know the answer or help you to find one.



Use Nonfiction Text Features

- Find the parts you're looking for by using the table of contents or the index.
- Use titles and subtitles to give you clues about what each section is about.
- Look at the pictures and captions. They contain a lot of information.



Synthesize/Transform

- Link ideas together from a variety of sources.
- Make it personal so it sticks to your brilliant brain.

