



Sentence stems  
for  
Comprehension  
Strategies

# Synthesizing

- ❖ Now I understand why...
- ❖ I'm beginning to think...
- ❖ I used to think...
- ❖ I'm changing my mind about...
- ❖ My new thinking is...
- ❖ At first I thought..., but now I think...
- ❖ This makes me think of...
- ❖ I learned that...
- ❖ I understand this because...

# Using Schema

- ❖ I already know...
- ❖ This topic is familiar to me because...
- ❖ My background knowledge of this topic is...
- ❖ I have schema for...
- ❖ I'm remembering...
- ❖ I can relate to...
- ❖ I am thinking of...

# making an inference

- ❖ Based on..., I conclude that...
- ❖ It could be that...
- ❖ This could mean...
- ❖ When the character said..., I think he/she felt...
- ❖ When the character..., I think he/she felt...
- ❖ I think he/she said...because....
- ❖ I infer that...
- ❖ The clue in the book made me think...
- ❖ My conclusion is...
- ❖ I am inferring....

# questioning

- ❖ I wonder...
- ❖ I was confused when...
- ❖ How could that be?
- ❖ Why do you think...?
- ❖ Who...?
- ❖ What...?
- ❖ Where ...?
- ❖ When...?
- ❖ What if...?
- ❖ How could...?
- ❖ I don't understand...

# visualizing

- ❖ I'm picturing...
- ❖ My mental image is...
- ❖ I can smell/taste...in my mind.
- ❖ I can imagine...
- ❖ I can feel/see...in my mind.
- ❖ I can touch/hear...in my mind.
- ❖ I could picture...
- ❖ I visualized that...

# making connections

- ❖ It reminds of when I read... because...
- ❖ It reminds me of the time I... because...
- ❖ It reminds me of something I read because...
- ❖ It reminds me of something I heard about  
because...
- ❖ I read another book where...
- ❖ This book makes me think of...
- ❖ This story reminds me of my life because...
- ❖ The character... reminds me of... because...
- ❖ The problem in this book reminds  
of... because...

# Determining Importance

- ❖ ...is important in this book.
- ❖ One thing I notice that is important is...
- ❖ I want to remember...because...
- ❖ The text was mostly about...
- ❖ The author is trying to tell me that...
- ❖ I learned...
- ❖ The important details were...
- ❖ Some of the important ideas are...



# Making Predictions

- ❖ I predict that...because...
- ❖ I think that...will happen next because...
- ❖ This makes me think that...will happen next because...
- ❖ I predict that the main character will...because...
- ❖ I predict that the problem will be solved by...because...

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