

Comprehension

The student will develop and demonstrate knowledge of a variety of comprehension strategies to derive meaning from a variety of texts.

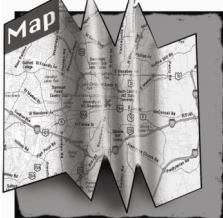


Identify Print Concepts

One stop on the road to literacy...



The Outcome



The student will identify print concepts.

Why Go There?



Explain to your student that a good reader understands language in print form and the organization of various texts (books, magazines, newspapers, menus, etc.).

How To Get There



Through observation or direct questioning, assess your student's knowledge of the following concepts:

- front/back of a book
- where to start reading
- left to right reading and return sweep
- word, sentence, line
- upper and lower case letters
- use of punctuation

Then using authentic materials (books, newspaper articles, menus, etc.), teach the concepts your student needs to learn.

Use Visual Clues to Gain Meaning

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The Outcome



The student will use visual clues to gain meaning.

Why Go There?



Explain to your student that a good reader attends to visual clues—photographs, illustrations, graphs, charts, etc.—to aid in understanding the text.

How To Get There



Use the following short stories and their pictures to teach your student how to use visual clues to gain meaning. Then apply the same procedure to newspaper and magazine articles that are of interest to your student.

Use Visual Clues to Gain Meaning

Pre-reading Questions:

(Show the picture below to your student.)

Story

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1. What do you think these children are doing?
2. Do you think they are having a good time? How can you tell?
3. What do you think this story is about?



Read the following story aloud to your student.

Relief!

When asked about being the mother of three young kids, Matilda Bagsley says it's easy—when they're asleep. The rest of the time, getting her three kids to agree on anything is nearly impossible. Each has his favorite food, TV show, and game. There are times the fussing and feuding drives her crazy. But there is one thing the kids agree upon— backyard water fun.

So when it's time for some peace and harmony in the family, Matilda drags out the kiddie pool and garden hose as the kids pull on their swim wear. Then you can be sure a good day is had by all—kids *and* Mom!

Post-reading Question:

1. Was your prediction correct?

Pre-reading Questions:

(Show the picture below to your student.)

1. How do you think the man is feeling?
2. What do you think this story is about?

Story

2



Read the following story aloud to your student.

Up Against a Brick Wall

Jonathan felt like he was up against a brick wall. School had been hard so he'd dropped out at fifteen. Then he'd had a difficult time getting a job so he'd decided to work on his GED. He'd been doing fine until he met the math test. He'd failed it three times. The frustrating thing was that he failed it by only a couple of points.

In anger and frustration he slammed his math book closed and pushed back his chair. It was time to give up, quit trying. Then he got a whiff of Teresa, his wife, as she entered the room. She stopped behind him, rubbed his shoulders, and then leaned down to whisper in his ear, "You can do this, Jonathan. You've learned so much already. I'm proud of you." And she planted a kiss on top of his head before gliding away.

With a heavy sigh and a sense of appreciation for what he had, Jonathan open the worn book and faced the brick wall once again.

Post-reading Question:

1. Was your prediction correct?

Pre-reading Questions:

(Show the picture below to your student.)

Story

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1. How do you think this man feels?
2. What do you think this article is about?



Read the following story aloud to your student.

Never Kiss a Python!

Harold Cramer swears he will never touch another snake in his life. A thirty-four year-old plumber and father of two, Cramer accepted the dare of wife Cindy to kiss a python at the petting zoo they were visiting with their kids. Cindy declares she never thought Cramer would do it. But do it, he did.

Cramer reports that he first became uneasy when the python, named Squeeze, first wrapped herself around his waist. After she encircled his neck, he'd changed his mind about kissing her, but it was too late. He figured he might as well go ahead and kiss the reptile before he was squeezed to death.

Squeeze's handler uncoiled the snake to release Cramer from his predicament. Cramer walked away unharmed, vowing to avoid all reptiles—and his wife's dares.

Post-reading Question:

1. Was your prediction correct?

Pre-reading Questions:

(Show the picture below to your student.)

1. How do you think this man feels?
2. What do you think this article is about?

Story

4



Read the following story aloud to your student.

Local Newspaper Seller Wins Lottery

Jake Ledbetter of Gibsonville woke up Sunday morning a rich man and didn't even know it. Saturday night as the winning lottery numbers were being called, Jake was sound asleep on his sofa. Little did he know they were calling the numbers on his lottery ticket that was still stuffed in his wallet. When he went into work Monday morning, he heard there was a winner who hadn't claimed the money.

"A weird feeling came over me and I checked my ticket. Man, I was stunned!" Ledbetter told reporters. When asked what he was going to do with the 20 million dollars, Ledbetter replied that he was going to buy his mom a new house and save the rest for a rainy day. Right now, he's going to keep working, selling newspapers.

Post-reading Question:

1. Was your prediction correct?

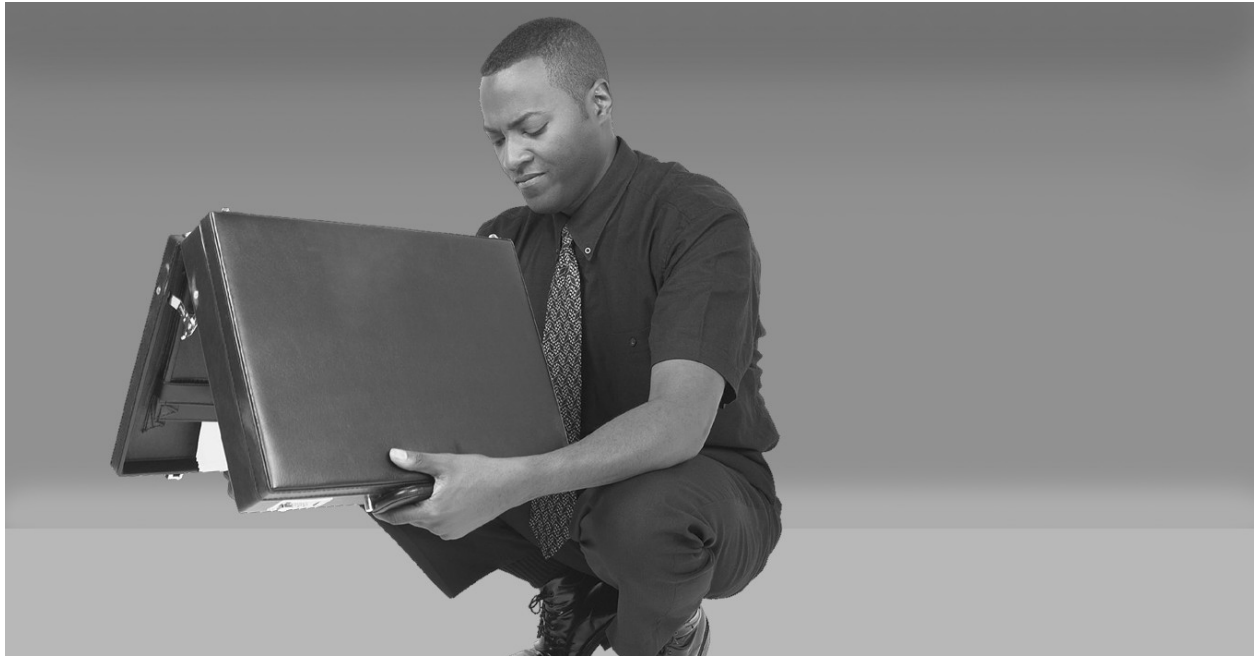
Pre-reading Question:

(Show the picture below to your student.)

1. What do you think this article is about?

Story

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Read the following story aloud to your student.

Mystery of the Lost Million

Detective Dennison examined the empty briefcase. “It’s baffling,” reported the puzzled officer. The briefcase had contained one million dollars in large bills and was being transported to a bank in the downtown area. The locked and secured briefcase never left the sight of the three armed guards who carried the briefcase from the home of millionaire Bruce Cane to the bank. But when the briefcase was opened inside the bank, it was found to be totally empty. Police detectives have their theories; they’re just not sharing them with the public.

Post-reading Question:

1. Was your prediction correct?

Pre-reading Question:

(Review the story Mystery of the Lost Million on page 91. Then show the picture below to your student.)

Story

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1. What do you think this article is about?



Read the following story aloud to your student.

Arrest Made in Million Dollar Theft!

At a press conference early this morning, Detective Dennison announced that an arrest had been made in the case of the million dollars stolen from wealthy Bruce Cane of Metrotown. Arrested was twenty-seven-year-old Horace Locksmith, one of the guards transporting the cash to the bank. It is believed the suspect had an accomplice, but no further arrests have been made.

Bruce Cane had this to say about the incident, “I had every faith in our police department. I knew it was only a matter of time before the criminal was caught.” Furthermore, Cane has stated that he is donating the million dollars to Metrotown Children’s Hospital.

Post-reading Question:

1. Was your prediction correct?