

Effective Readers' Skills

Whenever master readers begin reading a text, they will use a number of strategies:

- predict
 - I bet that...
 - I wonder if...
 - I think that...
- picture the text
 - From this part, I can see...
 - I imagine that...
- monitor their comprehension
 - I don't get this...
 - This confuses me because...
 - This is a difficult part because...
- decide how to fix up (repair) comprehension problems
 - Maybe I'd better reread...
 - Maybe I need to keep on reading to see if...
 - I better look this word up because...
 - Maybe I better consider that...
- comment on what they've read
 - I like this because...
 - This part is sad because...
 - If you think about it...
- connect what they've read to what they already knew
 - This reminds me of...
 - I know that this part in the text is right/wrong because...
- question what is happening in the text
 - I wonder why the author...
 - What's happening here...
 - Is the character going to...
 - Wait a minute! I thought...

Throughout the year, we'll return to these techniques for further details and practice.