

Active Reading Skills

Ask Questions

- Who is involved?
- What are they doing? (Why?)
- What do they want? (Why?)
- What is the situation or the problem?
- Who is telling the story?
- When does the story take place?
- Where are the characters in the story?

Make Connections

- I wonder why...
- What caused...
- I think...
- This is similar to...
- This is important because...
- What do they mean by...
- What I find confusing is...
- I can relate to this because...

Predict

- What will happen next?
- Why do you think that?
- What effect will that have on the story or characters?

Summarize

- What happened?
- What is important to tell?
- What was the outcome?
- Who was involved?
- Why did this happen?
- Is that an important detail?

Clarify

- Reread what you do not understand.
- Ask questions.

Synthesize

- Three important details are...
- These are important because...
- What comes next...
- The author wants us to think...
- At this point the story is about...
- I still don't understand...
- My favorite part was...