



After Reading Strategies

1 Reflect on What You Learned

After you finish reading, take the time to look back at the predictions and connections you made before you started reading and while you were reading. If you used a tool with space for this reflection, fill in that space now ([Making Connections I](#), [Making Connections II](#), [Making Predictions I](#) or [Making Predictions II](#)). Think about whether your predictions were correct, and how the connections you made before and during reading compare to what you think now.

Talk to others about what you learned, or ask yourself questions like these:

- What was the text about?
- Did I find the information I was looking for?
- How does the information fit in with what I already know? How does it relate to my life?
- Did I achieve my purpose for reading?

2 Reflect on the Text



Think about how the text made you feel. Consider what the text was about and how it was written.



Decide whether the text is reliable. This is especially important for Web sites. Ask yourself who wrote this and why. Consider the author's purpose for writing and decide whether there were biases in what you read.



Check another source on the same topic for similar information or ideas. Do other sources say the same thing or something different?

3 Reflect on the Strategies You Used

Think about the strategies you used before you started reading and while you were reading. Ask yourself questions like these.

- How did you choose the text?
- Did you make predictions?
- What strategies did you use to understand new vocabulary?
- How did you monitor your understanding as you read?

Think about how well these strategies worked. Did they help you reach your goals? Would you do anything differently next time?

Taking the time to reflect on your reading strategies helps you to figure out what worked well and what didn't. That way, you can choose better strategies next time you read.



Use Tool [Reflecting on Reading Strategies](#).